



Chipunga Development Committee
Chipunga Health Committee
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Response to your letter entitled “*proposed things*” of May 23, 2005

Dear Mr. Thindwa
Dear Mrs. Longwe,

Thank you very much for your correspondence. In fact it is very satisfying to observe that the committees are functioning and further that the communication channel is working too.

As promised early this month I have transferred the Chitumbuka translation of our guidelines into the same format than the English version. Copies were distributed to you in the interim. The leaflet summarizing the activities and goals of GRACE in word and deed will be available in a couple of weeks. Fitted out with such an official pamphlet the sponsorship and the empowered authority of both committees will be promoted and underlined on the road to other administrative bodies.

Regarding the points mentioned in your letter:

- (1) The initial content of the first aid box was provided by Ruth Ehret free of charge. I would like to express my kindest appreciation to her. But the costs for the 1000 pills of Malaria drugs “*Fansida*” and the 1000 pills of Paracetamol are to be covered through the HC budget. An invoice for MK 2.550.70 should have been filed in the GRACE folder (if not, please ask the MD to do so). I would propose the dispensing of these drugs should be tracked by the HC (otherwise your pills will run away quick)
- (2) Please find a confirming memo to the Nkhatabay district hospital authority attached to this letter.
- (3) About blankets: 20 blankets were bought during my stay and are deposited by Mrs. Gihana. I paid for a single blanket MK 500,- (invoice filed in the GRACE folder). The CDC should start now to distribute them and to track the distribution. 75% = MK 375,- will be covered by GRACE. 25% = MK 125,- are to be paid by the people. Supervision must be performed through the CDC (this might be done via a list containing the names of persons blankets were sold to, plus a self-contribution tracking). I have authorized the MD to buy additional blankets according to your needs and your budget.

About mosquito nets: I have authorized Ruth Ehret to buy 100 nets. Delivery of the nets will take a while. You will receive the nets together with an invoice. This can go either to the CDC or to the HC budget (as the nets are used to prevent Malaria). The distribution and the self-contribution should be supervised by the committees and listed as explained already above with the blankets.

About goats: I'm looking forward to receiving a proposal from you. Please consider on: How many goats are needed (male, female), who will take care on them, how much is the cost per goat, how much has to be covered by GRACE, etc..

With kind regards,

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President