

NYASALAND CHARITY FOUNDATION

1. PROJECT SUMMARY

The project is covering T.A Mulumbe but in three Group Village headmen; M'beluwa, Sikamu and Kaunde to be specific. The project was identified to be the priority for support to the community beneficiaries in the areas of socio-economic development. One of the top problems affecting the community is the chain of poverty and vulnerability which arise due to several factors that have remained unresolved for a long period.

The main objective of the project in the long term is to alleviate the impacts of poverty and make vulnerability a history by introducing a number of interventions. The "Kwakwana Project" will cover a number of activities like supporting orphans and other vulnerable children in terms of health, and education and ensuring that they are free from VAEN issues. It will promote youth development and empower them by giving them technical skills. Support the disabled and end the discrimination that the elderly and the disabled are facing, and not forget to end the chain of poverty and make vulnerability history by teaching the targeted people Financial literacy, Business management, and how to save the little they have by introducing Village savings and loans to the community so that they will be able to be independent and support their families.

2. ORGANIZATION PROFILE

The project started its operations on 10th August 2016; however, this was done with locally sourced materials. It should also be noted that, it targeted various people, especially from the said group village headmen, and it was the village headmen and headwomen who patronized it. However, its operations were just basic, due to a lack of funding.

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(A.) PROBLEM STATEMENT

The area under T.A Malumbe is affected by the chain of poverty, the elderly and the disabled face discrimination, whereas the widows are failing to pick up the pieces together after the death of their breadwinners. This in turn weighs heavy on the orphaned children. This is one of the factors that has led the orphans to drop out of school, due to lack of school fees and school materials which make unproductive youths thereby increasing the level of poverty and making it hard to end. The youths in

these areas do lack empowerment in various spheres of life and they end up doing unacceptable behaviors in the community.

Poor education outcomes have been a serious problem in our community, especially for those children living as orphans, in child-headed households, with HIV, with adults with no education, and children living in households that ranked bottom in terms of wealth. This is so because the situation makes them to stay away from their academic practices then they compromise their education outcomes.

(B.) RATIONALE

The project is very important as it will help to build capacity of the youths and thereby becoming very production to the community. In addition to that, empowering the elderly and the widows for them to be independent enough to support the OVCs and their families by teaching them how to manage their finances, by saving their money, as well as teaching them business management for them to start businesses and do a lot of income generating activities like farming. The project will further improve issues of sanitation, and nutrition as well as mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS and avoid the new spread of HIV/AIDS by teaching them health issues in care groups so that we will have a healthy community for us to work together without setbacks on health issues. As a sustainable Foundation, we want to build a permanent shelter that will act as a library where the youths will be able to access motivational books and other books that focus on how to be successful and raise money. We will also use the building as one of the centers for youth friendly where they can share experiences and learn a lot of things on how to prevent HIV and AIDS.

Nyasaland Charity Foundation is the best-suited organization to implement this project since the function falls under it as we have been working in the said community close to three years now, and we know better how our community operates and thinks.

(C.) PROJECT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The main goal of the project is to break the chain of poverty and vulnerability trap plus empower the community to solve the problems on their own.

The specific objectives of the project include;

1. To promote commercial farming.

2. To give hope to the hopeless children and beneficiaries.
3. To mitigate the impact of orphanhood.
4. Increasing awareness and access to health information and structure intervention to orphans and other vulnerable children.
5. Improving the well-being and livelihoods of the community.

(D.) PROJECT OUTCOMES RESULTS

- The primary outcome is that in our community there will be household and livelihood empowerment (food and agriculture, environment and social protection plus emergency response.)
- A lot of orphans and other vulnerable children will be able to finish their education.
- Information will be readily available to the needy.
- Community to be trained in village savings and loans plus Market linkage and financial literacy.

We strive to make partnerships that every orphan and other vulnerable child plus widows and disabled have the right to benefit equally.

(E.) PROJECT OUTPUTS

The project will strive to produce self-reliant beneficiaries by producing transformative beneficiaries who will be able to use their brains and vocational skills gained to change the syndrome of overdependence. This means that the project intends to moving beneficiaries from food beggars to producers and sellers. The project's vision and mission is to change the mindset, so that the beneficiaries can influence others or their communities to change for the better.

(F.) PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The "Kwakwana Project" has outlined a number of activities to be implemented in the three Group Village Headmen. The activities are as follows:

- Training of officers that will be holding various positions in the organization, for instance field facilitators, evaluation monitors and volunteers.
- Providing financial literacy and business management to the targeted individuals, such as village savings and loans, small and medium enterprises etc.
- Teaching beneficiaries commercial farming, like fish farming, irrigation schemes and chicken farming.
- Building resource centers, where the youths will be learning technical and vocational skills like carpentry, brick laying, electrical installation (solar installation) etc.
- Introducing nutritional programs to the orphaned children that are underfed.
- Providing school fees, school materials and all the necessary materials to the children that are destitute, but they are eager to go further with their academic endeavors.
- Providing living shelters to those people that are in abject poverty.

These activities will target all the beneficiaries, because the main focus of the organization is to produce a transformative society or community which will use the skills acquired to change their families financially and academically.

(G.) TARGETED BENEFICIARIES

The project will be targeting people in various categories, ranging from those people that are vulnerable, especially widows, the elderly, orphans, youths and those people that are physically challenged like the disabled. The project has targeted the said group of people, because a thorough research and analysis by our organization have discovered that these people in the three group village headmen have so many issues in common. And one of these is the lack of financial literacy to sustain their day-to-day endeavors. Over and above that, poverty is the most serious disease amongst the beneficiaries. The “Kwakwana Project’s” team is confident that after dishing out the necessary technical and vocational skills to them, these people will be able to live an independent life.

(H.) RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The project has already put in place mechanisms to deal with the challenges that may crop up in the process. This has been made possible, because our team will be working hand-in-hand with the

beneficiaries and also their village headmen/women. For instance, there have been issues of theft of produce in the irrigation schemes in the past decades. These schemes were introduced by the villagers some years ago, but are not operating now due to theft. Conflict amongst the beneficiaries themselves and the withdrawal of other targeted beneficiaries due to various problems. Nevertheless, the project has already chosen a group of individuals with capabilities and expertise, for instance we have a team of people that are very competent in conflict resolution. The project has also come up with security measures to protect the produce in the irrigation schemes. As the project will be in progress our officers will also devise ways of curbing the withdrawal of beneficiaries.

(F.) PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

The project will strive to cultivate skills to the targeted beneficiaries that will help them in the future even though the project phases out. One of these skills commercial farming, because Malawi is an agro-based society. Over and above that, as already alluded in the above project will be providing both formal and informal education; because our team believes that knowledge is power, and for every society to develop it needs knowledge. Actually, our team believes in teaching people technical and vocational skills, rather than dishing out handouts to the beneficiaries, because some of them will use these handouts to their own disadvantage. The project carried out research on why some of the previous projects were not sustainable and we discovered a lot of issues and we are ready to deal with them accordingly. In simple terms the project will approach the businesses differently for them to be sustainable.

(.G) CONSIDERING OF CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

A thorough analysis and research by our team have shown that, there are a couple of issues which are very common to the beneficiaries. These issues are a chain of poverty to all the targeted individuals. This is the root of the other problems, such as school drop out of youths, early marriages for the young girls and also malnutrition for the orphaned children. In addition to that, there is also another problem of lack of formal and informal education for the targeted individuals. In spite of all these issues, the project has outlined a number of interventions to implemented like the building of libraries and resource centers in order to reach out to the beneficiaries and thereby reducing the chain of poverty.

(K.) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Our field facilitators together with the volunteers (community service committees) to be recruited will be going around to assess the progress and the impact of the activities being implemented in the three group village headmen. They will be assessing the impact of the project to the communities at large and also at an individual level. The sole purpose of carrying out monitoring and evaluation processes is to familiarize ourselves if the objectives and goals of the organization, which have been outlined above are very transformative within a targeted period of time, and also if they are positively impacting the society. The project will also be changing some of the issues that will not be helpful to the communities at large. However, the assessment will be conducted by both the officers and the village headmen/women, so that together we can agree on some of the issues to be removed or amended.