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DAPP MOVES 5 T/As TO ODF STATUS

On 7 December 2018, DAPP Malawi awarded certificates of achievements to 5 Traditional Authorities in Machinga district for the efforts made in moving their communities to Open Defecation Free (ODF) statuses.

From October 2016, DAPP Malawi implemented a WASH project under Child Aid program in the district whose idea was to mobilize communities to join efforts in coming up with solutions to issues of mutual interest that affect them in their day to day lives.



Five T/As awarded ODF certificates

The project focused in areas of sanitation and hygiene; promoting the use of toilets, with drop hole covers, mounting hand washing facilities, rubbish pits and the use of dish racks, nutrition promotion; through establishment of backyard vegetable gardens, six food groups cooking demonstrations and nutrition for pregnant and lactating mothers as well as climate change through tree planting and use of firewood saving stoves.

The five Traditional Authorities include Mlomba, Nkula, Nsamala, Senior Chief Chamba and Senior Chief Liwonde.

105 STUDENTS EQUIPPED WITH VOCATIONAL SKILLS

DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School was established in 1997 to equip youth with technical and entrepreneurial skills for them to become self-reliant by being able to start up small-scale businesses or be able to secure employment thereby alleviating poverty in Malawi.

On 14 December 2018, the school awarded certificates and diplomas to 105, 60 females and 45 males, who had completed their studies in various trades of Agriculture, Community Development, Beauty & hair dressing, Bricklaying, Carpentry and joinery, Textiles & Fashion design, Tailoring and Financial accounting.



Students awarded Certificates and Diplomas

Presiding over the graduation ceremony as guest of honour was the Technical Entrepreneurial Vocational & Training Authority (TEVETA) Southern Regional Service Center Manager Mr. Elliot Mulanje who challenged the graduates to go out and implement what they were taught and work hard to become entrepreneurs someday.

The event was held under the theme Be Creative and Hardworking.

In his remarks the Principal for the school, Augustus Kaliyati, said he believes that the graduates will embark on a journey of entrepreneurship and that their lives will be transformed.

FO CYCLE PROJECT HOLDS PEER LEARNING AND REVIEW WORKSHOP

From the 29th of November to 8th December, GIZ and DAPP Malawi under the Farmers Organizations Business Training and Coaching Loop project (FO cycle) organized a peer learning event and midterm review workshop at Golden Peacock Hotel in Lilongwe district.

The activity provided the farmers' organisations, cooperatives and clubs a platform to share knowledge and experiences, share the achievements and identify further training needs among others.



Participants during the review meeting

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The Farmers Organizations Business Training and Coaching Loop project aims to link up rural small scale producers, farmer organizations and cooperatives to produce markets for them to retain profits from their farm activities.

The project is targeting 10 farmers' organizations in Salima and Dedza districts through trainings in areas of collective marketing, farmer organization techniques, business training and negotiation skills in the market among others. It is running from August 2018 to April 2019.

MACHINGA DISTRICT WELCOMES DAPP NUTRITION PROJECT

Machinga District council has welcomed the DAPP Malawi's Screening, Care and Nutrition for the Management of Severe and Moderate Malnutrition in Children Aged 0 to 2 Years project which will be implemented in the district for a period of 12 months.

The project's objective is to contribute to the reduction of infant mortality due to severe acute malnutrition in children aged 0 to 2 years in Malawi while particularly targeting Machinga district.



Cooking demonstrations on nutritious foods

The activities will be implemented in Traditional Authority (T/A) Nchinguza, an area prone to famine hence it records higher cases of malnutrition. The project is expected to reach out to 1,750 pregnant and lactating mothers as the key population and 30,000 to 35,000 people as the secondary population between October 2018 and September 2019.

Speaking during the District Executive Committee (DEC) meeting, the acting Director of Planning and Development for Machinga district Mr. Morson Magombo said the district is pleased to welcome and approve the project in T/A Nchinguza and they expect that it will benefit the community as it is an area prone to famine and that most NGOs (Non-governmental organisations) shun implementing projects in the area.

Activities in the project include community counselling to pregnant and lactating mothers and those with malnourished children, and demonstrations on supplementary feeding, correct breastfeeding and food preparations.

CAREGIVERS RECEIVE TALULAR TRAINING



Caregivers producing teaching materials

On 14 December 2018, DAPP Chilangoma Teachers Training College (TTC) conducted a TALULAR (Teaching and Learning Using Locally Available Resources) day with Caregivers from 17 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres that the TTC works with.

The activity was organised to ensure that the centres have a variety of playing materials for the infant learners and to encourage the Caregivers and community members to play active roles in producing teaching and learning materials from locally available resources.

Some of the materials produced included chalk board slates, counters made from bottle tops, cinema boxes used for storytelling and made from cardboard paper, toy cars and balls made from plastic papers.

In attendance on the day were 25 caregivers, 2 ECD centres' committee members, 10 student teachers, 2 lecturers and 8 Youths from the surrounding communities.

The production day was facilitated by student teachers, staff members and Development Instructors (DI's) who are international volunteers working with DAPP Malawi through its four Teachers Training Colleges in areas of education, agriculture, health, community development and climate change with the aim of engaging communities in coming up with solutions to issues that affect them by using locally available resources.



Participants during the TALULAR training