



Chipunga Development Committee  
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## DECISIONS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dear CDC members,

At our annual general assembly (March 3, 2007) several suggested projects were discussed intensive and with passion. With this letter you get informed about the decisions and conditions about the construction of a school block for Chipunga primary school, the taking up of vocational training into the education commitment, as well as the intended credit scheme for women in cooperation with the CCMC.

### Credit Scheme for Women – agreed:

The assembly agreed to support the proposed scheme. As mentioned in a past letter the scheme has to be financed from the self-contribution pay back of previous projects. After initial education of the CCMC members and the women groups by your local partner we expect to receive a short outlook concerning the initial projects. CCMC must ensure that every project is lasting and useful to the Chipunga area. A financial check is expected to be reported quarterly to CDC and to GRACE respectively.

### Vocational Training – need more information:

Until further notice the assembly disagreed to pay for vocational training. Main reason of this decision was the lack of background information available. The list in which some young people applied for job training is superficial and rambling. Moreover GRACE is not willing to support any young persons w/o having fulfilled the minimum requirement of a good school-leaving qualification. Bearing this in mind CDC shall check up again the vocational options with the young people. We are convinced that even in Malawi detailed information on vocational training can be collected to clarify requirements and contents of the training. Further CDC shall reflect upon with the young people that a mayor part of the annual CDC budget (training is not on sale) may be wasted if we are supporting pupils prone to fail their training. GRACE is however open to talk about further CDC recommendations on how one can put vocational training clever into action.

### Building of a School Block and Teacher Houses – need authority commitments:

At present we are limited by our statutes to promote secondary school education and workers of Chipunga Farms and their relatives only! Consequently the assembly pointed out that construction of a school block is neither justifiable nor allowed by the existing statutes. To avoid similar occurrences in the near future and to spread our possibilities the managing committee was instructed by the assembly to finish adapted statutes till next general assembly (first quarter 2008). In the main the assembly is willing to fund the project in 2008 not until the following is guaranteed: A written self-commitment of the involved authorities and local chiefs is needed about a) the self-contribution of the people, b) the employment of new teachers, c) the lasting of the project, and d) the taking up of likely maintenance costs. As the plan requires a huge amount of money and manpower, the before said must be clarified ahead of GRACE is standing by to start any activities.

Please use the next months to explain the conditions and open questions given by our legislative body.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Diedrich', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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President