

## **December Progress Report 2022.**

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

850

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

6 days a week. Feeding is going on very well.

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

77

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

8

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

Students are on Christmas break and will be going back to school soon.

MSCE Examinations are now out, last month we reported that this year none of our children has qualified for University based on the reports we got from the students we had this year. But it has come to our attention that three of our children who were on our high school fees program and did not do well last year made their own effort to repeat the class and ended up qualifying for university this year. Their names are Dickson Kambani (17 points), Hastings Lickson (24 Points) and Gomani Christopher (17 Points). All the board members met with the boys and agreed that the board chairman write a letter explaining this to you all.

### **University students**

Blessings, Precious and Leonard are doing well in School. They will be going back to school on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023 after their Christmas break.

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

The beneficiaries are doing their business after giving them seed money. The idea is that when they have made some profits the initial seed money will be given to a new team of beneficiaries who will at this point be trained by our first beneficiaries. This is to ensure that there is responsibility and giving back to the project by imparting the knowledge they have gained to others. We also continue to distribute tablets of soap to the children and volunteers.

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

Some of the local chickens have started laying eggs. We have also built a grass fence around the chicken coop for security purposed and to protect the chickens from foreign diseases.

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

The team continues to make kit components with the materials we have in stock. We had a major break down of our serge machine which stalled much of our work. This is our only overlock machine that makes all our liners. We have now managed to work on it.

Days for Girls International applied for a grant to continue with the work that was started with the first lady in Malawi and it passed. Kanyenyeva Wala is therefore, included in the execution of the work in the villages. DFGI is engaging us to make sanitary pads and will be paying us for labor. They will provide all the materials necessary for this particular project and our only work is to make them, help with distribution and conducting Menstrual Hygiene lessons. We thank God for this opportunity again.

The materials from Days for Girls International have not yet arrived, we are still waiting.



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

We have managed to plant 3096 trees at the farm, this is a huge success.

We have planted 9 hectares of red beans and the bananas were pruned. We plan to apply booster on the beans and bananas throughout the month of January. The rains are good so far.

Research was done on irrigation system and the team has concluded that the best way to irrigate the bananas as of now is by using a Windmill. We have part of the seed money for the first windmill which will help water at least 2 -3 hectares.

We also have learnt a new tip from the Agriculture advisers concerning bananas that we need to apply some kind of fertilizer which will make them grow healthy and mature faster.

#### **Other:**

#### **Sports equipment and gym**

We are very grateful for the balls, and jump ropes that the team brought. Our children were and are very happy for this wonderful gift. They now have a chance to play, have fun and just be kids. Many thanks to each and every one who donated and helped mobilize the resources.

#### **The well**

The Well project is complete, the pump and solar system put in place. To God be all the glory.

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

The women and the committee still remain strong and continue to serve the children with passion. 5 women were gifted the iron roofs. Three are our long time serving committee members, Esnati Kambuyake, Elise Musa, and Felecia Lingisoni Kaputa. The other 2 are the volunteers the Westwood visited when in Malawi Eneles and Malen. Lives are being transformed, lives are being touched. To God be all the glory.

#### **The maize mill**

Work on this has resumed, it was briefly stopped because the builders were working on the tank tower and helping with installation first. They promised to complete the work by January.

#### **Christmas party**

We had a wonderful time of celebrating Christmas with 971 children and 37 adults which included board members, women volunteers, and some members from the community. We all had more than enough to eat, snack and drink. Many children brought in containers and plastic bags to take some left overs home. This was so heartwarming to see and experience. We were also very happy to have the board chairman attend Christmas with us all the way from South Korea.