

GEAMOC PROJECT REPORT-MALAWI OFFICE

January -March 2019



COORDINATOR DISTRIBUTING SCHOOL MATERIALS

The report covers the period between January to March 2019, which is a period in which our beneficiaries starts their second term in our school calendar. The second program of distributing the school materials and fertilizer went on well and kids appreciated a lot.

JALI

This was the first centre I visited to distribute money for maize seeds and fertilizer. The supervisor informed me about the progress of the maize mill and maize Sheller, in which she appreciated that, they were working properly and effectively apart from normal maintenances such as oiling and greasing of the bearings.

Since there was a funeral close by, she told me that the kids were not informed about my coming but she promised to give them the monies for the materials, she assured me that she will monitor on how the money will be used.

Regarding the proceeds from the maize as to whether they were making profits, she notified me that all was well and all the support the kids do received are being utilized accordingly. She even showed me the daily record book, which indeed showed positive returns. I therefore encouraged her to continue taking care of the maize mill so that come next school session, more kids are to be added on her list and benefit from the maize mill. She indeed agreed that if all goes well then the number of kids will increase by 5 during the next school session. This means we should expect to have 15 kids being supported by the Maize mill. Hopefully this will definitely motivates the German Board to consider opening another centre, as the we have already a maize mill which just needs motor maintenance.



Jali supervisor being shy to face the camera, after I checked thoroughly their returns

LIRANGWE

I visited Lirangwe centre again as usual to distribute the monies for fertilizer and maize seeds plus school fees and school materials. Since our centre point was taken by Magaya's son, we didn't had an actual point to meet the kids apart from finding them in their respective schools. Hence my journey to Lirangwe took me to different schools where our kids are like, Namikasi Secondary school, M'deka Community Sec. School, Mlambe Primary school and Chikhwembere Primary school. For those In secondary school, I just paid the school fees directly to their bursars while school materials were directly given to them. All kids received the necessary materials and money. They all appreciated a lot for the gesture.

At Mlambe Primary school I met some parents whom after they heard that I had arrived, they rushed to meet me and requested whether the decision not to sponsor their kids after being selected to secondary remains the same. I told them frankly that due to the behavior showed by the women at Lirangwe, the board will not rescind its decision because the organization felt that it was robbed their property hence not amused as such it can't change the agreed position by the Board.

Though they pleaded more, I stood my ground and told them that no changes will be made unless otherwise but the stand as by that time remain unchanged. They were totally dismayed and they left the premises while fully worried about the future of their kids.

CHIRADZULU.

This was another centre which I visited alone, and I met the supervisor as all the kids were at school. The supervisor got the school materials, monies for shoes and fees plus fertilizer and maize seeds. She told me that all the kids will get their dues as per required. With the trust I have for Chiradzulu supervisor, I didn't had any doubt that she would indeed give the kids all the necessary materials I left.

On behalf of the girls who requested shoes and were given, the supervisor applauded the Board for their consideration and thanked the coordinator for bringing the monies as per agreed with the President.

On the increase of her allowance from K10,000.00 to K15,000.00, the supervisor welcomed the gesture and promised to work hard in reaching out to kids all when called. She also made a request as to whether she can add more kids, as she was approached by the chief of the area plus school headmaster, whether other needy students could be added.

I advised her not to do that, till I seek the German Board whether adding 3-5 kids especially those in secondary school won't affect their budget. But with Chiradzulu being a well managed centre than others, if the Board can agree, then it would indeed be helpful to have other needy kids being helped. All along Chiradzulu supervisor has been adhering to our conditions that every time we needs kids, she tries her best to inform them and meet us. Its only when the kids are at school or something wrong has happened in the area that we don't find kids at the centre.



The supervisor receiving monies from the coordinator and school materials respectively

MULANJE

As per advise from the President, this centre was not visited as per required, only the school fees and materials were sent to the guardians who called me when a need arises. The Geographical position of where our kids stay was very difficult to reach hence, for three consecutive times it was not easy to have all the kids at one centre, due to poor communication. Because of that situation, we agreed with parents and guardians of the kids that, during any school session, they should just call me and that I send the money through Aitel money or mpamba.

Honestly since the issue of mpamba or Aitel money was introduced, it's now becoming easy to send the monies to the kids. While previously it was difficult to do that, currently the system has improved the communication. All the kids at Mulanje received the monies through their guardians as such we don't have any problem in Mulanje regarding school fees and fertilizer plus maize seeds. .

TIYANJANE MBENDERA

Good news!!!! Tiyanjane Mbendera has passed her Diploma Examination with credit. Members might be aware that Tiyanjane failed after having the first sitting of the examinations, and the Board accepted to help her with money for rewrite the failed subjects. It was after rewriting that she has passed with credit.

As an appreciation to what she has achieved, we found attachment place for her at PEKOM clearing and shipping company starting from February to June 2019. With her fellow work mates, she normally travels to Mwanza border to learn more on clearing goods. She appreciated the good work that GEAMOC has done to her.

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As such she has promised to work hard so that come July she will be a master of clearing and shipping processes.

Since her office is in Blantyre, she requested me whether GEAMOC board can be assisting in on monthly basis an amount totaling to K20,000.00 which will cater for transport and accommodation.,

I therefore put it in the report that members has to scrutinize and come up with a best solution to this.

REMARKS

As outlined above, Schools will be opening on 29th May 2019, hence we need to distribute school materials and school fees to the listed kids plus money for blankets and vulnerable families of floods if approved. Hence the requisition

FLOODS AFFECTING MALAWIANS

Due to floods that occurred In some parts of the country, many people have been affected, hence a request to those families in need.

I therefore rest my case for the Board to decide what to do!!!

Stay Blessed!!!!



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