

TIYENDE PAMODZI *Let's Walk Together*
GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL MALAWI
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**SUBJECT: Update December 2021
TIYENDE PAMODZI GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL**



- Official opening Friday January 14th, 2022
- All classrooms finished
- Nursery block finished
- Water system under construction
- Fundraising staff houses and girls' hostels

Dear all,

2021 has been a successful year for Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School. At the start of the Academic Year on January 4th, 2022 we will have both Form 1 and Form 2, amounting to 135 girls. It's time to have the school officially opened. **We have planned a festive opening ceremony on Friday January 14th, 2022.** Preparations have already started. The Right Reverend Bishop Peter A. Chifukwa of Dedza Diocese will say Holy Mass at the premises and bless the school. Guests of Honour will do the opening act. Soon our invitations to this ceremony will be sent.



A lot of good things have happened to our Tiyende Pamodzi Girls Secondary School. In the last few months we have finished the construction of block 4 of classrooms and the nursery block. We are currently constructing the water tower. The access road to the school grounds is being renovated. And soon the school will open for the new Academic Year with the girls of Form 1 going into Form 2 and a hundred new girls in Form 1. The progress we are making on the grounds is visible in the pictures above, taken by Matthews Hau-Hau from the sky when he was paragliding above the school.

1. Block 4 of classrooms

Our contractor has finished construction of block 4 of classrooms. This means all our classrooms are now ready for use. Three classrooms are for Form 1 and Form 2 students. One classroom has been furnished as a temporary science lab, another one as a sewing room and one for storage of the remaining furniture.



Block 4 of classrooms



Block 4 rear side



Temporary science room

2. Nursery block

Construction of the nursery block went smoothly and was finished in November. Next to the building are two water basins that will be connected to the new water system by the end of December. The Nursery will be open for the children of our students starting from January 4, 2022. The Board of Governors has decided that children of neighbouring villages will be allowed to attend nursery school there too. Five women who were already experienced volunteering nursery school teachers have gone through an official Early Childhood Development course in November 2021. Some of them will be employed teachers and caregivers in our nursery.



Nursery block seen at the front



Nursery block seen from the side



Nursery block inside

3. Water system

Three different donor organisations, Formidable Joy, Sopowerful and Wilde Ganzen have joined forces to provide our school with water tanks and a closed water system with taps at every building and connected to the nursery and staff houses. Construction has started. The community has been digging the trenches for the piping covering over 500 meters.



Piping for the water system



Checking the borehole with Formidable Joy



With Cindee Road from Formidable Joy and an interested villager

4. Fundraising girls hostels and staff houses

We are currently raising funds for more staff houses and for girls hostels. Construction of more staff houses is urgent. We will need more teachers because we will have more students. These academically trained teachers need better houses than the small village huts they can find in Mganja. To keep attracting teachers and for the Ministry of Education to keep sending them and paying their wages it is necessary for us to be able to offer our teachers staff houses.

Around 30% of our students live too far away to commute on a daily basis. These girls look for accommodation in the villages surrounding the school but this is not a safe environment for young and vulnerable girls. We have designed hostels that can accommodate 48 girls each and have toilets, showers and a cooking area. We are fundraising for the hostels in The Netherlands, Germany and Malawi.

5. Other

A Board of Governors has been appointed by the Bishop of Dedza. Part of the members are experienced teachers and caregivers. The Chairperson of the Parents-Teacher-Association has also a seat in the Board. The Board of Governors had its first meeting at the end of September 2021.

The school received a donation from Wheels4Life. This is an American non profit charity that provides bicycles to people in great need of transportation. With their donation we were able to buy 48 bicycles for students of our school that have to walk really far to reach school every day.

Our access road was tentatively constructed in December 2019 by a big shovel machine. Since then we have experienced that during the rainy season this road gives problems at several places. Currently we are fixing these spots in a durable way.



Board of Governors



Furniture staff room



Transport of bicycles

It is incredible how much we have been able to realise in only two years time because of your generous support. Another hundred girls will be the recipients of all that we have achieved together. For these girls, it is their only chance for a better future.

Thank you so much!

Kind regards,

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