

CHANGING THE LIVES OF MALAWIAN YOUTH



ENOCK BANDA AT MZUZU UNIVERSITY

The report covers the period between September to November 2021, this was a period in which our kids received various items such fees and some school materials.

CHIRADZULU

When I visited this centre, as usual I met the students on which, I gave them the school fees, school materials and finally the supervisor was given her dues. The form 4 students assured me that, with the support they received they will try their best to work extra hard so that, they should pass the exams. The supervisor further supported that the two students in mention, have been performing exceptionally well which means she had no doubts that, they will make it. Of course I told them that, if they make it to the university then they should be guaranteed of continual support from the GEAMOC office. I gave them an example of Enock Banda who till now is receiving support of pocket money on top of the computer which he received on the onset of the university education.

I then informed the supervisor that, with the few number of students within the area, chances might be low that, I would continue be going there to distribute the school materials apart from sending as am doing with Mulanje. Of course this did not go down well with her since all along she has been requesting to add the numbers but due to the policies currently being at hand, I honorably informed her that it's impossible.

Though she insisted that I should still request the GERMAN office to change the policy, I honestly told her that the issue was a closed chapter though me as a person I would have loved the numbers indeed to increase.

MULANJE

Just like what I have been doing before, I sent the money to the guardians of the students we are supporting in Mulanje. Upon getting the monies for school materials and fees, the guardians acknowledged receipt. I told them that since the year was going to an end, the next year academic year, only those continuing will to be supported with the school materials and fees, while those in form 4, December of this year would be their last period to get the support. Unless they are selected to University then the GEAMOC will office will consider assisting them with pocket money and computers.

The guardians assured me that, they will advise their wards to work extra hard at school so that, positivity should come in their family assuming one of them has been selected to the university.

JALI

I visited this centre, to give the women the loan but also to see how the maize mill which was fixed, was running. Fortunate enough I found all the women plus the chairman of the maize mill there, I gave them the money but also they signed the loan agreement contract upon explaining to them the conditions of repayment.

The women were very much happy that the GERMAN BOARD has assisted them with the money plus consideration made on the mode of payment and reduction of the amount to be paid. They did not expect that, as such they requested me to thank GEAMOC for the gesture shown. They promised to adhere to all the conditions set in the contract.

Regarding the maize mill, everything is well and I found it running with an average number of people coming to do the milling. The maize mill is strategically located hence more people do come and do their milling. Moreover I requested the chiefs to be telling their people to do the milling at the GEAMOC maize mill as the proceeds realized is channeled back onto the society.



Jali treasurer in the repaired maize mill

NEW SITE AROUND JALI

Upon talking to the women at Jali regarding another site that GEAMOC wants to open, they said, at a distance of about 4km from our maize mill, someone was selling a building which housed a maize mill sometime back, but due to financial challenges, the maize mill was taken out and sold, because he had a loan with the bank. So he was selling a building as he can't manage to buy another maize mill. I asked them whether the owner is still having the loan to pay so that we might buy the building then the bank might be on our neck, the women assured

me that, all was well, and the chief of the area was aware of the issue, that he currently does not owe the bank any penny.

I therefore told them that, I will visit the place together with the women in one of my visits so that I inquire more from the chief and the owner of the area. They were all in agreement to the proposal.

FRANK MATUTO

Frank Matuto is now at home after closure of last term. All schools will open on 4th January 2022, which means arrival in schools will be on 3rd January 2021, this is the reason I have also included him in the requests for next academic year. As per communication, I want to thank the GEAMOC for the consideration to continue helping Frank till he finishes his education. I have also included him in the list of fertilizer and maize seeds (subject for approval). I will meet him during this year's exercise when giving them school materials upon the approval. Of course he will also have to give me the school report.

LIRANGWE

All the kids at Lirangwe received their school materials and fees. They appreciated the gesture, but also informed me to thank the GERMAN GEAMOC board for continual assistance. I told them that, all form 4 students will have their support period ends in December 2021, and only those that will make it to the university will be considered for continued support at the college. I gave them ENOCK Banda as an example, that with the support he was getting at secondary school, he was able to utilize it and he is pursuing his education at Mzuzu University. Of course they still consider him as their model.

ENOCK BANDA

Upon receiving his stationary money for the three months till October 2021, Enock Banda has gone back to school and will be closing in December for mid holiday, then again opening in January till March 2022. Enock is doing well and the GEAMOC organization should be hopeful that another Dalitso Gumbayayera is in the making. The reports from some lectures whom I know is positive and they say, he works hard, as such I have also included his allowance for the period of November till March 2022 in the requisition document.

IDENTIFYING A NEW CENTRE FOR GEAMOC

As previously explained, I visited the chief regarding the new site of the maize I presented here, upon meeting the Chief, he told me that the organization which was running the maize mill, is no longer existing, and the people who was running the maize don't even show interest to take care of the maize mill, **BUT** the office of DC on which the area lies, advised the chief that, they

do still have plans to change the place onto a recreation centre for the youth. As such it should not be sold or given to another organization. He further said the DC told him that a research was done within the area, and it was discovered that more youths were involved in abnormal behaviors such as early pregnancies and using drugs, drinking alcohol unnecessarily, so the DC office want to curb that problem. But he just told me that when he identifies a new place within the area then he would advise me.

But as per plan, I will continue searching for the new site in due course hence my request.



The targeted site

FERTILIZER AND MAIZE SEEDS

The period in which we distribute fertilizer and maize seeds to our students is due in Malawi, this time Fertilizer and maize seeds are being purchased using the National identity cards is on sale and as per table, our students are to receive monies for their guardians to have at least bumper harvest come next year if the environmental conditions will not change. I have included Jali kids because this is a special activity which is done by the GERMAN BOARD, not the women at Jali.

One bag of fertilizer is costing MWK7500.00, which means 2 bags will cost 15,000.00. That's one bag for planting and the other one for helping in germination. While the maize seeds are selling at MWK10,000 a packet of 5kg using National Ids. I therefore requests your office for consideration of these, my plan is to distribute the monies to the guardians of the students at each market place so that they buy while am there to prevent cheating. So far in most parts of Malawi, the private traders are selling this fertilizer so chances are high that we can procure as soon as the money is deposited onto our accounts.

It is on the same note, some areas of Malawi, did not harvest much due to too much sun, and in other areas the rains stopped early before maize matured therefore many families didn't harvest much. I therefore request the organization if possible to consider giving our beneficiaries 25Kg each of maize so that they can be helped. Last year we gave each 20kgs, but I feel if one bag is shared to two, it can be of great help, even though a 50kg for each would have been very much ideal.

PRACTICAL FEES

All form 4 students were to pay their practical exam fees, and it came to my attention that when requesting the exam fees, this was not considered. So when they were about to sit for their exams, phones came from all the sites that, they were looking for practical monies. The Practicals were for subjects such as chemistry, science, Biology and Agriculture. And unfortunately it was immediate so that, they sit for the exams. I therefore send the monies to Lirangwe through a cheque to the bursar and I withdrew the rest to send to Mulanje and Chiradzulu.

Of course upon receiving the monies they acknowledged receipt and exams were written and schools have closed.

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.

From the international reports, it seems most of the EUROPEAN countries have been hit hard by the pandemic, as such am just wishing you all the best plus all board members of GEAMOC so that, this calamity should not affect them.

As per our financial cash-flow and bank statement, we don't have money in our accounts to fulfill the activities as outlined in the request list, hence we request the treasure for consideration. Of course the requisition include that of first term of 2022 academic year, As I feel all the activities can be done together.

Stay Safe and be blessed!!!!



Benson Mongjiwa (Geamoc-Malawi Coordinator)