

TIYENDE PAMODZI *Let's Walk Together*

GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL MALAWI

Project Plan Phase 3

August 2021



Aim

Building and managing a Secondary School for Girls in the poor, rural area of Mganja, Malawi. The project will be realised in phases. The school opened for Form 1 students in March 2021. We aim to complete the whole project when the girls who started Form 1 in 2021 reach Form 4, in September 2023. At present three blocks of two class rooms each, the administration block and two teachers' houses have been built and handed over. Two more classrooms and the nursery will be finalised in October 2021.



girls writing entrance examination January 2021



Introduction

Until now, there was no Secondary School in Mganja, Malawi. Most girls of the area do not attend Secondary School, but become young mothers and subsistence farmers. In 2017 a mixed group of people responded to the local cry for a Secondary School for Girls. The local community, the local authorities, Diocese of Dedza, the Dutch Nazareth Foundation Malawi and the German GF Goeldner Foundation joined forces. Together we are establishing a Secondary School for girls, including pregnant girls and young mothers. In the curriculum we combine the government curriculum with practical courses to help improve daily life of the girls and their (future) families.

Problem

Malawi is one of the poorest countries of the world. Mganja, a group of villages in the Traditional Authority Chief Kachindamoto, Dedza District, is a poor, agricultural area, with no job possibilities other than self-subsisting and cash crop farming. The Mganja population comprises around 6,000 people. All the surrounding Secondary Schools are too far to travel to on a daily basis. Pupils had to go boarding elsewhere. This presented two problems: firstly, the parents had great difficulty to find money to send their children boarding, secondly many girls got pregnant while boarding and lost their chance at a Secondary School education. In 2015 66 girls in the age 13-19 in the Mganja area got pregnant.



One of our students (left) with her baby and her mother (l) and one of our students with her disabled mother (r).

What do we want to achieve?

By educating girls (also when they are pregnant) and young mothers the living conditions of these girls and women, but also of their families, will improve. As a result, the standard of living of the whole community will improve.

Therefore we aim to:

- 1 Build and manage a Diocesan Community Day Secondary School for Girls and young mothers in Mganja, Malawi.
- 2 Add to the standard curriculum the teaching of skills like organic farming, sewing, home economics, nutrition, child care, cooking and income generating activities.
- 3 Provide child care at the school, so that young mothers can attend lessons.
- 4 Build a hostel for girls from remote areas.

Who will benefit?

400 girls will be attending the school during the Academic Year. The pupils are village girls, including pregnant girls and young mothers, who have no other opportunity for a Secondary School education. The whole community benefits if girls and mothers are better educated. Especially because Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School focusses within the curriculum on practical courses that will be helpful in daily village life.

In the Mganja area, people practice matrilineal type of marriages where a man leaves his home and stays in the home of the wife. The women have land rights and they also “own” their children. It means women have always access to agricultural lands and a place to build their houses. Women have, indirectly, influence on village decisions. It means women are relatively autonomous in Mganja region. Educating women will influence the whole village directly. The beneficiaries all live below the poverty line of 1,9 dollars a day.



Living in the region of Mganja people experience every day the strain of living below the poverty line. When their yearly crop fails because of lack of rain, people go hungry. The surrounding forests are depleted because people cut all the trees to make charcoal. There is a great need for (human) development.

Sustainable Development Goals

Through educating girls and young women in Secondary School subjects AND practical courses like organic agriculture, tailoring, child care, home economics and healthy cooking, the project is instrumental in reaching the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: 1: No Poverty, 2: Zero Hunger, 3: Good Health and Well-being, 4: Quality Education, 5: Gender Equality, 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

THE PROJECT

Project location

The project is located central in Mganja, in walking distance for the pupils from Mganja. However, the source for pupils is wider than the Mganja area. Within a distance of about 25 kilometres there are 10 Full Primary Schools. As the school will be too far away for the pupils from these villages to walk everyday, the project also aims to build hostels for these pupils.

Type of school and management

The Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School is a “Grant-in-Aid”-school. This means it is a church-/privately founded school, managed by the Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School Board of Governors. The school buildings will be built with aid from donors. Ownership deeds for the land are in the name of the Diocese of Dedza. The government sends and pays the teachers and educational material.

The pupils are taught all the subjects necessary to pass the examination of the MSCE’s: Malawi School Leaving Certificate of Education (as per government curriculum). The Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School Board of Governors adds extra courses and projects, for example organic (vegetable) gardening, tailoring, child care, home economics, cooking and growing and planting (natural) trees against deforestation. The students remain at the premises until a fixed time every day. When they are not attending lessons, they are working on projects or doing homework at the premises. In future, the centre will also be used for adult literacy courses and cultural and communal activities.

Structural costs?

The government pays the salaries of the staff. For the water supply a solar water system will be built. A solar powered electricity system has already been installed. This means there will be no structural costs for salaries, water or electricity. The students will pay a small development fee¹. This fee will cover the remaining structural costs. No donations will be needed to run the school once the structures have been built.

Why teachers houses?

Our teachers are educated on university level. The huts and small houses in the villages are not fit for housing these teachers and their families. Without staff houses it will be impossible to get teachers for our school. The Ministry of Education will no longer send and pay our teachers if we will not provide good housing for them.

Design

The school will consist of 4 school blocks of 2 classrooms each (8 classrooms) an administration block, a nursery for the babies of students who are young mothers, hostels for the girls coming from further away and 4 semi-detached staff houses (8 houses) for the teachers. We need to build a separate, combined, library/science block as per Ministry of Education regulations. Toilets are situated outside the buildings. The project is being constructed in co-operation with and according to the requirements of the Ministry of Education, Malawi by PBM Construction. Design by Atelier & Others, Lilongwe, Malawi.

Administration block:



Semi-detached staff house (2 houses):



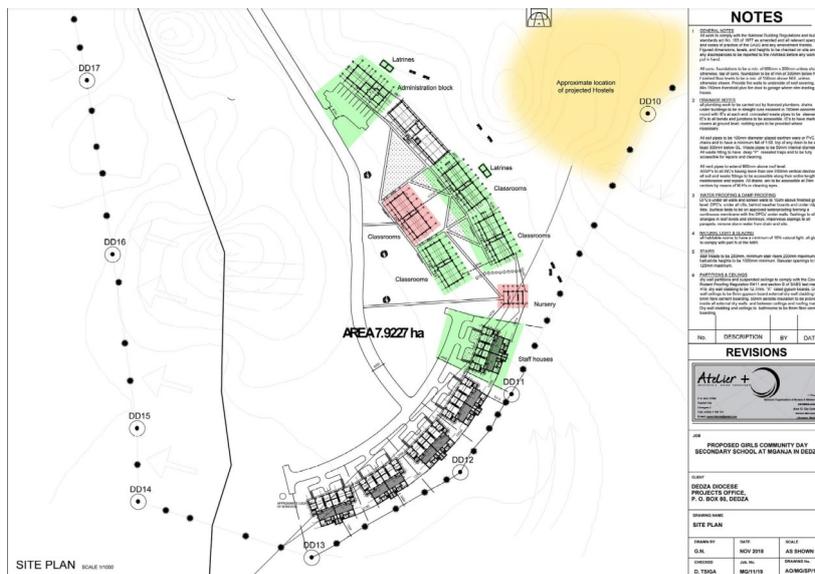
Progress

The administration block, 3 school blocks of 2 classrooms each and 1 housing block of two staff houses have been built by now. The last school block of 2 classrooms and the baby nursery are under construction and fully financed. For phase 3 we are now in need of funding for girls’ hostels and staff houses.

¹ Although fees are low, a fund for needy students has been opened (paid for by well-wishers and in the further future funded by the government and local non-governmental organisations).

Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School – Progress

Arrival container with furniture	✓	September 2018
Land acquisition	✓	June 2019
First borehole	✓	August 2019
Finalizing tender	✓	November 2019
Road construction	✓	December 2019
Official Lease of the land	✓	March 2020
Administration block	✓	August 2020
Block 1 of 2 classrooms	✓	August 2020
Latrines	✓	August 2020
Block 1 of 2 staff houses	✓	December 2020
Arrival 2 containers with furniture and learning materials	✓	February 2021
OPENING FORM 1	✓	March 2021
Second borehole	✓	April 2021
Solar electricity	✓	May 2021
Block 2 of 2 classrooms	✓	June 2021
Block 3 of 2 classrooms	✓	June 2021
15 latrines including disability toilet	✓	June 2021
Nursery block	Under construction	
Block 4 of 2 classrooms	Under construction	
Block 2 of 2 staff houses	Fundraising	
Girls' hostel	Fundraising	



Sitemap. Green buildings: ready and in use. Red buildings: under construction. Yellow: location for hostels.

Handing over of classrooms, June 2021:



RESOURCES

Material resources

- 1 A piece of land at the centre of Mganja region, consisting of 7,9 hectares, has been acquired in the name of Dedza Diocese. The Malawi Government has granted a lease of land for 99 years.
- 2 Two boreholes have been drilled on site.
- 3 An architect's office has designed a master plan and building plans.
- 4 A successful tender has been done with 5 contractors. The contract with the winning contractor has been signed December 9, 2019, under provision of succeeding in raising the funds.
- 5 Furniture for the school has been donated and shipped to Malawi and is stored at the school.
- 6 Construction of the first block of 2 classrooms and the administration building started end of February 2020. These buildings were ready for use in August 2020. Construction of two staff houses followed and was completed in December 2020. Construction of 2 more blocks of class rooms and toilets started in December 2020. They were handed over in June 2021.

Solar installation May 2021:



Human resources

Many people are involved in this project:

- The project is headed by a Task Force consisting of Father Isaac Mwazambumba as chair person, members being the Parish Priest, the Diocesan Educational Manager and the Diocesan Treasurer, 2 members of Nazareth Foundation and 2 community members, appointed by the local chiefs.
- Several people in the Netherlands and Germany have committed themselves to raise funds.
- The Ministry of Education, the District Commissioner, Traditional Authority Kachindamoto and the local authorities have endorsed and embraced the project and are all working together with us.
- Teachers have been appointed and are being paid by the Malawian government.
- The local community is assisting with their labour.

Drilling of second borehole April 2021:



Fundraising PHASE 3

We are raising funds by submitting project proposals to donor organisations and foundations in the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, the U.S.A. and Malawi. The GF Goeldner Foundation was founded in Germany for the purpose of raising money for the Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School. In the Netherlands Stichting Nazareth Foundation Malawi is the organisation to raise funds. So far 20 organisations are working together with us on this project.

At present we are fundraising for Phase 3: **staff houses and girls’ hostels**. The construction of more staff houses will be done in the same design as the semi detached staff house (2 houses) already built and can be started by our contractor as soon as we have funding available.

Girls’ hostels

Together with our contractor we made a design for a girls’ hostel that will be build on the school premises. The hostel will have six rooms with bunk beds. Each room can contain 6 or 8 girls. The hostel can house between 36 and 48 girls. Toilets and showers will be in the same building. A cooking area for the girls is also foreseen.



Budget plan PHASE 3 Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School in Euro
Based on exchange rate of 1 Euro = 900 Kwacha

Building	Cost according to quotation PBM	Available	Remaining for fundraising
1 girls’ hostel preliminaries and external works included	50.682	0	50.682
1 semi detached staff house (2 houses) 2 x kitchen & pit latrine preliminaries and external works included	86.284	0	86.284
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TOTAL in Euro	223.250	0	223.250

BUDGET SO FAR

Total overview of expenditure Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School PHASE 1 December 31st, 2020

What	MK	Euro - 847	Capital goods	Other costs
Land	20.872.000	24.642	24.642	
Task Force	1.489.300	1.758		1.758
Nazareth	822.585	971		971
Elephant grass	3.200.000	3.778	3.778	
Dedza Diocese	2.582.559	3.049		3.049
Architect	3.120.000	3.683	3.683	
Legal fees	615.000	726		726
PBM Construction*	164.892.384	194.677	194.677	
Bank costs	185.200	218		218
Unaccounted for	196.219	231		231
Total	197.975.247	233.733	226.780	6.953
		100%	97 %	3 %

*First Phase Contract in MK	MK contract	MK as executed
1 classroom block (2 class rooms)	38.892.909	39.047.743
1 administration block	39.020.951	38.995.233
1 semi detached staff house (2 houses) 2 x kitchen & pit latrine	36.193.309 19.093.845	36.943.770 19.855.005
access road, external works. pit latrines, water soak pits, preliminaries, NCIC Levy	41.468.795	30.050.633
In Malawian Kwacha	174.669.809	164.892.384
In Euro	218.337	206.115

Budget plan PHASE 2 Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School in Euro

Based on exchange rate of 1 Euro = 847 Kwacha

Building	Cost	Available	Remaining	Construction time
2nd block of 2 classrooms	55.134,48	55.134,48	0	December 2020 – May 2021
3rd block of 2 classrooms	55.134,48	55.134,48	0	January 2021 – May 2021
Toilets and toilets for special needs	37.474,03	37.474,03	0	January 2021 – May 2021
External works	5.381,68	5.381,68	0	January until end of construction Phase 2
4th block of 2 classrooms	55.134,48	55.134,48	0	June 2021 – October 2021
Nursery block	25.743,40	25.743,40	0	June 2021 – October 2021
TOTAL in Euro	234.002,55	234.002,55	0	

Overview of donations in Euro

Donations Phase 1	230.854,00
Donations Phase 2	248.857,06
TOTAL in Euro	479.711,06

Timetable

	March 2021	Opening of Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School Form 1, single stream (1 class – 50 girls)
2021 2023	January – December	Fundraising Construction according to available funds
2022	January	Start Form 2 Form 1, double stream (3 classes in total – 150 girls)
2022	November	Start Form 3 Form 2, double stream Form 1, double stream (5 classes in total – 250 girls)
2023	September	Start Form 4 Form 3, double stream Form 2, double stream Form 1, double stream (7 classes in total – 350 girls)
2024	September	8 classes – 400 girls

Several organisations are working together on this project:

	Name and address of organisation	Previous experience development projects	Relationship beneficiaries	Responsibility
1	Diocese of Dedza Projects Committee Father Isaac Mwazambumba P.O. Box 80 Dedza – Malawi	A lot of experience with development projects, fundraising, building, maintaining and governance	The school is part of a parish that belongs to Dedza Diocese	Project Legal Holder; Owner of the land and buildings; Chair person of Task Force
2	Nazareth Sister Josefa Ng'ona Jemusi Village, Mganja Dedza - Malawi Tel: 00 265 995 225 384	Nazareth Irrigation system for women's organic garden project	Nazareth is part of the community and villages for which the school is intended.	Initiator of the project; Member of Task Force
3	Nazareth Foundation Drs. Ineke Hendrickx The Netherlands www.malawivillage.nl	- Nazareth Irrigation system for women's organic garden project - building of 2 houses and solar water system	Ineke is part of the community for 6 to 8 months each year	Secretary to Task Force; Fundraising
4	GF Goeldner Foundation Dr. Markus Goeldner Germany www.goeldnerfoundation.com	Lawyer and Notary	Visiting Mganja every year	Fundraising in Germany

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