



STATEMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI



The Malawi Government strongly supports the implementation by the Moravian Church projects at Dzaleka aimed at alleviating poverty levels of vulnerable refugees who have been victims of protracted crises. These efforts are also commended as they also target the hosts communities of Dowa District. Current statistics indicates there are more than 39,000 refugees at Dzaleka Refugee Camp with majority of new arrivals fleeing protracted conflicts in DR Congo and other countries from the great lakes Region. The Government alone cannot fully address all the demands and needs but through working in collaboration with stakeholders such as the Moravian Church ensures that more and more

refugees and host communities are reached out with social and economic services for their livelihood integration and social wellbeing.

As Government we believe that the displaced people need more than just basic protection and support. They need to be allowed to maintain dignity through education, worth creation, shelter, self sufficiency; among many livelihood and social service needs. They need hope for the future.

That is why the Malawi Government:

- Commends the huge efforts of various partners including Moravian Church in supporting refugees and host communities
- Commends the church for the already established magnificent Community Based Childcare Centre (CBCC) that serves more than 1000 children
- believes the support from international community to Moravian Church must continue and move beyond just life-saving assistance to investments in education, social enterprises, food and food security and support for economic development services;
- firmly reinforces the right to protection for individuals fleeing conflict, violence or persecution at the first opportunity.

The Government of Malawi acknowledges and appreciates support by the Moravian Church in Malawi to the Refugees and host communities.

We therefore appeal to individuals and institutional donors for more support to ensure quality and dignified life for the refugees and host communities in Malawi.

Reading this brochure, provides an insight of enriching work and services that the church has already started undertaking for the refugee and host community's support. I hope this will be more inspiring and stimulate more support from individual and institutional donors. As government we will rally behind this cause and continue providing necessary support.

Thank you.

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INTEGRATED EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT (IECD) SUPPORT

From September 2017 after completion of construction of the Community Based Childcare Center (CBCC) at Dzaleka Refugee Camp, the church scaled up its activities focusing on supporting children who are from refugee parents/guardians and those from the host communities. The criteria of supported children are; orphans, vulnerable and very vulnerable children who are refugees and those from the host community. The age of children targeted are 3 - 6 years and are not enrolled to any kindergarten services traditionally provided in the camp and are of any religious conviction. There are more than 5000 children of ages between 3 to 8 years and more than half of these can't access school services due to high congestion at the schools in the camp. Currently the Moravian CBCC is enrolling 300 children out of more than 2500 children whose parents/guardian's frequently ask for admission.



The following are the services that the CBCC provides as support to children;

Child Feeding Program

Every school day, children are given food mostly Fortified Porridge and occasionally rice with either beef or beans and vegetables. Since the center is situated in vicinity of all other children in the camp and are not enrolled due to space and resources, the center occasionally lets other children also join and receive food and play with their peers.



The occasional food provided to children are also given to mothers especially those pregnant and lactating. During such meals more than 500 children and more than 100 mothers come to partake. However, it is always not enough to meet the demand.

The porridge is only given to children learning at the center and is prepared by volunteer mothers and fathers who comes in shifts every day of the week. Provision of porridge to children helps improve attendance, improves

Child Play Ground

The playground with different play materials including balls, assorted toys are integral child friendly play materials for an ensured child care center. Children at the Moravian CBCC enjoy every bit of their moment and helped Spiritually, mentally/morally, physically and above all psychologically because of the free services they acquire. Their parents live a relieved life when their children are at school and they are productive and able to fetch in order to fend for their families. Due to high population of children at the center, the materials are over used and its life span reduced. Much as these play materials are used by generic children, in some instances especially during weekends and holidays the center is open for general children who come to play



Water Sanitation Hygiene WASH

There is one functional bore hole that supplies water for center use, children use, also for surrounding homes' use. The WASH component requires a lot of resources though. Because for only one bore hole it is not enough to supply water for as many as 500 people as it is at the moment. There is a lot of congestion due to high demand for safe and potable water. Due to high number of children there is a lot of pressure on the few toilets available.



Shelter Support

Some refugees are very very vulnerable especially widows with a lot of sad stories to narrate on how they lost their husbands to glue some incidences. The case of Millel with her three young daughters and her young sisters leaves a lot to be desired. When they arrived in Malawi they had nothing with them apart from life. When they were allocated land as a practice new arrivals at the camp it was a misery as Millel had nothing to put on the land other than a plastic paper that is traditionally offered to them as a temporal shelter. A house was built and she together with her children and siblings have now joy at last. However there are more and more women of such a situation and needs urgent support to settle



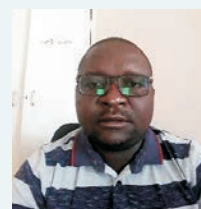
Pre-Christmas Party

Two Pre-Christmas parties were organized in order to celebrate together with children. The first party involved an end of school term party with children at the CBCC and the second party was for various children in the camp. More than 1000 children enjoyed food, soft drinks and juices and also playing on Jumping castles, face painting and trampoline's.

More Support is needed: School Uniforms for children, more food assistance is needed for children, more play materials are needed for children, clothing for many other children are needed especially second hand clothes including shoes.



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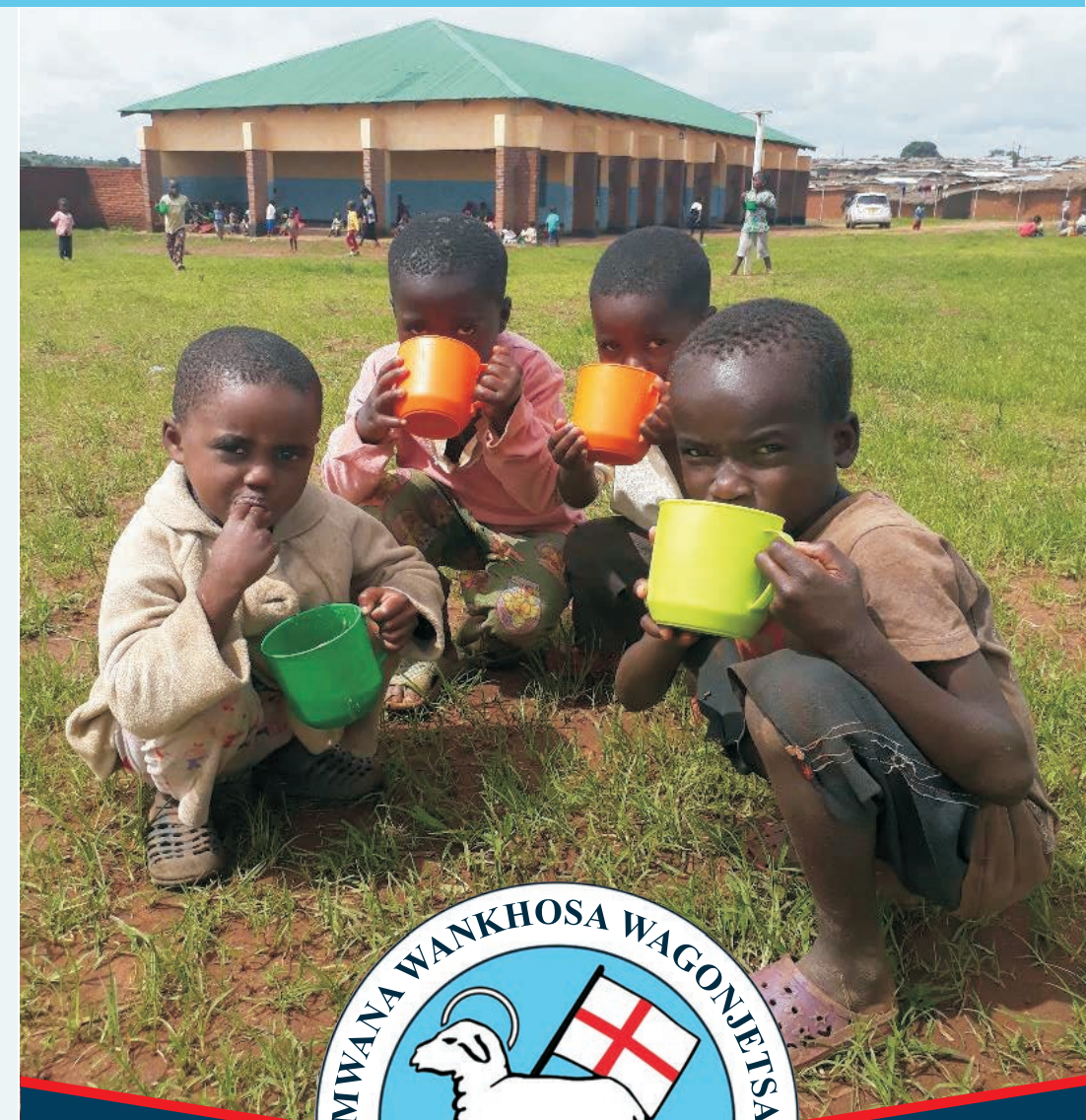
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REFUGEE SUPPORT PROGRAM IN MALAWI

