

DEVELOPMENT AID FROM PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

THE CLOCK IS TICKING, IT'S WORLD TB DAY!

Every year on 24th March the world led by the World Health Organisation (WHO) commemorates the World Tuberculosis (TB) Day to raise awareness about the devastating effects it bears on health, society and the economies in an effort to end the epidemic.

In 2021, DAPP Malawi joined the government of Malawi through the Ministry of Health to commemorate this day. The day was being commemorated under the theme "Time is Ticking" which conveys the sense that the world is running out of time to act on the commitments to end TB made by global leaders according to the WHO.

DAPP Malawi employs a comprehensive and systematic



Total Control of the Epidemic model that has contributed to the reduction of new TB infections and HIV/AIDS prevention. It is a care model that combines counselling, field-testing, education, and community mobilization. The program utilizes a door-to-door and interpersonal campaign that encourages lifestyle changes and preventive behaviour, reaching every individual and household within a prescribed area over period of time.

In 2020, DAPP implemented a TB Prevention, Care and Support project in Blantyre district that reached out to over 68000 people with information of TB prevention and treatment.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AROUND DAPP TTCs WITH CHILD AID

The DAPP Teacher Training Colleges (TTC) has commenced implementation of a Child Aid model outreach activities around the three colleges of Chilangoma, Dowa and Mzimba in Blantyre, Dowa and Mzimba districts respectively.

The Child Aid project employs the idea that communities should work together in a structured way to come up with solutions to issues of mutual interested in order to create environments that are conducive for raising children.

The project is expected to work with families around the colleges to organize them into structures that will assist in improving their lives.

The implementation will further strengthen existing community structures that work with the TTCs like the environment and community action groups and together with the students they will impact the lives of the communities around the schools.

Having the project approved by the respective District councils, it will be in 82 villages, working together with the Village Development Committees, and Village Action Groups (VAG) and local leaders to ensure sustainability of the project.

The project will also support sanitation clubs in primary schools within in the catchment areas and with education and information about hygiene.



Markets around the catchment areas will also be involved through the Environmental and Trade departments to adhere to sanitary measures at the same time mainstreaming Covid-19 preventative measures.

Local leaders from the 82 villages have been sensitized of their roles in support of the project and 10 members from each village have been organized to form Village Action Groups (VAG).

VAG members are responsible for organising lessons and actions to share information about good practices to increase adoption of good sanitation and hygiene practices. The project is expected to reach out to 6,750 households in the three TTCs totaling to 20,250 families.

The activities will be implemented for a period of 11 months running from February to December 2021.

LILONGWE 2 SHOP OPENED

The DAPP Secondhand Clothes and Shoes project has opened a new retail shop in Lilongwe city.

The shop was officially opened on the 29th of March 2021. Presiding over the official opening was the Director of Commerce at the Lilongwe City Council Mr Genscher Mbambwa who applauded DAPP Malawi for the development saying it creates employment opportunities for the youth.



The DAPP Secondhand Clothes and Shoes project Manager for the Central Region Mr Juma Chitemwe said the new shop opening translates to self-



employment opportunities to their customers who buy and resell the clothes and shoes to earn a living and providing decent and affordable clothes to Malawians. The new shop is located in the Alliance Mall opposite the Old Town Hall in Area 3, Lilongwe City.

On 19 April 2021, DAPP will be opening another retail shop in the City of Lilongwe, located in Area 2 (Old Town) near Sana Supermarket.

The Secondhand Clothes and Shoes project is a fundraising component of DAPP Malawi whose proceeds support the implementations of DAPP social development programs in areas of agriculture, education, health and community development.

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