

### 266 AGYW TRAINED IN TAILORING



59 Adolescent Girls and Young Women (AGYW) have completed their four-month tailoring and entrepreneurial skills training under the DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School Mobile Training Centre in Machinga district.

On the 28th August 2020, the District Youth Officer for Machinga district Mr Swiden Zuze led the presentation of certificates and handing over of start-up tools to the students at Kapoloma training centre in Senior Chief Kapoloma in the district.

The students were concurrently trained in two centres of Senior Chief Kapoloma and Traditional Authority Ngokwe.

The two teams were the last cohorts to be trained in the project which brings the total of girls trained to 266



against a target of 270.

The students received start up tools (as capital) in groups of three also known as trios to enable them to start up a small scale tailoring business. The materials include a sewing machine, a roll of fabric, a charcoal iron and a pair of scissors among other.

The Mobile Training Centre had been implemented for a period of three years from 2017.

The beneficiaries of the project have been adolescent girls and young women from rural and hard to reach areas in six districts of Machinga, Phalombe, Mwanza, Neno, Balaka and Thyolo.

The project was supported by Sympany of Netherlands and worked hand in hand with the Machinga district council and the TEVET (Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education Training) Authority.

### DAPP RESPONDS TO COVID-19 IN 16 DISTRICTS



DAPP Malawi in partnership with the Humana People to People Spain completed a Covid-19 response project that targeted 16 districts.

The project which was slated for May to August 2020 has seen a total of 300 hand washing buckets, 1020 tablets of soap, flyers and posters worth K3.6 million being distributed in strategic places.

According to the project's coordinator Jimmy Kayange the response programme was one of the collective efforts in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus and reaching out to people in rural areas with correct information on Covid-19.

“The target was to reach over 10,000 people directly with reading materials and at the same time promoting the hand washing practice with the facilities placed in strategic points like market entrances, maize mills, bicycle taxi ranks and hair saloons among others.

“We worked with teachers who graduated from DAPP Teachers Training Colleges and are working in the aforementioned districts to mobilise communities to avoid contracting the virus. These are teachers who are trained to become agents of social change and to work with people in the rural communities,” he added.

Expressing his gratitude after receiving the hygiene materials at his maize meal in Kunitete village, Traditional Authority Mpama in Chiradzulu district, Witness Walapa said he is thankful for the donation which will enhance the sanitation at the maize mill.

“I have close to 100 customers coming here on a daily basis and I believe apart from washing their hands, they will also be inspired to practice this hygiene in their homes, and I will make sure that this facility is being utilised and the soap is available at all times,” he said.

The response has benefited rural communities from Blantyre Neno, Mangochi, Dedza, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Lilongwe, Kasungu, Ntchisi, Dowa, Machinga, Mangochi, Ntcheu, Zomba, Mulanje and Chiradzulu districts.



order for them to become self-reliant hence alleviating poverty.

The visit took place on the 17th of August 2020.

Speaking after a briefing with Traditional Authority (T/A) Kapoloma and visiting the young women who are undergoing training at the centre, Honourable Kaliati expressed gratitude towards the donors and stakeholders which are supporting the project.

She said her Ministry will work with and support DAPP Malawi in the implementations it is carrying out in the country and called on the organisation to extend the Mobile Training initiative to reach out to more youth in the southern and Northern region of Malawi.

The Mobile Training Centre offers vocational tailoring training to adolescent girls and young women between the ages of 15 to 25 from hard to reach rural areas in Malawi.

The project is an extension of DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School to reach out to more youth in Malawi with vocational and entrepreneurial skills with funding assistance from Sympany of Netherlands.

## GOVERNMENT APPLAUDS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



The Minister of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare Honourable Patricia Kaliati visited DAPP Malawi's Mobile Training Centre currently operating in Traditional Authority Kapoloma in Machinga district. The aim of the visit was to appreciate the work DAPP is doing in empowering women with vocational and entrepreneurial skills in

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