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DAPP JOINS MINISTRY OF GENDER IN CELEBRATING MOTHERS DAY

Every year, Malawi celebrates women on Mothers' Day which falls on 15 October. Mothers' Day is a celebration that dates back to 1600 and is celebrated in over 46 countries across the world.

The celebrations recognise women for the good work they do and is characterised by giving women presents. In Malawi, a public holiday for Mothers' Day falls on 15 October.

In commemoration of Mothers' Day this year, the Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare cheered women and children at Ndife Amodzi Community Based Organisation (CBO) in Nthobwa village, Traditional Authority Chadza in Lilongwe district.



The symbolic presentation of the clothes donation

Speaking during the event, the Minister said her office is committed to supporting women and children with a number of strategies put in place to protect them from different forms of abuses for instance civil cases, property grabbing, early marriages and programs like social cash transfer that support ultra-poor families.

She extended her gratitude to DAPP Malawi for making a donation of clothes for women and children which were handed over during the event.

Ndife Amodzi CBO was established by Hawa Makwinja, who is the current Director, to bring together women from the community through small scale businesses like farming to ensure economic independence.

DAPP PARTICIPATES IN WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Held under the theme right to education means a right to a qualified teacher, the 2018 World Teachers' Day Commemorations were held on 9 October 2018 at Makawa Primary School in Koche education zone in Mangochi district. The event was graced by the Minister of Education, Science and Technology Bright Msaka who awarded outstanding primary school teachers and outstanding secondary school headteachers.

The event had been organised by GIZ to recognise the great contributions teachers make towards education in the world.



Displays made by DAPP student teachers and graduated teachers

Speaking during the event, the Minister of Education Science and Technology commended teachers for being dedicated in contributing to the development of the country. He also announced that the government plans to hold the celebration annually.

Awards were presented to the outstanding primary school teachers and secondary school head teachers with the most outstanding secondary school head teachers receiving a special recognition of a trophy

During the event DAPP Malawi through Chilangoma and Amalika Teachers Training Colleges showcased how the colleges are contributing to the teaching profession through training of primary school teachers for rural Malawi primary schools.

Student teachers from the schools made displays showcasing what they are trained in college and how they apply the knowledge and skills during and after training.

The event was also attended by Education Division Managers, District Education Managers, Parents and School Managements Committee members and non-governmental organisations which included UNICEF, Save the Children, Action Aid and DAPP among others.

DAPP SUPPORTED ECD CAREGIVERS RECEIVE ACHIEVERS RECOGNITION

Nelia and Sheki recognised as achievers

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Nelia Henderson and Sheki Steven have been serving as ECD volunteers since 2001 and 2005 respectively. Nelia is a Caregiver at Katondo ECD school while Sheki is currently an ECD Supervisor for 17 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres that are supported by Chilangoma Teachers Training College (TTC).

The two Caregivers have been recognized as ECD Achievers during the launch of the ECD Policy and ECD Advocacy Week which took place on 22 October 2018 at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe.

The event was graced by the Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare Dr Jean Kalilani. A total of 75 individuals and organisations were recognized for contributing greatly towards ECD in Malawi.

Held under the theme ECD for Every Child, the Minister highlighted that the revised ECD policy is expected to improve ECD access in Malawi from 45 to 75 percent by 2023. She emphasized that the government of Malawi will continue to provide guidance and technical support whenever necessary to ensure successful implementation.



The Minister (right) launches the ECD Policy

Nelia Henderson, one of the awardees said she feels proud to be part of the achievers for doing voluntary work.

“Never a day did I ever dream that doing this work would bring me this far, there are people from my community who talk ill of the work I do voluntarily but I realize that I am able to contribute to the development of Malawi by doing this. Some of the children I taught during my 17 years are now in Secondary schools and it makes me proud as a Caregiver and parent to see this”, she explained.

The DAPP ECD project coordinator Gibson Abner expressed satisfaction saying the recognitions will encourage other Caregivers to work hard.

DAPP Malawi supports 85 ECD centres surrounding its four TTCs of Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba. The colleges provide free training to Caregivers on how they can teach the infant learners and in production of teaching and learning materials.

CHILANGOMA AND MZIMBA SATELLITE CENTRES GRADUATE 60



Young women and girls trained in tailoring

On 5th and 26th October 2018, DAPP Chilangoma and Mzimba Satellite Centres awarded certificates of attendance and handed over start up tools to 60 young women and girls trained as tailors under the Sympany funded project that aim to equip the youth with technical and entrepreneurial skills to alleviate poverty.

The training is for four months targeting young women and girls aged between 15 and 24 who are vulnerable to different forms of human rights abuses and an at risk population.

Upon completion of the training, the beneficiaries receive start up tools in groups of three known as trios which allows them to be able to start up a small scale tailoring business.

To date, 378 young women and girls aged between 15 and 25 have been trained in the four centres of Chilangoma, Amalika, Dowa and Mzimba.

The project is being run with financial assistance from Sympany of Holland to benefit 720 young women and girls around the four DAPP Teachers Training Colleges by equipping them with the vocational skills in order to be able to start up small scale businesses thereby alleviating poverty.



Trained tailors receive the tailoring start-up tools