

From:
Chipunga Development Committee
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To: Grace Charity
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End of March 2013

Dear Sir, Dear Grace Committee

Answering the letter of January 27 2013 and reporting for other projects

I would like to thank you all for the help that you're kindly giving to the people of Chipunga region.

Thanks for telling us that there will be no change from your Donor side and that CDC will remain the local partners to Grace.

Your visit to Malawi this year will be very important to me and the CDC. We will welcome you in high moral. Of course there will be some questions prepared by the CDC that you will be able to answer for the questions from the community we will be answering together with us.

For the arrangement of the meeting we will do it, when you will be just arrived in Malawi at Chipunga. I will give you all the details of the meeting that will be held at that time.

A head of your travel to Malawi

As you have said before that first you will meet Mr Schwarz, Mr Mthuti CDC Chairperson and others you have started.

Informations corrected from the community.

The information is only from the community because the farm is on sell so we don't know if the new owner will agree to work with Grace.

On 31st. 01.2013 we had a meeting a the community assisted by weltwaerts to correct the information from various members of committees in the region. For how Grace wants to support the region in future? Chiefs and the people started to thank the members of Grace in Germany with all the help that they are given in the meeting.

New assembled CDC

Joint committee with old CDC and new elected people from the community not only at the primary school. As you know that GRACE is only the Donor that is helping in the community of Chipunga.

The chiefs will give a land to CDC that they should have an office so that they stand on their own. I and Manuel we decided that to cut the cost if they will be an aim of having building office we just choose one room from under-5-clinic that was supported by GIZ.

They also said that they want GRACE to support them with what they were supporting and other things like orphans care, elderly people, agriculture, sports, sick people who are HIV positive and electricity.

For the third point with all the things that was written down needs to clarify how GRACE want to help them. I hope you'll choose some that you want to help is when they can write a proposal how they want to be helped.

For Bore Hole

This is the project that we have been waiting for a long period of time. Thank for your commitment for now the project will commence. More information you've already received through Manuel.

Reports

For all the things that we requested or proposed for the year 2012-2013 in February we bought mattresses for we beneficiaries 25 pieces in total. As of that time we were 25 workers. But now we are 24 workers. The number of workers are always decreasing because if someone left work Bernhard don't want to employ another for he is selling the farm.

Mattresses in our proposal was the last items to be buy. But we bought it before solar because solar can not work proper this time here in our area because we are in season that is raining now and then.

Though our kwacha (currency) has also gone down but we will manage to maintain our budget for this year because of 8% that you give us on top of our budget.

The price for one piece of matresse we bought it at 12500MK. But the time when we were proposing it was 9000K per piece, this is due to inflation of the kwacha. We are expecting the prices of commodities to go up anytime respectively.

Pre-School

For our two Pre-Schools in the Community it seems that one is working proper which is at the compound. But the one at the primary School as usual problem for every year. As a CDC now we are tired with it. problems started from the parent and to the teachers. Hope that next term we are planning that they should not open the school until all the problems have been solved. We tried with Heidrun but things are not changing. If at all if people want the pre-school we can just have one in the community which is at the compound. So that we can cut the cost of payment of teachers and the problems may be we can reduced. In this topic there is a lot it needs discussed together when you will be here in Malawi during the meeting.

Primary School

A lot of problems this year at our primary school. We are trying to solve it hope it will work but it will take time. I can write more with what have observed but just because you are coming here we will discuss when you will have a meeting with me.

Just few: less children at school and less teachers which are uncoperated

Since last year they didn't send a child to boarding government secondary for scholarship. I went there for a meeting with parent and teachers they were a lot of problems at our school

send the matter to Primary education advisor and he is trying to solve the problem. By next term in April everything will be in place.

Under-5-clinic

With the help of GIZ we have managed to maintain one of the houses at base. The work is in progress though we started last year with our volunteer Lynn but now Manuel has take over. And now the work which is remaining is for making drains and painting the inside wall and doors.

Goat Scheme

The project is in progress as of now and it is working proper. We made rules that helps for running the project. All goats that we give the beneficiaries has produced. Now we are going take mothers and give it to other beneficiaries. We have 4 female goats and they have produced 5 young goats. il have produced 2 young ones. I promise you that now we will have no problems in this project. We are not sure it the farm will be sold and what will happen for all those who has not bebefited from this sheme.

With thank Daniel Mthuti

CDC Chairperson