



SCHOOL PROJECT COMMENCES

A Full Primary School
Under Construction

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On 29th March 2023, MATCH Foundation commenced the construction of a model primary school at Mzungu village (Airwing) Lilongwe. This marked the beginning of a 4 months project funded by Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg, Germany. The school will comprise of standard 1-8 classrooms, a library, football ground, 2 Tennis courts, office building and changing rooms. The school will also be powered by solar as well as fresh water from borehole.

The Guest of honor on this day was the president of Aschaffenburg Rotary club, Dr. Michael Bargl and his wife Susanne. Other authorities present were the executive director of MATCH Foundation, T/A Njewa, the Member of Parliament honorable Ching'onga, Lilongwe Rural West Education Division Manager, GVH Mzungu and different chiefs of the surrounding area. The event was spiced up with traditional dances such as gule wamkulu, chiterera and local musical from mother groups. The school is expected to open its doors to students in September this year.



MASO PASTSOGOLO - CREATING INNOVATIVE CHANGEMAKERS

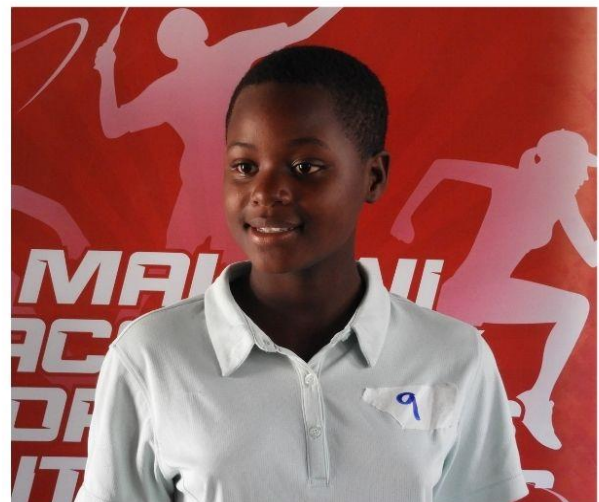


Maso Patsogolo project funded by the U.S. Embassy in Malawi strives to contribute to psycho social well-being among youths (15 years and above) through purposeful educational life skills training and sports mentoring. It is all about having a new mindset to become creative innovators to solve communities' needs.

The project is being implemented in 11 secondary schools in Lilongwe district, this last quarter the project was implemented in the following schools are Lilongwe girls Secondary School, Mkwichi and Mitundu Secondary schools. The topics among others include, goal setting, my vision board, self-assessments, as well as writing personal development plans. Mentees are equipped with knowledge about skills matching in relation to their personalities and also to identify their skills and abilities for innovative purposes.

FIRST SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE

After a successful completion of the first cohort of After-School Reading Program, management at MATCH Foundation organized its very first Spelling Bee competition. A total of 24 children qualified for the challenge. The contestants were divided into two main groups; beginner level and advanced level. At the end of it all; six children emerged as winners. From advanced group Austen Galimoto, Sten Joseph and Michael Banda became 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. As for the beginner group; Christina Beni, Liness Phiri and Lorent Greyson won first, second and third places. Winners went away with Shoprite shopping vouchers, reading books and coloring books with crayons. It was a colorful event and all the children got to learn how to spell words in the English Language. We look forward to another Spelling Bee for the 2nd cohort.





MATCH HOSTS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The first quarter of the year, our tennis tournament gave a chance for the under 10s and 12s to shine. On Friday, 3rd March, 46 children took part in the tournament. From under 12 girls' category; Faith Kholoma defeated Chimwemwe Louis (6-2) in the finals to win the championship. While Ruth Thomas took third place after she defeated Emily Kabango (6-4). In the girls under 10, Yankho Khamula, Tazirwa Shumba and Ethel Nyirenda won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



There was stiff competition in the under 12 boys' category as Frank Chagoma won the first place position after he defeated Chifundo Louis (6-5). Imran Ibrahim defeated Lorent Greyson (6-4) to clinch third place. Boys under 10 winners were Benjamin Phiri, James Santhe and Antony Charles. This coming quarter, we are expecting fireworks from the U14 and U16 categories.

MATCH KIDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

On 29th April the foundation conducted cleaning activities in Mtandire market. Through this activity; the children were encouraged to give back to their community. Many residents of Mtandire including the market leaders were impressed by this activity and commended the children for making time to clean the market. Our goal through this activity is that MATCH kids will grow as servant leaders as well as members of the community that take ownership of their surroundings.

GIRLS' DAY OUT



In commemoration for International Women's Day, MATCH Foundation organized a fun Girls Day. A total of 72 girls participated in this event. The aim of the program was to have an interaction between with the girls and encourage them spiritually as well as to be able to remain in sporting activities.

Our special guest on this particular day was Rabecca Hami who gave a biblical teaching to the girls. We played different local games like Ndado, Fish-Fish, Njinga, and Filabo. Refreshments and snacks were served to the girls. At the end of the program, every girl received a new dress. A big shout out to an anonymous generous lady who provided these dresses.