

Neno Girls Hope for Economic Empowerment



From left to right – Lusina, Yamikani and Mary

Mary Gogoda, Yamikani Office and Lusina Benda are among 31 young women and girls who are undergoing a four-month tailoring training at Neno Youth Centre in Neno district. The training also known as Mobile training is a four-month program being run by Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi with financial support from Sympany of Holland.

Started in 2016, the project targets to equip 270 vulnerable young women and girls with technical and entrepreneurial skills in order for them to be able to start their own small scale businesses by 2021. It is an extension of DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School aimed to reach out to more youth in hard to reach areas.

From March 2018, the Mobile Training Truck is in Neno district where Mary, Yamikani and Lusina aged 23, 21 and 23 respectively are among the girls benefiting from the free training.

The three form one of the trios (group of three people) in the district who are expected to graduate in August 2018. They all come from Traditional Authority Chekucheku with Mary coming from Chidakwani village, Yamikani from Chilombo village and Lusina from Hiwa village.

As a trio, they say after the training they will set up a tailoring shop from which they hope to be making at least 50,000.00 Malawi kwacha (about USD 69) per month when they have enough customers. They say this is going to be possible because they will be sharing responsibilities.

“For instance, I would be manning the sewing machine, Yamika would be cutting the fabric while Lusina is ironing the materials sewn. This way productivity will be high comparing to when there is one person doing everything,” said Mary.

DAPP 2017 Progress Report Out!



DAPP Malawi has in June 2018 released its 2017 Progress Report that highlights the activities, achievements and progress made in the past year. DAPP appreciates the support and assistance rendered from all partners and stakeholders and look forward to continued work relationships and new developments in 2018 and beyond.

The report can be accessed the full report by downloading on the following link <https://www.dapp-malawi.org/our-blog/general/dapp-malawi-progress-report-2017>

We hope you will take a moment to read the full report to learn more about DAPP in Malawi’s work as we continue contributing towards the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy.



Young women and girls being trained in tailoring in Neno district

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DAPP Malawi Hosts Humana People to People Visitors

From June 23 to June 30, 2018 the Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi hosted seven representatives from three Humana People to People (HPP) organisations. The visitors were in Malawi to appreciate the various activities taking place in the projects that the organisation is implementing across the country.



six of the visitors pose for a photograph with DAPP staff at a DAPP shop in Zomba

They included Jana Zvalova from HPP Slovakia, Karin Walin, Neli Sotirova and Vanya Obretenova from HPP Bulgaria, Alexandria Fulia, Suzan Dablea and Carmen Lunga from HPP Romania

The travellers went to DAPP Amalika Teacher Training College in Thyolo, Chilangoma Teacher Training College in Blantyre, DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School in Chiradzulu, DAPP Second Hand Clothes and Shoes Sorting Centre in Blantyre, Child Aid project in Machinga, Nthulo Primary School in Thyolo and Thyolo District Education Office, among others. In all the sites, they interacted with projects beneficiaries, government officials and DAPP staff on the impact of different projects DAPP Malawi is implementing in the country.



A DAPP graduated teacher briefs some of the visitors and DAPP staff on one of the DAPP programs

Speaking on behalf of the visiting team, HPP Bulgaria Country Manager Karin Wallin said the tour was designed to appreciate DAPP's efforts being made to improve lives of Malawians through implementation of various development projects.

"I am really impressed by DAPP's tireless effort in promoting quality education, sanitation and good health of Malawians. I am very happy to see the impact made by the projects myself. I can feel the positive impact which DAPP's projects are making by just seeing the happy faces of the beneficiaries. There is much to learn from DAPP's work in Malawi and am happy to be here." Wallin said.

DAPP Malawi is a local member of the HPP Federation, a network of 32 locally registered and managed organizations in 45 countries that work with communities and engage local and national leaders to implement local solutions for improved food security, education, health and children's living conditions.

DAPP TTC Students in a Cleaning Action



First year students on Bussing Our Country

DAPP Chilangoma Teachers' Training College students on 15 June 2018 carried out a cleaning activity at Nkhosakota district hospital as a way of promoting sanitation at the facility.

The students are on a 10-week travelling period known as Bussing Our Country which enables the students to learn by interacting with people of different backgrounds and cultures while on their travel.

Among the activities that the travelling students carry out are; visiting historic places, carrying out community activities through interactions with families, organizing Open Day activities on selected topics and carrying out investigations to learn how various factors affect the education of primary school learners and how they can be coping with them as teachers under training.