

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



Dear all,

We are pleased to announce that our contractor has handed over the two classrooms and the administration block of our Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School to the Diocese of Dedza. Although the handover had to be done without the village girls that will be our students (because of the Covid-19 regulations of the Malawian government) it was a very happy occasion!



Further construction

We are also glad to share the news that we have already started the construction of two staff houses (one semi-detached house). Mid-August it became clear that two donors were so kind to bring forward their commitment to help our school so the necessary amount was reached more early than expected. This was very fortunate because the contractor did not have to leave the site and was able to continue working. The contractor wants to work quickly to avoid the rains that will start in November. This means the whole work of this first block of two staff houses could be finished by December or the beginning of January.

Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School – Progress		
Land acquisition	√	June 2019
Finalizing tender	√	November 2019
Road construction	√	December 2019
Official Lease of the land	√	March 2020
Administration block	√	August 2020
1 block of 2 classrooms	√	August 2020
Latrines	√	August 2020
1 block of 2 staff houses	Under construction	

Opening of the school

The government of Malawi has recently come up with a structured plan for re-opening of schools in Malawi. The new academic year will start January 4, 2021 (instead of September 2020) if all goes as planned. This means that the Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School will be able to receive its first batch of Form 1 students in January 2021.

So, from now on we will concentrate our efforts on being ready for the opening of our school in January 2021. We will continue our communications with the Ministry of Education about staff, curriculum and materials.

Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School

Our vision to open a school that combines the Secondary School curriculum with the teaching of skills is, more than ever, proving to be necessary and desirable. Lately the education of girls got a lot of attention in the Malawian media. Because schools were closed (as a Covid-19 measure) many girls have become pregnant and are dropping out of school completely. Nationwide this is seen as a major concern. In our region our Traditional Authority, TA Kachindamoto, has taken up this issue. She has dissolved under age marriages and ordered all girls, also when pregnant, to go back to school.

The Minister of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, Patricia Kaliati, has pronounced the necessity of teaching skills to young girls. We intend to look for dialogue with both TA Kachindamoto and the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare to see how we can work together in developing programmes that keep girls in school and include both the Secondary School curriculum and the development of skills for girls.

Covid-19 situation

The prevalence of Covid-19 in Malawi is stable and even curving downwards. The number of positive cases in September so far is very low, the number of deaths stable at a total of 176. The government has put in place strict measures for the re-opening of schools. We will continue our work within the restrictions as upheld by the Malawian government.

Kind regards,

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