



Chipunga Development Committee

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Short minutes of my visit End of December 2012

Dear Mr. Mthuti (Dear Daniel)
Dear CDC Members

First I would like to thank the CDC and especially the chairperson Mr. Daniel Mthuti for the kind preparation of my stay and the organization of various meetings. I do appreciate your support very much. As common I want to summarize in the following our joint decisions in brief. May I ask CDC to accompany and to supervise all projects ongoing in the experienced manner.

With compliments from Germany

Dr. Jens Diedrich
President GRACE charity

GRACE aid to Chipunga Farm Workers and Chipunga Community:

CDC Election: Congratulation to all either confirmed or new elected members! GRACE in Germany is looking very much forward to working with you and to exchange any ideas to improve the Chipunga area. The 7 CDC members elected as of December 30, 2011 are:

1. Mr. Daniel Mthuti (Chairperson)
2. Mrs. Esnat Nyasulu (Secretary)
3. Mrs. Maria Banda (Treasurer)
4. Mr. Jamerson Msiska (Member)
5. Mr. Mzozodo Nywira (Member)
6. Mr. Joice Chunda (Member)
7. Mrs. Alpha Jere (Member)

Goat scheme: The scheme will be continued. CDC should go ahead in their plan to buy 3 new goats (cost between MKW 6'000 and 7'000 per goat) replacing lost animals. CDC will draw up short and simple rules about the principles of the scheme. These rules (English and local language) should be made public and must be agreed by any participant ahead of his/her participation.

Bakery: A successful income generating activity. One should think about fixing a simple iron device into the oven barrel to make it possible to bake on several irons the same time.

Fertilizer: As it might be advantageous and cost effective to buy the fertilizer in a low price phase CDC should check for the lowest price. Fertilizer could be bought and stored till use in a locked container of Bernhard Schwarz. Please keep us informed whether this is a feasible option and let us know when cash is needed to buy fertilizer for season 2012/2013. After our discussion with GVH Chimochimochi and VH Kayini the governmental voucher distribution for the next season will be done independent and by fair means in the future (not disadvantaging workers – as the fertilizer GRACE scheme is a bonus for the entire region).



Pre-Schools: Because the candidate Evans Nyirendhas not been accepted throughout the VDC, PTA, and community meeting CDC should think about alternatives. Together with Dagmar Leboch who is around till end of February CDC should try to discuss the pre-school issue with an "influencer". This could be the VDC chairperson or any other. Goal would be to find out how the community could accept Mr. Nyirenda and how the pre-schools could be improved (content, training of teachers, and fee-payment by the parents).

Bore hole: The discussion on drilling or not is still pending. We are waiting for the OK of an 3rd party donor. In general the hygiene of the 300 learners at the school should be considered to be improved. However if the bore hole will be financed via GRACE the community should be reminded about a contribution in terms of maintaining the entire sanitary facilities. The weltwärts volunteers could run a training with the kids and their parents about the correct sanitary facility use. This deal could be discussed with the community already ahead of any drilling activity.

Note books: The school requested GRACE for squared and lined note books. In a first step the headmaster should come with a cost proposal about printing such books in Malawi. The money the school gets from government to buy educational materials has to be integrated in the proposal (self-contribution deduction from the school).

Workplace visit tour: The initiative is appreciated and should / could be continued. At the moment we don't know about cost and organization of such a daily trip to Mzuzu. Therefore the school and/or weltwärts volunteers could work on a repetition of the doing. It seems that this initiative might motivate learners to try harder. Proposals on how this could be organized in the future, as well as a cost estimate could be forwarded to GRACE at any time.

School fees: It has been clarified the scholarship plan agreed with Chipunga Primary School does not affect any support of kids from Chipunga workers. If CDC deems a learner from a worker eligible for secondary school the 75%/25% split of school fee applies as usual independent of any scholarship grants.

Weltwärts: At my stay on January 2 2012 it has been agreed with GIZ to move a 3rd weltwärts volunteer to Chipunga. Please welcome Rasmus Nesemann to Chipunga and work closely together with him. Major projects for Rasmus are the anticipated renovation of the teacher houses – see below, and if applicable the initiation of the bore hole at the primary school.

GRACE contribution to Chipunga Primary School (via CDC supervision):

a) Scholarship: GRACE will extend the pilot phase for the next 2 years. Headmaster and teachers should come with a proposal on how the support could look like. The proposal has to be forwarded by the CDC and should be in Germany ahead of our annual assembly in early March.

b) Fertilizer Scheme for Teachers: generally the idea is good and well taken. Primary School must come up with a proposal on such a scheme. GRACE welcomes the idea as it is a further possibility to get good educated teachers to Chipunga and to keep them on the long term. A proposal should be sent to us ahead of our annual assembly in early March via CDC.

c) Renovation of teacher houses: as agreed with the GVH and VH, VDC, and PTA, the community is willing to contribute to the required maintenance work (workforce and material like sand e.g). The 3rd weltwärts volunteer Rasmus Nesemann has been moved to Chipunga and should supervise and lead the work. Further Rasmus should help CDC chairman to buy materials and to keep within the budget intended for the maintenance work. It is agreed that we begin with one of the houses in a second step the other house should be renovated likewise. However if the community fails to contribute when renovating the first house the extension of the project to the second house could be stopped. Community should provide GRACE with a cost proposal for both houses as soon as possible. The budget needed will be transferred to the Malawi Savings Bank account in Mzuzu if the complete proposal has been forwarded to Germany and CDC gives us green light that the community is willing to fulfill their part of the agreement. Bernhard Schwarz agreed to provide transport for the materials. However cost for transport should be included to the cost proposal. We hope the renovation can be done within short time. Please consider Rasmus is only available till August this year. All the best to this project which will further improve the education at Chipunga Primary School.