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MEMO: GRACE Management Committee decisions on increase of fees for tertiary education

Dear CDC

You may have heard from students themselves or other sources about a substantial increase of fees at Dayang University, Malawi College of Accountancy, and Mzuzu University. Even tertiary education is not part of your budget we are happy to inform you about our decisions concerning the individual students. We will continue to accompany them, and students listed below do get a supplement to their MOU. As conditions and costs are not equivalent to the different situations of our students we tried to be as fair as possible against everyone.

Kelvin Msiska (Dayang University): Kelvins 4th and last year will be his most expensive! Dayang almost doubled their fees and the annual sum raised to high MKW 1'886.600. Now a 25% self-contribution would not be feasible for him to cover. So, we decided that his contribution shall cover MKW 300'000 plus special assistance. Kelvin will become a monitor, whereas he will collect info about the status and evolution of every GRACE student regularly. His reporting to CDC and to us he will safeguard information on payment of fees, about performance outcomes, and even non-performance to us and CDC in good time.

Esau Banda (Mzuzu University): The university increased their charges to MKW 280'000 per year. As Esau has described earlier this year on some difficulties to make money for his self-contribution we have decided to set his part to MKW 50'000 which is about 17% of the total.

Mphatso Banda (Malawi College of Accountancy): With Mphatso we granted to pay 100% of his college fees. Taking this into account and to be fair versus other students, we have debated to cover his fee rise by a special task. As it can be expected from a student of accountancy to have higher or at least basic knowledge on budget calculation and tracking, his special task shall be in helping CDC to track the budget (income and spending). The estimated time effort for this task is apparent a minimum of 2 weeks per year and support should made quarterly (every 3 month). The start of this initiative shall be w/o hesitation, to warrant an overlap of the time Sandra and Lea stay in Malawi. Focus of his contribution shall be on the reporting at the end of the year.

Jubious Thindwa and Lumbani Nyasulu (Mzuzu Technical College) fees remain unchanged. The college has increased the fee by MKW 6'000, and both did agree to us to cover it themselves.

Lovewell Mkandawile (Loudon College) did finish his education time and did apply for a position at Chipunga Primary School. Please let us know about his plea and the sudden movement of Gladis Msiska. Do you expect any kind of support concerning the current situation at school from us?

Presently I am scheduling to come to Malawi the first half of October (depends on the progress with selling the farm). I am in close contact with the anticipated new owner and keep you posted.

Best wishes on behalf of the German management team,



Dr. Jens Diedrich
President GRACE charity