



Chipunga Development Committee

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Reply to your questions (e-mail V. Schnell / October 27, 2010)

Dear Daniel
Dear CDC members

Thank you for your e-message which was kindly forwarded by Vincent. We hope everything is fine and your efforts and doings at Chipunga are fruitful and even satisfying. We fully acknowledge your announcement to get a detailed report in November. There is still feedback from my last letter sent end of July outstanding. At least it would be fine to get such a report together with the annual accounts till end of the year.

Good to hear that the 2011 budget has been transferred to the GRACE account at MSB. In total you should have received **MK 520.300**. This is a composite of MKW 420.000 (= the agreed annual 2011 budget) plus MKW 50.000 (= chicken revolving-fund) plus MKW 50.000 (= school materials).

Concerning the SMS exchange Daniel, I have no clue why you are unable to SMS to my cell. It could be triggered by restrictions of your local telephone provider. Well, at least I know that you are able to receive my SMS. However, a one-sided communication is never ideal for any partnership. Our goal should be to achieve a full communication chance any time from now. Probably you or Vincent can find out the problem.

Concerning your question about the school-fee of the first GRACE scholarship winner Fatsan:

As known the annual GRACE budget is intended to the three cost centres, namely: **education, livelihood, and health**. All students eligible for secondary school and having been confirmed by CDC must pay their 25% self-contribution of the total school fee as usual. The exemption is Fatsan. Her scholarship triggers a 100% payment of the required 3 x 20.000 Kwacha through GRACE. Payment can be done directly by CDC.

Did you announce and celebrate the winner of this GRACE scholarship? Is the community ongoing aware of the chance their kids can gain when they are doing well at school? Please think with Antonia, Vincent, and the school on how you can continuously boost and promote it – e.g. with posters, activities, or any other interim-announcement, you even could invite Fatsan to tell the pupils about her secondary experience. To become a successful story the scholarship idea should be motivational to the kids, parents, and teachers.

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

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