

EMPOWERING A GIRL ,EMPOWERS THE WHOLE NATION



Madalitso Phiri-the Genius Girl-Highest scorer of MSCE at Jali centre

The report covers the period between September to December 2022 in which the main activities that took place were, sending monies for school fees to our students whom we support but also installing the maize mill and Sheller at Pirimiti new site.

PIRIMITI

As per headline above, the past period was full of activities involving the new site at Pirimiti. The activities include.

- i. Maintenance of the old maize mill
- ii. Purchasing of the maize Sheller
- iii. Rewinding the old motor
- iv. Fixing the doors and plastering of some areas
- v. Delivering the maize mill and Sheller to site
- vi. Installation of both maize mill and maize Sheller at the new site

As per above list all the activities from (i) to (v) were done, but upon arriving at the maize mill site with the maize Sheller and mill, we discovered that due to heavy rains that fell on that day, one part of the building developed cracks, so it was not safe to fix them as such we took them to Jali building for safe storage while we were waiting for the builders to fix the problem on the following week.

It should be noted that, the builders finished their work and soon we will be going to install the maize mill with the technicians. It is expected that commissioning of the new maize mill site will be done early January 2023 if they won't be any challenges.

My plan is that, the Chairman, Dalitso Gumbayera and Tiyanjane should escort us during commissioning as we did with the Jali Maize mill so that they motivate the kids who will be selected as beneficiaries of the new maize mill site. Obviously the Chiefs and head-teachers from nearby areas and schools will also be invited. As part of increasing mobilization of funds in GERMAN, am planning to include a Print journalist who will cover the function and publish in one of the newspapers so that, upon sending it to the BOARD members, it can act as a tool for support. As such I will be waiting for your approval on the same.

Let me notify the board members that upon installing, there will be a need to employ a guard as we will be looking at the people who will be running it. Hopefully the task of manning the site and having the committee in place will take only 1 month, which means, there is a need to

employ a guard for only one month while we are setting the committee. As we did with Jali, after a month the committee will be responsible to pay the guard together with the maize mill boy.

JALI CENTRE

The maize mill and the Sheller are doing well. The only aspect which I forgot was that, during the meeting we had at Police when the current committee was being put in place, is that, there was an agreement that the committee would be running the maize mill for a period of 2 months, so the community members were reminding me on that issue. Of course it's a good idea to avoid the committee gets used to the operations, as they sometimes feel that the maize mill belongs to them. In this case, I have advised the community through their Chairman that, during my visit there, elections will be conducted so that, a new committee should be elected.

CHIRADZULU/LIRANGWE/MULANJE/ZOMBA

As per advice by the president, all the students received their materials by cash. This was done in order to reduce the costs of travelling to the centres where we have only few numbers such as Mulanje and Chiradzulu. All the kids as usual appreciated the support we are giving them. Of course due to the devaluation of Malawi Kwacha by 25%, the kids complained that the monies which were sent to them, was not enough for the school materials required per term, they suggested at least if it is

20,000 per child, that could be better. Obviously everyone knows indeed that prices of materials have been raised but I told them that, 20,000.00 was too much, hence I suggested an amount of 15,000.00 which indeed I feel can assist. As such I have included it in my requisition table subject to be approved.



The Jali kids and guardians listening very attentively to my advice during my visit

FERTILIZER AND MAIZE SEEDS

This is the rainy season, and a period of the year in which GEAMOC gives its beneficiaries subsidized amount for the maize seeds and fertilizer. The current price for the subsidized fertilizer per 50Kg bag is 15,000.00 and since two bags are need, the total is becoming 30,000 for two. While maize seeds are being sold at 10,000/5kg. After thoroughly consideration that, even that side economically, the situation is not yet normalized, I think our kids can share a bag and that with 22 kids available, instead of having 44 bags, only 22 will be required, 11 bags for UREA and another 11 bags for CAN. Upon approving, just like the school fees the monies will be sent to the beneficiaries apart from Jali centre whereby I will have to go and meet the kids.

EXAM FEES

Our students who are in form 2 and 4 have been advised to pay their examinations fees preparing for next year examinations. The system has changed this year, as compared to the previous years where parents were paying the monies through the schools where the students were learning. Due to increased theft by directors or head-teachers, this time, students or parents are paying through Aitel money after getting the code of the student from Malawi National Examination Board. Currently we have 4 students in Form 4 and 2 in Form 2. As per requisition table the exam fees have also been included. Dateline for payment of the fees has been extended to 31st December 2022.

FRANK MATUTO

Frank Matuto is back from school as this is holiday time. Of course he told me that all is well, and form 3 is a bit easier compared to form 2. Of course I advised him that, he does not need to relax because next year he will be sitting for form 4 examinations, as such he needs to work extra hard.

He has just informed me that, they have raised school fees from 170,000.00 per term to 210,000.00. As such when he will be going to school next term that begins on 3rd January 2023, he will be required to pay the new fees.

Of course his school is not the only one that has raised fees, other schools as well have raised, this is due to the 25% devaluation which was effected last this year while schools were in session. It should be noted that even prices of goods here in Malawi are skyrocketing each and every day as our economy is in bad shape. My proposal, I think it would be good if we pay the schools for the remaining two terms at once, so that, if they raise again, then we should not be affected, which means the amount for two terms is 420,000.00 only. As such next term, we will not include him on the list of fees. This also awaits your approval.

Frank's guardians notified me to thank the GERMAN BOARD for the support, GEAMOC is rendering to their son, they further said, it would have been very hard for them to fulfill their sons dreams, as such they don't take the support for granted. Them too, they take part partially in buying some small stuff like clothes and even shoes. They promised to continue advising him so that he achieves his goal.

80th BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR THE CHAIRMAN

Our chairman celebrated his 80th birthday at his residence in Zomba on 1st December 2022. This was something special as, at his age, he stills runs around for GEAMOC activities here in Malawi. He offers his services on voluntary basis. His experience in the society has helped GEAMOC Malawi to be a vibrant organization as far as helping the kids is concerned. As such as part of celebrating his wonderful work, GEAMOC gave him, 50,000.00 as a token of appreciating.

On behalf of GEAMOC Malawi, I therefore offers my outermost thanks for the gesture that was shown to him from the president. Let his years being added more and more so that, his advices to me, should also continue.

DALITSO GUMBAYERA WEDDING

I attended the wedding of Dalitso Gumbayera and Chifundo Kamala that took place at Blantyre Secondary school in Blantyre. It was a very beautiful wedding ceremony with guests from all stakeholders. Since the BOARD approved 30,000.00 for his gift, this was presented to him and they both appreciated my presence on behalf of the president of GEAMOC. Of course I informed the Master of ceremony to announce that the money has come from GEAMOC. Dalitso's wife is working with Malawi Broadcasting Corporation as a presenter for a program that deals with brails. The couple is staying within Blantyre Secondary School campus, as this is the place where Dalitso teaches.



MADALITSO PHIRI

One of our **first** sponsored student girl who was in Form 4 last year at Jali centre namely **Madalitso Phiri** has scored her Malawi School Certificate Examinations with 34 points. The better part is that, at her school, she is the highest and moreover has scored well in most of the science subjects. She has so far applied to different tertiary education and its promising that she

will be considered in the next January intake. The only challenge might be college fees after being considered, may I therefore request the **GERMAN BOARD** to consider her if she is selected with the necessary materials as we normally do with all college students we support. This is the good development for Jali and all the girls in the area. May I therefore request a token of appreciation of 10,000.00 to be given to her if possible. This will definitely encourage other girls as well to work extra hard.

Phiri during
president visit in
June 2022 thanking



ENOCK BANDA

Enock appreciated the money which was given to him. He is back home for Christmas and New year holiday and will go back in January 2023.

APPRECIATIONS

The personal request I made regarding my son fees was granted. Thanks for the consideration; I promise to abide to it by paying the monies as agreed. My son is currently at Chancellor College doing his first year.

Will be waiting for your consideration and comments on the whole report

Stay Safe and be blessed!!!!



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