

## **July Report 2021.**

### **Average number of children fed (in hundreds):**

700

### **Average number of feeding days per week:**

6 days a week. Feeding is going on very well. We have food that will last us the first week of August.

### **Number of high school students:**

73

### **Number of boarding school students:**

7. Six in high school and one in college.

### **Status of National High School attendees:**

Students are still in school.

### **The success of high school students**

The meeting was done successfully and the students are grateful and looking forward to the next chapter of their lives.

Blessings Msonthi (one who scored 14 points) has sat for the university entrance examinations. He opted for Malawi University of Science and Technology but has also applied for Health Sciences and the Polytechnic, we still wait for favorable results on this. We will soon communicate the tuition for this particular university. If taken, he will have to start school in September this year.

### **Status of soap business:**

More materials have been ordered from Tanzania and when they arrive we will share with the group that got the training in order for them to start their own businesses of soap making. Right now they still work as a group and for the ministry. We have been sharing the kids and the volunteers, the soap they have been making and some is being used in the DFG kits.

### **Status of chicken/egg business:**

The status remains the same. We have started the work, we will be sharing the progress.

### **Status of Kanyenyeva Wala:**

Kanyenyeva Wala continues to participate in the First Lady's initiative. Yamikani as an enterprise leader for Kanyenyeva Wala has been incorporated in the team that is running this program as the logistics coordinator. The women of Kanyenyeva are still involved in the teaching of the Ambassador for Women's Health and help with Kit distribution across Malawi,

this has been such an eye opener as the women are able to interact with their friends from different Enterprises.

### **Status of the farm:**

The banana plants are growing well. Our challenge this time around was watering them since the rains stopped. We have dug some shallow wells to help with this challenge and we believe the growth rate should remain the same with consistent watering and also applying manure.

### **Other:**

### **Sports equipment and gym**

We need more balls, toys and other materials that the children can play with at the project. We wait until we have enough funds for this. The current funds cannot be used for this program for now.

### **The well**

We have found several options on the well. On how we can run by solar energy and provide running water for both the Skills Centre and the villages around.

### **Women volunteers and the committee**

We had a wonderful time with the women volunteers and the committee at the Lake. A 30 seater coaster was hired to ferry everyone to Kabumba Hotel where we all had the celebrations. A very nice meal, and drinks were provided, the hotel also provided musical entertainment for the women. All the volunteers and committee members received a chitenje and an envelope with a cash gift of MK 50,000 each. This was one of the most memorable day to most of them, as this was the first time for them to see the lake. This was a beautiful way of celebrating the good work they have been doing for the past 15 years.

We originally planned to invite the community, chiefs and leaders from the area to be a part of the celebration, but after some thought we decided to take them to the lake instead. The main reasoning was to just have the volunteers have a relaxing time, make it their day by having other people serve them instead of having them spend their special day taking care of guests and everyone else.

### **Clothes, and shoes**

We would love to provide the children with clothes, shoes as well, funds permitting. Most children rely on the clothes that the ministry has been providing to them and it has been some time since we did that.

### **Blankets**

This is one of the area we need to consider. We think we need to have a special fundraiser for this so that we can provide blankets to many of our children at once.