

### 133 Teachers Graduate at Chilangoma and Dowa TTCs



DAPP Chilangoma and Dowa Teachers Training Colleges (TTC) have graduated 133 teachers during ceremonies that took place in the colleges on the 15 and 29<sup>th</sup> November respectively. The qualified teachers which included 91 females and 42 males were under the Initial Primary Teacher Education program.

Gracing the occasion at Chilangoma TTC was the South West Education Division Inspector of Schools Christopher Ziba who recommended DAPP Malawi for the efforts in training rural primary schools teachers which is a remedy for reducing the pupil teacher ratio in public primary schools.

He hailed DAPP TTCs for its teacher training program that trains a teacher to be humanly motivated, demanding responsibilities as well as spearheading community building efforts in areas around their schools.



The Inspector of Schools called on the fresh graduates to be entrepreneurial and at the same time he pointed out that doing businesses as teachers should not compromise their work but they have to prioritize the learners and avoid businesses during school hours.

In Dowa, the guest of honour was the Coordinator in the Department of Teacher Education Development Mary Chirwa. She recommended DAPP Malawi for the teacher training program that is complementing the government of Malawi's efforts in training primary school teachers.

"We need to train almost 8,000 teachers per year if the teacher pupil ratio is to normalize but we cannot manage to do that on our own as Government," said Chirwa.



She therefore called on the graduating teachers to go out and make a difference and be able to leave marks in the communities they will be working in by being exemplary.

The two graduation ceremonies were spiced up by exhibitions and performances by the graduating students, student teachers and community members.

DAPP Teacher Training Colleges train teachers for rural Malawi primary schools.

To date, DAPP has graduated 2229 teachers from its four TTCs namely; Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba.

## Total Control of TB Giving Hope in Thyolo

Total Control of Tuberculosis (TC TB) project being implemented by DAPP Malawi in Thyolo district has been raising awareness on TB in order to increase the detection rate of TB for clients with TB symptoms.

While in its second year since inception, TC TB project has reached out to over 61555 people, translating to 23758 households, with information on Tuberculosis (TB) symptoms, prevention as well as testing and treatment messages.



Activities in the project include door to door visits and community awareness campaigns to sensitize people on TB symptoms, prevention, testing and treatment, combating stigma and encouraging treatment adherence to the clients with TB.

TC TB project extends its activities from case detection and linkage to health facilities, drug adherences and family support to providing the TB clients with nutrition support and training the patients with their families in crop production.

Clients with Multi-Drug Resistance (MDR) TB, and those co-infected with TB and HIV receive nutrition supplements to help improve their nutrition status. On the other hand, TRIO members are trained on how to prepare nutritious food which are rich in the six food groups. TB and TB/HIV Co-Infected Patients together with their family members are trained in crop production activities which include land

preparation, water harvesting, composite manure making, herbal crop production and fruits production.

TC TB project has screened 8325 people for TB between February 2015 and June 2017 of which 3 337 were referred for further diagnosis. With a target of testing 15000 people for HIV, the project has tested 7 311 people by June 2017.

The project is being implemented with funding from Comic Relief through TB Alert and has been complementing the government's efforts in stopping the spread of TB and HIV through early active case finding for TB and HIV.

## DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School Offering Shoe Making Course

DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School (MVS) is offering a 6-month course in shoe making. The training which started 1<sup>st</sup> November in 2017 is at an advanced stage with the enrolled students currently learning how to make shoe designs.

The course enrolled 16 students of which 6 are female and 10 are male and they are expected to complete by April 2018. The school will also be offering the course in Mzimba districts at DAPP Mzimba Teachers Training college being the training centre.



Mikolongwe Vocational School trains young women and men to become productive and self-reliant through equipping them with technical skills and knowledge to start small scale businesses or secure employment.

The school offers formal and informal trainings in 11 courses.