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Dear Professor Cornelia

VOTE OF THANKS

We write this letter as an appreciation for the successes incurred by Tsogolo la Ana organisation in helping the orphans and vulnerable children of Malawi since the organization's encounter with Open Hearts Germany through you.

We are also very grateful that you introduced us to the abc foundation. The foundation has done a lot to assist our organisation reduce the illiteracy level in the Blantyre rural area of Mpemba. The abc foundation has constructed three schools in this area: a Kindergarten, which has been operational since 2014, an eight roomed public primary school which opened its doors to the learners in January 2016 and a four classroom community day secondary school with a library which due to open its doors to the learners very soon. All the classrooms are fully furnished with desks and learners books have been bought for the schools. We are failing to find the right words to express our gratitude for all this. The area where these schools have been built is in dire need of education, illiteracy level is just too high. Franz and Eva saw this for themselves when they were handing over the secondary school. (The chief's councilor could not even write his name on the handover documents). Enrolment at the kindergarten in 2014 was 65 but this year we have enrolled 87 children between the ages of three to five years. The first graduates from the kindergarten are now in standard two at the primary school.

The organisation has successfully educated 40 needy students every year since 2008 in the community day secondary schools of Namadidi and Muhasuwa through the education bursary from Open Hearts Germany. Eight of these were successfully granted a bursary to further their studies at Technical colleges. These are now useful citizens in their communities. They obtained tertiary certificates that have helped them get employment and help their relatives to go to school which would not have happened if they themselves had not had the opportunity to get educated. Apart from the education bursary, you also provide funding for the students to be exposed to various life skills that will help them get motivated in their school work and see a future in their lives. We cannot take this for granted. Although Tsogolo Ia Ana organisation is very small due to financial constraints, it has achieved a lot in reaching out to the orphans and vulnerable children in some selected districts of Malawi and has successfully made a very big impact towards the education sector; all this emanated from the time we got connected to you in 2007.

To all members of Open Hearts Germany and the abc foundation we would like to say that we are enjoying the relationship that we have with you. We have seen that the two organizations have great confidence in Tsogolo Ia Ana organisation; we are grateful for this. We will continue to put the assistance we get from you to the intended purpose and also remain accountable to you and our local board of directors so that as many Malawians as we can assist get the necessary education that is required for the orphaned and vulnerable child. You really have made an impact in the lives of the needy in the rural Malawi.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

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