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A REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION OF PROTECTIVE FOR COVID-19 EQUIPMENT TO THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

BACKGROUND

Covid-19 is a pandemic that has affected the whole world and currently there are 22,662,731 coronavirus cases with 707,428 deaths. Malawi is not exceptional and the recent report shows that there are 5193 cases with 163 deaths. Tsogolo la Ana school center is not spared as it also registered 1 case who has just recovered. It is against this background that Open Hearts Germany assisted Tsogolo la Ana Organisation with money amounting MK 3,529, 000 to buy protective equipment for the children and their families of Tsogolo school center.

PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

Buckets and materials for sewing the face masks were bought. Initial planning was to involve parents to sew the face masks for their families but this did not work because the number of parents was big and it could be difficult to keep a safe distance; it also transpired that over 90 percent of the community are illiterate and could not even hold a needle. In a meeting with the headmasters of the three schools nursery, primary and secondary it was agreed that tailors should be involved to sew the face masks. 10 tailors were identified.

Communication was made to the children and their parents through church gatherings since schools are still closed and almost all parents came to receive the preventative materials. Distribution was done on 29th July 2020.

HEALTH TALK

On the day of distribution a health worker from Mpemba clinic presented a talk to the parents on Covid-19 covering the following areas: What it is? How it is spread? How to prevent it? Parents were then advised to use the materials which they received effectively.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Tsogolo la Ana distributed 500 buckets and 10,220 face masks with soap to 730 children of Tsogolo school centre and their families. These materials are benefiting a total of 5110 beneficiaries.

IMPACT

1. The face masks are helping the children and their parents to cover their faces as one way of protecting themselves from coronavirus and or preventing the spread of coronavirus.
2. The buckets are used to store water for washing hands and in their homes they are placed outside at a place where every member of the family washes hands with soap regularly and all visitors are also advised to wash their hands before they enter into their home.

CONCLUSION

Tsogolo la Ana organisation, parents, students and teachers of Tsogolo school centre is very grateful to Open Hearts Germany for the kind gesture which has come at the right time when World Health Organisation is advising everyone to follow preventative measures of Covid-19 as one way of combating the virus.

[see photos on whatsapp].

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