

DAPP HANDS OVER TAILORING STARTUP TOOLS TO TAILORING STUDENTS

DAPP Dowa Teacher Training College (TTC) Satellite Training Centre held an Open Day on the 30th of May 2018 where 49 young women and girls who have undergone tailoring training at the institution received startup tools.

The tools include sewing machines, measuring tapes, cloth materials, scissors and irons. The distribution exercise aimed at encouraging them to put into practice the knowledge and skills which they have acquired in the 4 month training so that they become self-sufficient young women and girls who can make a difference in their respective communities and the country as a whole.

The event was patronized by Dowa district assistant youth, sports and labour officer Joseph Kachigamba, Dowa Police Station officials, chiefs, Dowa TTC staff, parents and guardians, among others.



Trained young women receive start-up tools in groups of three

DAPP Dowa TTC Principal Blessings Kambewa urged the training participants to capitalize on the skills and startup tools to bring a positive impact in their respective families and communities.

“Let the skills which you have attained through this training enable you to become self-reliant and change not only your lives, but also the lives of those around you,” he said.

On his part, Kachigamba who was the event’s guest of honour told the participants that the skills and knowledge acquired were so powerful and that they will be able to use them for the rest of their lives.

Satellite tailoring training is being carried out in all the four DAPP TTCs of Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba.

DAPP HOPE IN SCHOOLS PROJECT ORIENTS YOUTH ON SRHR

DAPP Malawi in partnership with the National AIDS Commission (NAC) is implementing a Hope in Schools project called Creating Space for Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Access Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services which aims at promoting adolescent girls and young women to be assertive and understand their rights when making reproductive health related decisions.



Youth that attended the meeting pose for a photograph

The project is being implemented in two districts of Mulanje and Thyolo targeting adolescent girls and young women in private secondary schools and tertiary education institutions.

On the 15th of May, the project carried out orientation for community youth clubs to strengthen the provision of comprehensive youth friendly health services in the youth clubs.

The club members were also oriented on HIV and AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections prevention; club management; adolescent growth and development; and access to youth friendly health services.

This orientation will enable the club members to assist their fellow young people in finding solutions to issues regarding SRHR services.

The Thyolo district Youth Officer Doreen Mbendela was one of the facilitators during the orientation exercises. Mbendela recommended DAPP for implementing the project which is encouraging youth to seek health services. She urged the youth club members to pass on the knowledge to their fellow youth so they can also benefit.

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PARTNERS APPLAUD DAPP FOR STRIDES MADE IN REDUCING SCHOOL DROPOUTS



A learner speaks during the visit in Ntchisi

DAPP Let Children Stay in School (LCSS) project was aimed at ensuring smooth transition of preschool learners to primary school by working with in-service teachers and the communities to create conducive learning environment for the lower class learners.

With an aim of reducing the dropout rate of learners in grade 1 and 2, LCSS project among others introduced school feeding programs in schools, provided refresher trainings to lower class teachers and worked with communities to establish learning shelters and standard playgrounds using locally available resources.

On the 25th of May 2018, officials from Ntchisi District Education Office, Civil Society Education Coalition, Action Aid and Plan International, among others visited Masangano and Buluzi primary schools in Ntchisi district to appreciate how the project has contributed to promotion of education in the district.



Women preparing porridge for pupils at the school

The visiting stakeholders commended DAPP for working with the schools and community structures. During the field visit, the officials inspected classes in session, vegetable gardens, hand washing facilities and porridge preparation.

A representative from Plan International Christopher Katutu described the active participation of learners in class as an amazing initiative in the project.

Group Village Headman Malinganzizi of Traditional Authority Kaluma recognized that there has been strides in the schools and he will continue working with the people in the area to ensure sustainability of the activities introduced by the project.

Let Children Stay in School project phased out in May 2018 after a three-year implementation in the six districts with funding from the Rodger Federer Foundation

DAPP DEVELOPS FARMING PERIOD PLANS



A cross-section of the production meeting's participants

DAPP Malawi through its Farmers' Club program held a periodic production planning meeting in Mzimba district from 14 to 18 May 2018 to develop plans for the farming period known as Garden Farming which runs from the month of May to October every year. During this period, DAPP Farming Instructors impart knowledge to farmers on the construction of nurseries, manure application, manure making, field management techniques, identification of crops, irrigation techniques, marketing vegetables, tree planting techniques and food preservation techniques. This is intended to help the farmers increase their farm productivity during winter season. A total of 27 Farming Instructors and Project Managers for Mzimba and Thyolo Macadamia Nuts Value Enhancement project, as well as Dowa and Chiradzulu Going Nuts projects attended the meeting.