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Chipunga Development Committee

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## German management committee meeting decisions and asking about the current situation

Dear Mr. Chairman (Dear Daniel)
Dear CDC members

Hope you are doing well and the undertakings are going into the right direction. I am writing to let you know about what has been decided in our management meeting earlier this week.

Decisions made by the German management (Bernhard took part as an appreciated invitee):

- We decided to support the building of a teacher office at Chigwere Secondary School (so called: Muzgola project) up to the total of Malawi Kwacha 2 Million (2'000.000,-). The project was introduced to us in April by Daniel Mthuti, GVH Chigwere, and the STA. Note: spendings are ex-CDC budget and the purchasing of the building materials will be done at time of Bernhard's return to Malawi (mid August). Bernhard will accomplish the transport from Mzuzu to Chigwere as well. CDC is kindly asked to supervise the labour at Chigwere.
- Purchasing of fertilizer for 2013 will be performed by Mara and Nazareth. Cash is transferred to
  Malawi and fertilizer bought shall be stored until its usage. According to the CDC proposal a total
  quantity of 80 bags will be purchased. CDC is requested to accompany the shopping in order to
  validate the fertilizer quality.
- The application of the Chipunga bulking group was put on the back burner as it does not meet the preconditions we discussed with the group members during my stay at Chipunga. We can't see any self-contribution of the group in the proposal. The question on how the transport to town will be done is still not answered and transport costs are not considered. Further the customer market research is missing. The expenditure deliberated for generator maintenance and fuel seems to be completely underestimated. CDC shall communicate to the bulking group members that they must sit together and plan the business much more properly ahead of reapplying to GRACE.

We await eagerly information about the happenings at Chipunga primary school and the current status of the borehole drilling. Both tasks were in time of upheaval or under construction when I left Chipunga by end of April. Please be so kind and give us some little update on the situation.

With best regards on behalf of the GRACE managing committee,

Dr. Jens Diedrich
President GRACE charity