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SOME OF LIRANGWE BENEFICIARIES!!!!

JALI PROJECT

The maize mill at Jali is continuing to run effectively without any major hustles apart from minor maintenances as per previously reported. I visited the place during my routine visitation of GEAMOC centres. During my visit, after going through their books, i observed that they had K73,000.00 cash at the bank account, this was after removing all the expenses. The business was going on normally with customers coming to mill their maize in good numbers.

They women assured me that since the harvesting process was still progressing, they were expecting the turn up of people to increase as many were not complete with harvesting.

Upon meeting the women, the following were discussed and agreed. But this was after I and the chairman already discussed what I would tell the women.

- i. The Tidalirane women group will be solely responsible for all maintenances from the Month of May, as three months grace period they were given had elapsed.
- ii. All expenses such as water, guard bills and others will be their responsibility from May 2015
- iii. The women must make sure that they are keeping enough money at the Bank so that come next school calendar i.e. September 2015, some kids should to be identified from the surrounding villages to be on GEAMOC support and that the proceeds from the maize mill will to be used for the kid's necessities
- iv. The Women must take care of the maize mill and that any major breakdown of the maize mill will lead to major inconveniences on the part of the beneficiaries hence only qualified and professional artisans must be hired to do the maintenance BUT the coordinator must be informed before hiring so that he should give his advice.

As regard to their books, I should recommend them for doing accordingly; they are recording well all the transactions per day but also per week.



Pictures during my visit -checking books & receipts with the women and the supervisor

LIRANGWE CENTRE

Connection of the building

The connection of the building is not yet done by the ESCOM people, and am continuously reminding them to give us the quotation as they need to inspect first thereafter will give us a quotation. They have promised to go and do the inspection soon.

Kama Maize mill

The women of Kama are still running the maize mill at an average rate, better this time as the maize is being harvested at least the turn-up is a bit large compared to the previous months. During our visit with the chairman, the women requested the chairman whether GEAMOC board would help them with a loan of K55,000.00 to pay the electrician whom they hired without telling the coordinator to rectify an electrical problem. In his response the Chairman told them point blank that, the little proceeds from the maize mill should be used to square the debt as GEAMOC Board cannot bear responsibility of the maize mill which is not benefitting even the intended kids.

School fees, Materials and blankets distribution

During the trip to Lirangwe and Mulanje, the chairman was able to go with me, and I appreciated a lot, this was special as within his busy schedule he spared his time to visit the kids at the centre. Lirangwe centre being the largest centre interms of beneficiaries was the last after Mulanje. As per German board's approval through the President. The following materials were distributed on the day.

- i. Blankets
- ii. Bathing and laundry soap.
- iii. School fees
- iv. School materials i.e. note books, rulers, pens, school bags

The kids and the Women were mouth agape to see all the goods being received. They were all smiles and they appreciated a lot, that the materials will help them in their day to day school affairs.



The chairman distributing the materials



kids appreciating the school bags



How can I fix the handle?!!!!



See what we have received!!!!!!



Chairman and the women discussing



Too heavy!!!!

MULANJE CENTRE

As outlined earlier in my Lirangwe report, we visited Mulanje before Lirangwe centre with the Chairman, using his car, which was kind full. Since we visited the centre during school time, some kids who learns far away from the centre did not come, they just sent their parents to receive the materials for them. Furthermore due to lack of meeting place, the supervisor arranged a place for us, which was along the road, to meet the kids and their guardians.

The chairman reminded the people that only those kids who were still going to school will continue to be supported by GEAMOC, if a kid stops schooling then the help will immediately stop, hence he encouraged the guardians to make sure that their kids are going to school. Furthermore he stressed that the coordinator would be visiting the centres only once per term, this was agreed for the sake of reducing costs but also to give the kids more materials at once. All the kids received the necessary materials as per approved. These include blankets, soap, pens, notebooks, school bags, rulers and for those in Secondary school, school fees. The Supervisor was also given his quarterly allowance of K10,000.00.

All the kids and the guardians were very much glad to receive more materials at once and they thanked GEAMOC board for the gesture it shows to the orphans of Malawi.



Chairman giving a parcel to a beneficiary



Here is your allowance- for the job well done!!!!

Thanks I will give this to my kid!!!! A guardian receiving for a kid

CHIRADZULO CENTRE.

After visiting the two centres i.e. Mulanje and Lirangwe, it was already dark hence the Chairman assigned me to visit the Chiradzulo centre the next day, hence my journey to the centre. At this centre all the kids were available and all received the materials I brought including school fees to all who are in Secondary school. The supervisor did a commendable job by informing the kids in advance before I arrived. Upon getting the materials the kids appreciated a lot to the GEAMOC board for the gesture, and they promised to work extra at school so that the materials and help they are getting should be meaningful.

The supervisor received her allowance and she also appreciated a lot. The only request she made was the coordinator to request the Chairman to visit them one day so that he should also see them, she further said, all the kids were anxious to see the President during his visit to Malawi and she is looking forward to see him next time, during his visit.



Hehehehe!!!! Kids showing their smiles after receiving the materials



Supervisor showing her allowance

the coordinator giving the parcel to kids

DALITSO GUMBAYERA

Dalitso Gumbayera is one of the GEAMOC beneficiary who is doing his studies at Chancellor College and is going in 4th year. After presenting his computer problem to the President during his tour, the Preside assured him that he would consult some members whether it would be possible to have another computer for him. Fortunately a computer was donated and sent to Malawi by the President for him. He appreciated a lot for the new computer, as he is going to have his studies being done well. During my visit to Zomba, I took Dalitso and together we went to the Chairman house in which he received his computer though the Chairman's wife. But there was a need to install English language, anti-virus but also a software for the blind, so all was done but at a cost to be paid upon the President,' s approval.

So far he collected the computer from me after reminding him our previous terms and conditions for the computer, and I took the old one for safe keeping.

Requests from Dalitso

Dalitso is requesting the German Board to consider buying him a digital recorder -having a card or USB cable for easy transferring of recordings onto the computer as the old one purchased uses tapes so it's difficult to edit and transfer onto the computer. He outlined to me that, during his 4th year, he will be required to do a research, hence, he would be going into the villages acquiring information as such, this will be vital for his studies. I promised him to inform the Board and that any response from the Board will be delivered to him.



Dalitso receiving the computer from Chairman's wife



Dalitso, his father and young brother in my office



Here it is!!!! The coordinator giving the computer to Dalitso

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From my part as the coordinator, I feel greatly humbled for the job GEAMOC is doing to help the Malawi orphans. It should be noted that the funds and materials which are distributed to these kids, will go a long way inup lifting their lives, and I hope that the GERMAN Board will continue doing this to the Malawian nation. May Almighty God Blesses all those who take part in this noble course!!!!

Your response and advice will be highly appreciated



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