



Chipunga Development Committee

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Addendum to my visit in May and answer to your letter dated July 8

Dear Daniel
Dear CDC members

Glad to hear about the increased CDC acceptance after my clarification during the last visit. It should boost the responsibility and importance of your work. May I have some remarks on the reported projects:

Chicken Project: You are right to bring the production to a halt due to changes of the market environment. Nevertheless, equipment and experience for this income generating activity is still in your hands. Would be a pity if you can't discover a market beyond the University. Potential new customers will become interested in your chicken if they got experience to buy the fattest, the best, and the tastiest ones in the region. You are on track if everybody who is able to think the word "chicken" raises up with the brand "Chipunga" first. With this in mind feel free to restart the production at any time you see the local market need has changed. I was informed by Jonathan Kiekbusch that the youth group will start soon. Keep us up with things please.

Pre-school: As discussed at my stay in May we agree to pay 4 persons in charge of the kids (you named them teachers) with the amount of MK 1000 per month. A fee of MK 200 per child and term has to be counterbalanced against. To avoid misunderstanding: GRACE is eager to sponsor the pre-school project during a pilot phase till end of 2011. Please let us know if the project anticipated works smoothly or not. Katharina Bendig wrote the pre-school at the church is not nearly running as good as the other one at the compound; and persons in charge of the pre-schools refused to cook tea. Personally we don't understand the problem but we guess the pre-school committee will come up with solutions. Please calculate all of the expenditures against fee payments and keep us informed about development of this highly social-valuable project.

Scholarship: Good to hear about the public acceptance to the grant plan being worked out. I assume Ayla Prentice has drawn already the advertisement and motivation poster. Would be nice to receive a snapshot from the poster together with some happy people around the poster, thanks! Keep us informed please.

School-block: If the community did mould and staple the bricks already it looks better this time. Katharina Bendig told me that the German ambassador himself will visit Chipunga First Primary School early August. What a chance and what a honour for the region and your project! Hope people are not going to disappoint the ambassador. Please activate the entire community, PTC, and other committees to arrange all activities around this visit in detail. As you know the good impression counts and you should make this on-site visit as successful as possible. Would be great if the community or VDC could take over the responsibility to repair the school and the old teacher houses in advance. It would be good if somebody can take snapshots for me. Please keep us in the loop of information. Best of luck and thanks!

Buckets: OK for your plan to buy 30 buckets of MK 1500 each with the usual 25% self-contribution.

Item list Chipunga Primary School: Wondering why the school could not make it to prioritize their needs as requested? Jonathan Kiekbusch said they want us to decide about what is important and less important. This is not a fair conduct by the school management! How can we, the donor, decide what is important for a Malawian Primary School? But now, because of the recent burglary everything on the list seems important. Therefore, we agree that CDC can buy all items listed (do not exceed MK 50.000 please) and ensure the community takes care for a safer store room. You know we need all receipts and a proper tracking of the spending. The self-contribution deal with the community could be as follows: the community must install burglar bars and/or a more robust door with a new good padlock first - then the CDC purchases the items.

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One remark: Why does the school requests 1000 exercise books and 890 reams of paper for a little more than 200 pupils? To avoid typical losses one could purchase less of both and more if needed later? May we ask the CDC to decide from your local view what to do concerning this point. We expect that both CDC and the old or new "weltwärts" team are involved in buying and distributing of the material. Please do a short report and if possible sent some snapshots. As agreed the budget for this activity is absolutely supplementary to the granted annual budget.

Working Plans for the new "weltwärts" team: By this week I received the working plans dedicated to the female successors of Katharina and Ayla (from Jonathan nothing yet). It was discussed with the DED that in future CDC is contributing to the drawing up of the plans as well as supervising of the "weltwärts" volunteers. Guess you did co-work when the plans were drawn up and Daniel you've been invited for the initial DED meeting with the new "weltwärts" team 2010/2011? Please keep me posted.

Finally some snapshots taken during my last stays at Chipunga:



Thanks and greetings to everybody reminding me.

With best regards on behalf of the German GRACE Managing Committee,
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