

## IT'S TIME TO END TB, KNOW YOUR STATUS

Held under the theme "Its Time for a World Without TB – Know Your Status" in Malawi, the World TB Day is commemorated on 24 March annually.

Activities to mark this day took place on the 26th of March 2019 at Katoto Secondary School ground in Traditional Authority Nthwalo in Mzuzu City, Mzimba district.

DAPP Malawi joined the government of Malawi through the Ministry of Health and Population Services and the international community in commemorating this day.

The event was graced by the Chief of Health Services in the Ministry of Health and Population Services Dr Charles Mwansambo who called on different stakeholders at all levels to unite in the fight against Tuberculosis.



*DAPP participating during the commemorations*

"TB fight is for everyone, we need to join hands in this fight, the young, the elderly, students, teachers, let's call for everyone to join. We should borrow a leaf from NGOs (Non- Governmental Organisations) that work in rural communities to ensure that those with TB signs and symptoms get tested and access treatment. Let us encourage people who experience continued coughing to go for TB status to know their status," said Dr Mwansambo.

Best performers in the fight against TB were recognised and awarded trophies to mark their achievements and contributions towards the fight. They included top three best performing districts, community volunteering groups within Mzimba district and top three TB reporting journalists in the country.

## DAPP DONATES TO FLOOD VICTIMS



*Clothes donation at Nchalo camp in Chikwawa*

DAPP Malawi has donated 1173 family packages of second hand clothes to people affected by the floods in Malawi through the Department of Disaster Management Affairs in the Ministry of Homeland and Security.

The packages comprise of about 50 pieces of clothes for women, men, children and beddings which will be distributed to families living in camps in some of the affected districts.

Receiving the donation on 28 March 2019 in Blantyre was the Director for DoDMA Harris Kachale who expressed gratitude towards the good cause.

He said the donation will go a long way to provide decent clothing and cheer the victims that have been psychologically affected after losing their homes and property including clothes.



*Children have been affected by floods*



## DAPP CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Celebrated annually on 8 March, International Women's Day is a worldwide event that celebrates women's achievements from the political to social spheres while calling for gender equality.

Held under the theme "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change, Advancing the Status for all Women and Girls in Malawi", the Ministry of Gender, Women, Children, Disability and Social Welfare led the nation in commemorating this day.

DAPP Malawi joined the government of Malawi and the international community in celebrating the 2019 International Women's Day through participation in the event that took place at Namitete secondary school in Lilongwe district.



*Minister of Gender (second from left) lead in International Women's Day march*

The guest of honor and Minister of Cecilia Chadzama emphasized on the importance of achieving gender equality for all women and to not put a limit on what girls can achieve.

While UN Coordinator to Malawi Ms. Maria Jose Torres highlighted the importance of seeing more girls and women in science and technology related fields.

Tailors trained at DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College under the Satellite Tailoring centres displayed an array of products made during their training at the TTC and after graduation.

The event was graced by stakeholders including, Action Aid Malawi, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Women (UN Women), Plan International, World University Service of Canada Malawi, Care Malawi, Malawi Human Rights Resource Centre (MHRRC) and Christian Aid. The celebration was spiced up by various dances and plays

## YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS BECOMING SELF-RELIANT



*The tailors work together to advance their skills*

My name is Sekelan Chapima from Chiwenga village, Traditional Authority Msakambewa in Dowa district.

I received a free four-month tailoring training at DAPP Dowa Teachers Training College's (TTC) Satellite Tailoring centre in 2018.

After the training we received start up tools in groups of three people, which included a sewing machine.

As a trio (a group of three members) we managed to establish a tailoring business and started producing garments for sale. We do not have regular customers but we are still running the shop, working hard and saving money to ensure that we achieve our goal of buying two more sewing machines so that each members can have her own sewing machine.

The Satellite tailoring program targets young women and adolescent girls who are vulnerable and an at risk population between the ages of 15 to 25 with funding assistance from Sympany of Netherlands.



*Adolescent girls and young women benefit from the tailoring training*