



Chipunga Development Committee

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Dear Mr. Chairman (Dear Daniel)
Dear CDC Members

Thanks for your letter dated 28 March which unfortunately overlapped my last letter from April 11. Ahead of answering I want to thank you for all of the detailed information. But, as written in my letter I expect answers to come from CDC. Your information will help us very much in our internal planning and decision process.

Annual Assembly of GRACE in Germany: The meeting was held in March and 35 members participated. Our statutes intend 15 % of all members (currently 102) must be present to constitute a quorum, which was achieved. Any managing members were re-elected and confirmed in their positions. So I remain president, Christoph vice-president, Ophelia treasurer, and Barbara the secretary. So we can continue. We had intensive discussions and I showed videos and pictures from my last stay at Chipunga around new year.

Goat scheme: We are interested to receive your report promised on the ongoing.

Bakery: Good that Mr. Kaunda could fix an iron device to increase the efficacy of the oven. How is this income-generating-activity going? Who is running the bakery and does it get profit to the people engaged?

Fertilizer: OK, so everything will remain the same. We'll buy when you announce. One thing – have you thought about what would happen with the repayment of your self-contribution in case the farm will be sold? This is a general problem CDC should discuss intensively: Continuation of GRACE w/o the farm back-up.

Preschool: See the questions in my letter. We need answers to release the salaries of the 4 teachers.

Borehole: I got donations of about 1/3 of the total costs for the drilling. Do you think the offer from the company you've requested will increase due to the current announced devaluation of the Kwacha? If yes how much would it increase? Need rough estimate.

Notebooks: OK, waiting for your information if available.

Workplace visit tour: OK, we wait for your proposal which should including a rough budget proposal.

Fertilizer scheme for teachers: See questions in my last letter. Need information from your side to decide.

Renovation of teacher houses: The iron-sheet issue remains! I got a letter from the School Management Committee (A. Thindwa and M. Matengere; dated April 19; presume you and CDC know about) where they continue to demand money for the missing iron-sheets. As you wrote in your letter: It takes ages....unfortunately. Rasmus is constantly upset on that topic and I really want the work finished as long as he is around! The concern is, that many old iron sheets, which could be re-used, are planned to be taken from somebody else. They miscalculate and the stupid donor should pay. Please give me a tip how CDC deems we should react. The work must continue soon – even with the difficult community people. Thanks for your solutions!

With best regards,

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