



**Chipunga Development Committee**

c/o the Chairman Mr. Daniel Mthuti  
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**Future alignment of GRACE and vote of confidence to Chipunga area**

Dear Mr. Chairman (Dear Daniel)  
Dear CDC Members

First of all, the entire German GRACE management team would like to wish a "Happy New Year", health, wealth, and all the best for you and your families! We hope everybody is doing fine so far.

Unfortunately in 2013 circumstances are going to change. Selling Chipunga Farm to another owner will alter our present collaboration. Currently we don't know the coming proprietor and his disposition to continue the farm business, and the collaboration with GRACE. Thus, we must sit together to set our perspectives.

The good news is that for the time being no change from our side is intended. CDC remains our local partner and can continue any project committed. The weltwärts team stays till August and will assist you to go on with the programs and could further help us in preparing the future cooperation (see request below).

We are going through a time of upheaval and we need ways to keep our Malawian-German collaboration after many years of good experience. For that very rational motive I will come to Malawi (arrival: April 19; and leaving: May 1). My goal is to reach an agreement on the future alignment of GRACE in the region.

It would be great if CDC could arrange the essential meetings. First I need to talk and to give a presentation on GRACE to the new farm owner (arrangement by Bernhard Schwarz). Some other face-to-face meetings are pivotal: I shall speak necessarily to the CDC chairman, school headmaster, school and pre-school committees, community reps like VDC people and headmen. Subject of any discussion would be to get insights and a clear picture about your needs and our future engagement options (questions: who, what, and how).

**Asking ahead of my travel to Malawi:** I would appreciate if CDC could resume what would be essential to talk about and whom I should meet. It would be so helpful to get insights from your side about how GRACE can support the region in the future. **Who could be our future partner?** New assembled CDC, the school only, any other? The weltwärts team shall support you in collecting info's from the various regional functions and groups. They could take notes and report them to us ahead. This would give me the chance to prepare myself before travelling to Malawi and we could appraise proposals within the German management team.

**Borehole at Chipunga Primary School:** The project can be started immediately. Manuel Firley and CDC shall supervise the labour, the ongoing, and the cash flow. We need to know only: **a)** when do you plan to start drilling, **b)** the name of the company who will do the labour, and **c)** a rough cost estimate (including brickwork, hand pump, sealing, self-contribution of the community). Getting this information cash will be made available to Manuel.

With warm regards,

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President GRACE charity

CC: weltwärts team (Henrika and Manuel)