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Gemeinsam für Malawi



# YCD & PATIMALAWI 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Brief background of the Projects

YCD (Malawi) with financial support from PAMODZI TIGNATHE Association (Switzerland) and well-wishers from Switzerland and Germany has this year 2022 implemented the following main projects in Malawi.

1. Prison Project
2. School Support to 152 poor children
3. End Child Marriage Campaign
4. Orphan Support Project
5. Flood Response
6. Hunger Crisis Response at Chikwawa Prison

This report wishes to present successes of the above five projects during the past 12 months of 2022.

# Prison Project

- Equipping prisoners with Life Support Skills for behavior change to help them negotiate alternative activities than criminal activities and avoid criminal relapse/reoffending when they are released is very vital in prisoner reformation.
- For the past 12 months we have trained 50 inmates at Chikwawa prison in Life Skills for behaviour change.
- ACTIVITIES AND SUCCESSES ACHIEVED DURING THESE 12 MONTHS
- We have conducted TWO SETS of life skills sessions with prisoners with each set having 25 inmates
- We have made 43 home visits of prisoners who went through the Life Skills to assess progress of the different businesses they are doing as we also give them business starter pack when they are released. And at time to prepare parents/relatives for the release of the prisoners so that they well come them when they are released.

- FINDINGS: 23 out of the 50 ex-prisoners who were NOT trained in Life Skills and were NOT given business starter pack that were visited; reoffended and went back to prison. This represents 46% of reoffending rate.
- 4 out the 50 ex-prisoners who were trained in Life Skills and received business starter packs that were visited reoffended. This represents 92% success rate of our prison program.



A photo after graduating in Life Skills for Behaviour Change at Chikwawa Prison.



# School Support Project

## SUCCESS ACHIEVED DURING THIS YEAR

- We have successfully paid school fees, purchased uniforms and wrote materials to all the 152 children that we support



# End Child Marriage Project

- This year YCD carried a number of activities in order to put to stop the sharp rise in child marriages in Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts in Malawi.
- ACTIVITIES AND SUCCESSES ACHIEVED DURING THIS QUARTER
- We conducted 8 end child marriage mass rally campaigns
- This year alone we have managed to end 53 child marriages in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts in Malawi.
- We provided individual counselling sessions to 30 victims of child marriages.
- We conducted 3 group counselling sessions to victims of child marriages. Each group counselling session had 20 girls' child marriage victims.

# Orphan Support Project

The 2022 floods caused by the Tropical Cyclone Ana in Malawi did not only leave many families at Nchalo destitute, but many lives were also lost as well. The families of thirty-three children were carried away by the floods leaving behind 33 children homeless. With support from PATIMALAWI and different well-wishers from Switzerland and Germany YCD has supported the 33 orphans with the following

- We give them 10kgs of maize floor twice per month
- We give them clothes
- We gave them a blanket each
- We gave them a mat which they use when sleeping
- We found foster families for each child
- We gave each of the foster families CHF100 for business.



- The orphans receiving maize flour





# The Flood Response

Malawi is one of the countries in Africa that were hit hard by the 2022 floods caused by the Tropical Cyclone Ana. Chikwawa and Nsanje were the most affected districts in Malawi. Many lives and belongings were lost. But we would like to thank our partner organization PATIMALAWI and generous well-wishers from both Switzerland and Germany for your generous support towards supporting flood victims in Malawi. With youth support, we managed to do the following:

- We supported 4,800 people with maize flour
- We supported 356 people with water buckets
- We supported 142 elderly and sick flood victims with tents and food
- We repatriated home 34 displaced and separated children
- We gave plastic roofing papers to 547 families
- We gave 100 school children flood victims maize flour

- Some of the people we supported



# Hunger crisis response at Chikwawa prison

Chikwawa prison is one of the rehabilitation centres for prisoners in Malawi. Currently, the prison has 437 prisoners. Each year the prisoners are asked to plant their own food to feed themselves as support from the government is too little to feed the prisoners the whole year. However, this year due to the Tropical Cyclone Ana; almost  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the maize the prisoners had planted were washed away by the floods thereby leaving prisoners at Chikwawa prison in dire need for food. It was from such a background that YCD notified PATMALAWI BOARD. Quickly, PATMALAWI sent us CHF1,000 to buy food for the prisoners at Chikwawa prison.





# Mental Health Training to Prison Officers

Currently, Malawi has seen a sharp rise in suicide cases (Between January and September 2022 Malawi has recoded 304 suicide cases; 264 men and 40 women) way more than last year which was 169 during the same period (Malawi Police Report 9 November, 2022). This is attributed to mental health issues, debts and family problems. This year alone, Chikwawa District has recoded 16 suicide cases, 9 cases involved ex-prisoners. Blantyre District has recoded 34 suicide cases, 13 cases involved ex-prisoners. Zomba District has recoded 25 suicide cases, 10 cases involved ex-prisoners. These statistics show high number of suicide case among ex-prisoners. This is why YCD with support from PATIMALAWI gave a training on counselling to 15 prison officers from 10 prisons in Malawi. The training was on depression and stress. The expectation is that the trained prison officers are on their own also able to give counselling to the prisoners.







# CONCLUDING REMARKS

YCD sincerely appreciates both the financial and moral support we get from Pamodzi Tingathe Association in Switzerland for the implementation of our projects. Many thanks should also go to generous well-wishers from both Switzerland and Germany for your support towards the people of Malawi.

We also wish to thank the Pamodzi Tingathe Board Members for your tireless efforts in making sure that there is good collaboration and that all the support is received in good time for the benefit of vulnerable children in Malawi.

**THANK YOU ALL!!!**



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