

**TIYENDE PAMODZI** *Let's Walk Together*  
**GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL MALAWI**  
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Secondary School

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**SUBJECT: Update July 2020**  
**TIYENDE PAMODZI GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL**



Dear all,

We are happy to be able to show you the progress of the construction of our Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School. The two buildings of phase A are almost finished. In the next few weeks only painting, glazing and some finishing touches will be needed for the buildings to be ready for use.



Construction of the latrines is now in progress. Roofs are finished. The roof of the classroom block has sky lights to give our students more light during classes. The roof of the administration block is supposed to have solar panels in the near future so no skylights on that building.

Drainage, ramps for disabled persons, the buildings will be completed well and in a thoroughly manner. So far we are very satisfied with the performance of our contractor PBM Construction. The photographs have been taken on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### Administration block:



### Classroom block:



### Covid-19 Pandemic

The first Covid-19 cases in Malawi have been reported at the beginning of April 2020. For the first few months few cases were reported, most of them were Malawians coming home from other countries, especially South-Africa and Tanzania. It did not affect our construction works. Recently numbers have started to rise. The situation is getting more dangerous and insecure. All schools have been closed since April. As of today it is uncertain when they will open again. For our project this means, at present, the following.

We will be able to finish construction of phase A (administration block and two classrooms) according to plan in July 2020. But because of the Covid-19 situation we are facing some questions that we are unable to answer at present. Will schools be able to open again before September? If so, will schools have to finish the still ongoing school year first, meaning a new school year will not start in September but later in the year? We are waiting for new guidelines on Covid-19 for Malawi that will be set by the new government. Which brings us to the next subject.

### **A new president, a new government for Malawi**

New Malawian presidential elections took place on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The elections of 2019 had been successfully contested and annulled, so new elections were ordered by the courts of Malawi. 58,5% of the Malawian voters have chosen Dr. Lazarus Chakwera for president. He is the leader of the Malawian Congress Party, and also of Tonse Alliance, a political alliance of almost all the opposition parties. He was sworn in on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of June and inaugurated on July 5, 2020.

His new government is dedicated to fight corruption, work hard for development and work together with the people in unity. In his first week of government several actions in this direction have already been taken. This gives us confidence that our project will be met with continuing support from the government side, maybe even more so than before.

### **Progress and finances**

Construction so far has been done within the budget as agreed in our contract with PBM Construction. The next phase of the project will be a semi-detached double staff house. We hope to start construction in September/October, depending on available funding. Our contractor is ready to continue with the next building at any time.

At present we are in communication with several possible co-funding partners. At the end of June we have also sent project plans to several German donor organisations with an appeal to co-fund the project. We keep searching for other opportunities and will keep you updated.

We keep on fund raising, networking with government offices, and preparing our school and school grounds, as much as is possible within the restrictions that come with the Covid-19 pandemic. We fervently hope that the pandemic will be under control soon, so that lives can be saved, and our Task Force will be able to continue our work with full force.

Kind regards,

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