



Chipunga Development Committee

c/o the Chairman Mr. Daniel Mthuti
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Follow-up message to my visit in February

Dear CDC members

Thank you very much for your friendly welcome and open discussions during my stay in February. Not even a week after my return from Malawi our annual general meeting was held. We had to run elections and the managing committee changed slightly. Christoph and Barbara Schwarz did a job rotation (details see header of this letter), and Margarete Baeza is our new treasurer. My position as chairman of the board or president remain unchanged. Today, I would like to give you some follow-up information concerning topics raised during my stay and about decisions made by the German managing committee.

Outstanding self-contribution by the Chipunga community

This week I'll send an e-mail to **Chief Nyaluwanga** summarising any promised, but outstanding self-contribution by the Chipunga community (1/ kitchen and toilet at pre-school; 2/ toilets at under-5-clinic; 3/ kitchen and toilets at the teachers houses at primary school).

To talk turkey: community people must know that no further project (e.g. renovation of teacher houses, solar electrification of Chipunga Primary School, or drilling of a bore hole) will continue until the community has fulfilled their given obligations. Guess this plan is well understood and a change for the better has been promised during our GVH/VH meeting on Monday February 24.

Boerhole at Primary School

I am in contact with Jonathan Hunter. He has asked a hydrogeologist from Lilongwe to come and to run a proper survey. The monetary value for this doing will be covered straight by us and is estimated MK 120'000. When getting results of this examination one can think about next steps.

Teacher Salaries Primary School

Ahead of any further agreement, we need the two MOU's contracting our initial deal to pay two Emmanuel teachers from October 2013 till End of February 2015. MOU's should be returned to us including any signature plus the confirming signatures of the teachers about the receipt of the money. **The MOU's can be mailed to me by Hannah, or Bernhard at end of the week.**

If we got the requested MOU's the second round can be initiated and I'll send 3 new MOU's to be signed by CDC chairman, community representatives and the teacher individually. The German managing committee agreed to continue with paying MK 30'000 to every teacher until their final assignment to Chipunga Primary School. We are very much looking forward that the headmaster Mr. Kandawire as well the GVH speak up at DEM in Nkhatabay about our doing. The goal is to get all three new Emmanuel teacher appointed for Chipunga Primary School.

The MOU will include the activity of the community as part of their self-contribution. As **GRACE is paying MK 540'000 for three teachers in 6 month time**, the part of the community is **a)** to entirely renovate the headmasters house, and **b)** to go on with providing food for the teachers, and **c)** to support the porridge system at Primary School. If the community fails to renovate the headmasters house inside 2 months we'll stop paying teachers and will halt any activity for the community (we keep our support to the workers). **We request CDC to give us an accelerated response whether this deal is OK, or whether it should read and sound different.**

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Budget 2013/2014

The # of fertilizer sacks will be corrected from 28 to 29 NPK (+ MK 16'200), the seed maize cost will be adapted (+ MK 2'800), and another MK 120'000 will be put in for health spendings (forgotten by CDC to put into the budget). I'll will prepare a second edition of the budget and send it to you in a letter separate from this one (together with the new MOU's if I got your quick feedback until then).

Lighting for Chipunga - Solar electrification Primary School

Mawelera enterpirses located in Mzuzu (office at Cnr Boardman Road & Orton Chirwa Awanue) were asked to make a quotation about the solar electrification of Chipunga Primary School. One person working at Mawelera enterprise went with Bernhard to Chipunga last week. As soon as I got an offer in my hands CDC will be informed and shall give advice on how to deal the project.

Lighting for Chipunga - Chipunga Farm Workers

Please let us know how the distribution of the 5 + 24 solar lamps is going and about the plan to make the more expensive "yellow moon-light" systems available to the 24 workers as well.

Lunch allowance demand by CDC

The German managing committee position is to kick-off the allowance scheme proposed after a election of a new CDC (election could be done during the stay of vice-president Barbara Schwarz and 12 other German GRACE members in August). We think more about an annual fee to be payed ot at the end of the calendar year, or about a real meal at every CDC meeting (one per month). In return we expect to get minutes of each meeting, and a short report by the trasurer about the expenditures of the month. Please comment on the arrangement proposed by us.

Vocational training: request by Kelvin Msiskia

CDC got the cost calculation and a letter from Kelvin. **As the mother of Kelvin is a villagehead woman at Chipunga, we urge CDC think political if supporting his demand.** Well, we talk about a lots of money. However, the German management committee would support Kelvins idea. Ahead of any further doing we need a statement and plan from CDC. Another MOU could be signed for this project (e.g. the deal: contributing to vocational training versus a signed clear commitment of headwomen Kayuni (guess this is the name of Mrs. Msiskia) to help self-contribution affairs promised by community. Even here: GRACE support will stop immediately if the community part is not fulfilled, or it is obviously delayed by any reason.

We are very much looking forward to hearing from you soon. With best regards on behalf of the German managing committee,


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