

### DAPP MALAWI PARTICIPATES IN 2018 WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATION

DAPP Malawi participated in the World Tuberculosis (TB) Day commemoration which was organized by the Ministry of Health. The event took place on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Matenje Secondary School Ground, Traditional Authority Khombeza in Salima district.

Every year, the 24<sup>th</sup> of March is set aside to raise community awareness about the global TB epidemic and efforts to eliminate the disease. This year's event was presided by the Minister of Health and Population Honourable Atupele Muluzi under the theme "Wanted: Leaders for a TB- Free World. You can make history. End TB".



*Minister of Health and other officials visit DAPP pavilion*

The minister emphasized the crucial role everyone has in leading the elimination of TB, and the need for those in positions of authority to get serious about ending TB. "All of us are leaders in one way. Whether you are a person affected by TB or a caregiver, whether you work in government, academia, non-governmental organisation, civil society organisation or a media outlet.

This year's theme of the event calls on all of us to participate in ending TB," he said.

At the event, DAPP Malawi displayed a booth which was used to present to the minister, government officials, partners and members of the general public the organisation's key interventions against TB and the important progress made in the fight against the disease.

### WORLD WATER DAY - "NATURE FOR WATER"



*A cleaning action at a water point at Kauma*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018 DAPP Malawi joined the Malawi government and the rest of the world in commemorating the World Water Day. The DAPP National Partnership office in Lilongwe organized a cleanup exercise at a water kiosk at Kauma township. The DAPP staff members were joined by residents from Kauma who were as well sensitized on safe and sustainable management of water resources.

Kauma township is one of the areas in Lilongwe that reported cholera cases in 2018 following an outbreak that affected some districts in Malawi, according Lilongwe District Health Office.

### THREE ITALIAN ORGANISATIONS COMMEND 400 PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROJECT

Officials from three Italian organisations namely Humana People to People (HPP); Centre for New Development (CND) and VIVI Balon visited Chisenjere Primary School on March 8 2018 to appreciate implementation of the 400 Primary Schools, graduated teachers network, program by Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi.

The officials comprising HPP Italy Chairperson Karina Bolin, HPP Italy Programs Manager Pietio Luppi, VIVI Balon Vice President Alexandro Stillo and CND President Francesco Gesoaldi visited the school on 8 March 2018 and were pleased when they learnt from one of its teachers Matildar Banda that the program has strengthened the school's relationship with the surrounding communities.

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*Bolin and Luppi flanked by the school authorities inspect classroom sessions*

Speaking on behalf of the three organisations, Bolin commended the program saying it is fundamental to the welfare of teachers, pupils and entire Malawians because from her observation the 400 Primary Schools is effective and will contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goals on Education, Health, Sanitation and Climate Action.

The idea behind 400 Primary Schools is to provide the opportunity for teachers graduated from DAPP Teacher Training Colleges who are working in government primary schools to stick together and support each other in improving the schools, where they are working.

## DAPP MACADAMIA FARMERS PARTICIPATE IN FIELD VISIT



*Participants visit a farm field during the event*

Members of DAPP Farmers clubs in Mzimba district under the Macademia Nut Value Enhancement project participated in a field day visit on the 22nd of March 2018 at Champira Extension Planning Area which was organized by the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi. The visit provided a platform for the farmers to display what they have been doing and achieved so far in the project.

The project's idea is to connect smallholder farmers to the Macademia Nut value chain and improve each link in order to increase the quality of Macademia Nut production and processing. It is being implemented in Mzimba and Thyolo districts targeting 3000 farmers.

## DAPP TRAINS PEAs IN PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The DAPP Malawi through its Let Children Stay in School (LCSS) project has from 19<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 trained 32 Primary Education Advisors (PEA) on sustaining the project's activities. The PEAs came from 32 education zones where the project is being implemented.



*PEAs attending a training at Nthalire*

LCSS aims to reduce the dropout rate for children in lower grades of standard 1 and 2 in 114 primary schools in six districts of Chitipa, Rumphi, Ntchisi, Lilongwe, Machinga and Nsanje.

To achieve the goal, the project works with standard 1 and 2 teachers, community members, DEMs, School Inspectors, PEAs, School structures which include Parents and Teachers Association, School Management Committee and Mother Groups.

The PEA for Mahowe Zone, Nthalire in Chitipa district Lucius Mbale expressed satisfaction towards the training saying it prepared them well in ensuring that the project's activities are sustained after it phases out.

The two-week training focused on monitoring the project's activities, tracking learners' class transitions, supervising lower class teachers in their classes, following up on the school feeding programs, facilitating establishment of standard playgrounds and reporting to the District Education Managers.