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Chipunga Development Committee

c/o the Chairman Mr. Daniel Mthuti

CC: weltwaerts team

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Reply to your communication dated March 13, 2015

Dear CDC members

At today's teleconference the German Managing Committee discussed the content of your last communication dated 13 of March. Let me summarize our conclusions and give answers to CDC.

1/ Tertiary Education: So now it is understood that budget and thus the number of students we can support is limited. The issue was presented and discussed at our recent annual meeting (held February 28). Good news: after the assembly 2 of our members did declare to cover the cost for Mphatso Bandas college education (2015-2017). This **godparent hood** might give us the chance to go ahead with a 6th student starting this year. Anyway we'll sit down in May and do a thorough thought on the next steps of this promising but unfortunately high-priced program.

2/ Laptop Loan: Jonathan and Joana shall discuss with you and the teachers about the type of devices they wish to have. I expect them to do an **investigation where we can buy 6 laptops for a good price**. All explorations and negotiations could be made very much ahead of my visit. When I am there we buy the computers and hand them over. Training on the use of the laptops and hands-on workshops including CDC trainees, teachers, and weltwarts shall be initiated then.

3/ Budget: The budget calculation can be found in Attachment **B** of our previous letter. The leftover payout is **MK 577'785** which I will bring to Malawi and hand over to Bernhard. If money is needed now, you shall ask Bernhard for an advance (note how much and when it was given).

CDC can reinvest the entire backflow money from the teacher laptop loan into some designated wishes. This is **MK 750'000** (assuming 5 laptops at a cost of MK 150'000 each). **We clearly will NOT select wishes from your wish-list. CDC and the workers must prioritize on their own.**

4/ CDC Monthly Minutes: As I write minutes very frequently we can do a workshop to train your secretary on how to do it. Later on minutes can be written and saved with the laptop as well.

5/ Smartphone CDC chairperson: Cool thing! I received your first communication on Whatsap last week. Believe this is the future as it enables us to chat in case problems arise or things are unclear. You can even send snapshots of minutes. Sometimes a picture says more than words. Jonathan shall show you the function to record your voice.

Please note I will be at Chipunga at the April payday (Saturday, May 2nd) and will be around till the end of the subsequent week. CDC could start to fix the required appointments. As I want to meet all of the students I can not guarantee to be every single day at Chipunga. Well, as habitual CDC, weltwarts and I should meet at the very first day to plan our plan of action. I am in contact with chief Nyaluanga (via Whatsap) on the inauguration of his project at Chigwere Secondary.

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Best wishes on behalf of the German Managing Committee,


Dr. Jens Diedrich
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