

# GEAMOC PROJECT REPORT-MALAWI OFFICE

## Sep-Nov 2020



Lirangwe beneficiaries showing off their school materials and monies

**GEAMOC MALAWI WISHES ALL BOARD MEMBERS A  
MERRY CHRISTMASS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM MALAWI**

The report covers the period between Sep to Nov 2020, which is a period in which our beneficiaries received the school materials and school fees, including the masks due to the pandemic of Convi-19 that has paralyzed the whole world.

## **CHIRADZULU**

I visited this centre alone as the chairman was committed with other chores, of course he gave me a go ahead to visit the centres and meet the beneficiaries. So upon visiting this centre I was informed by the supervisor that all the kids were not available as they were attending a funeral of their village mate. And burial was taking place during that time. Bearing in mind that this supervisor does her job well, I just gave her all what I took, these were school materials, school fees for those in secondary school and masks. I also gave her, her allowance for the term.

Since this was about time of fields preparation, she requested me, whether during the next visit, we should help her with her two terms allowance so that she should buy the fertilizer and maize seeds for her field.

I therefore on her behalf request the Board to consider giving her the requested allowance so that she can prepare well for the coming season.

After some days, she called and notify me that the materials were distributed to the beneficiaries and were thankful for the kind gesture from GEAMOC.

She finally reminded me that the chiefs in the area do consider our beneficiaries with coupons for fertilizer and maize seeds, as such it would be proper that GEAMOC should to support these youths with monies to buy the fertilizer and maize seeds for their fields. She challenged that once the monies would be given to the them, she would escort the beneficiaries to shops to buy, just to make sure that the monies were indeed used for the intended purpose.

As usual I told her that I would pass on the message to the GERMAN Board for consideration and any response would to be delivered to her.

She finally thanked GEAMOC for all the help the beneficiaries were getting from the organization and promised that as a supervisor , she will make sure that, the beneficiaries are well taken care off.

She then informed me that, Emily Chinkute -a form 4 student would be finishing her studies this year, as such she won't be in the students list next year as a result, Chiradzulu centre would be having 5 kids instead of 6. She therefore requested whether her daughter who is in standard 6 could be added, plus others who are struggling to get school materials in the area.



The supervisor receiving her allowance

On responding to her request, I told her that the message would be delivered to the relevant authorities for consideration.

Of course this was not the first time to receive such request from Chiradzulu, I therefore leave everything onto your hands whether indeed a possibility might be there. I strongly feel that, if the GERMAN can accept then, a consideration has to be made for many youth to be assisted.

## **MULANJE**

As usual Mulanje kids monies for school material and school fees were sent through mobile money transfer. After I informed the parents about the next session of materials, they began to call me for their kids' package, and I was sending them for school fees, materials and masks.

This time again, the parents were requesting me for additional numbers of beneficiaries, and I just told them blankly that, the GERMAN board does not have funds for the aspects. Thought they seem to be dismayed with my response but I could not do otherwise.

Members should know that, come next year January 2021 school session, the number of kids at Mulanje centre would no longer be 7 but 4, as 3 students are finishing their form 4 this year.

## **TIYANJANE MBENDERA**

As indicated earlier, Tiyanjane is still doing her attachment at the company in Mwanza, at the border, as shipping and clearing apprentice. As outlined in my previous reports; her bosses are just keeping her there, waiting for any opportunity of a job. Of course she was advised that once an opening exists at the company or elsewhere, she was free to go and work, unfortunately, vacancies due to Covid-19 are scarce.

As such during my visit to Mwanza, I met the bosses to find out about the future of the lady, on whether come 2021, she would continue to be kept there. Unfortunately, they said, the other students from other colleges were pressing them hard to be offered also the same opportunity as Tiyanjane, as such, they thought it wise that, it would be better to train others as well; therefore, they would only allow Tiyanjane to stay at the company till end of March 2021.

Though it was not a good news, but I encouraged Tiyanjane, to be looking forward to another life of searching Jobs, I advised her, she should not despair but continue applying for jobs in other companies within and outside Blantyre as she was able to do the job well. She therefore promised to do as per advice. This means Tiyanjane will leave Mwanza for either home or another company in March 2021. Of course I will continue searching for her any opportunity that might exist in these other organizations that am connected with through the work I do.



Tiyanjane receiving her allowance

I finally gave her, her allowance, and she appreciated a lot for the gesture that GEAMOC is doing to her. She said, without GEAMOC, she would not have imagined how her life would have been, bearing in mind the circumstances she was experiencing. She therefore promised to continue encouraging other girls in the centres to emulate her life. She requested me, to pick her on one of the journeys when distributing the materials so that she could advise other beneficiaries.

## **JALI**

The Jali centre, is now being run by a new committee comprising of 5 people, 3 women and 2 men. As indicated in my earlier report, the committee was elected by two villages namely, Mathambo and Chinagwa. The village headmen from these two villages called their subjects to a meeting of which, after I explained to them the background and purpose of GEAMOC, they understood highly and they promised to elect people, who would in turn change the face of the maize mill. Finally they elected the following to be part of the committee to run the maize mill for a period of 1 year, and thereafter, depending on how they would perform, they might be re-elected or not.

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>VILLAGE</b>
1	Mrs. Stella Chinagwa	Female	Chinagwa
2	Mrs. Martha Chinthenga	Female	Mathambo
3	Mrs. Maria Sichali	Female	Mathambo
4	Mr. Gerlad Kamwendo	Male	Chinagwa
5	Mr. Shadrack Ali	Male	Mathambo

After the elections, a contract of agreement was shared to the committee on another day, in which all the concerned parties signed, these were police officers from Jali, the two village headmen, the committee members plus me as GEAMOC Coordinator. The signing in ceremony took place at Jali Police unit and the police officers strongly advised the committee members plus village headmen against interfering with the sole purpose of the maize mill. The police assured them that, if they work hard and generate more incomes, it means the kids in the area, will be highly assisted, hence they should not be involved in the malpractices as doing so, would jeopardize the future of innocent kids.

They all agreed and promised to take good care of the maize mill and its related structures. From police, the handovers were made in which the new committee started operating on a good note.

I visited them, after they started operating and surely, there is much improvement in their books. The building has been painted green, after they got an offer from TNM to brand the building, hence they saw it wise to accept as painting the whole building using their proceeds would have been very expensive since Paint in Malawi nowadays is expensive. What remains is that, I will go with another painter who will just put the GEAMOC logo at the corner as required. Further to that, they have managed to already give the kids next year's school materials and school fees, plus keeping some monies in the account.

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Find below pictures of their effort, but it should be noted that, this was after GEAMOC already gave them the school materials through the supervisor.



Pictures indicating the committee members and beneficiaries after receiving the school materials and right side show the Geamoc building after being painted.

Due to the heavy rains that fell in the country, part of the building that holds the steel pole for the electrical wires, got damaged, and I advised them to find a competent electrician to fix the problem, this was because due the problem there was power cuts for a day, of course at their own expense, so as you can see on the picture the problem has been rectified and maize mill is operating properly.

As required, I will be visiting the centre again for supervision just to determine how they are fairing. But honestly am impressed with the work.

Since we are to distribute the monies for maize seeds and fertilizers, and we are fully aware that the Jali kids won't receive school materials from us, may we do them a favor by assisting these kids with fertilizer and maize seeds also as we are doing with our kids from other centres. I believe the kids and the new committee might be very happy if we can give them these, of course I heard already that, even that side, the parents of these kids have already received coupons but they are lacking monies to buy the essentials. Hopefully the GERMAN BOARD will scrutinize and a considerable response would be given.

Am proud again to note that the committee of Jali is doing well in managing the maize mill.

## **LIRANGWE**

I visited Lirangwe centre again to meet the beneficiaries, and distribute the materials as required. Fortunate enough I found them at Mlambe primary school including Enock who is at Mzuzu University pursuing a Degree in Theology. As usual I distributed the school materials, masks and school fees to those that were around. Of course some I understood went to attend a funeral in the nearby village, as such I visited them again one by one at their schools.

The beneficiaries were more than happy to receive the materials plus masks, in which they applauded GEAMOC for being considerate. I therefore encourage them to work extra hard at school and emulate Enock whom after being assisted by the organization, he is now at the university. They all agreed to adhere to my call.



**A beneficiary receiving the books and some of them showing the masks in a free style**

## **ENOCK BANDA**

Enock Banda, is now at the college, and he normally updates me on his exploits. Based on his first year results, he seems to be doing well and as GEAMOC, we should to be proud that, another graduate is on the offing. He will be coming back mid of next week for a Christmas and new holiday, as such if the funds might be deposited early, am planning to take Tiyanjane, Dalitso and Enock along during this time of distribution to again encourage the existing beneficiaries on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Of course they are all aware of such activity, they are just waiting for me. Hopefully it will be a nice encounter and reunion, this will definitely motivate the existing beneficiaries.

Finally he was given his allowance and he appreciated a lot



**Enock receiving his allowance**

## **FERTILIZER AND MAIZE SEEDS**

This is the period when instead of giving our student the school materials, we normally give them maize seeds and fertilizer. As per the budget, they are two bags each weighing 50kg, i.e one used during planting and the other for growth. Each 50Kg bag is selling at 4500, and a person is supposed to buy 2, totaling to 9000.00. While the 5kg maize seeds is at 2000.00,

Therefore, as per requests table , I have removed the school materials, instead has been filled with fertilizer and maize seeds, I hope the GERMAN board will see it necessary to help these kids with the amount.

Finally I have been convinced by the beneficiaries that their parents have got coupons but are lacking monies, hence this request.

**REMARKS**

Let me take this opportunity to thank the **GERMAN** board for their trust in me and the chairman in running the organization here in Malawi. We don't take that for granted, The whole Malawi staff and beneficiaries are wishing all board members good time during this festive season.

We value your support and we believe that this will continue as it uplifts the youth of Malawi.

Stay Safe and Blessed!!!!



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