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Dear **Brian,**

RE: REPORT FOR MICRO-LOAN AND SOLAR LAMPS PROJECTS

I am pleased to present a detailed report for the two microloan projects and Solar light Project that were funded by Malawi-Twinning Projects in this year of 2020. All projects have been well implemented and there has been an encouraging collaboration with church elders (Parish Executive Members).

Prior to the implementation of the projects, the news about the said projects was happily shared among the church leaders during the Parish Council Meeting who took the message to all 26 Churches within the Parish. So far, we have managed to fully implement the two microloan and the solar light projects and we are yet to give a full detailed report, in isolation, of Kanjinga Church Roofing Project within the next few weeks when all work is artistically done.

1. FISH, VEGETABLES, TOMATO AND ONION BUSINESS

So far, we have given hand-outs to a group of 32 women, 8 from each centre. Each of the 32 women has been offered a loan of MK27, 000.00 cash as a starter pack for their small scale business. We expect the beneficiaries to finish repaying their loan by the month of May, 2021. Thereafter, the funds will be loaned out to another new group of women. See some of the photos below showing some women receiving their loan:



Fr. Mkanda (Curate) arranging funds ready for distribution process



Women receiving their microloan funds



A seminarian giving money to a woman



Women gladly exposing their loan/funds



Fr. Cosmas (Left). Fr. Alfred (Middle) & Seminarian (Right) happily standing with their women

2. GOAT PASS-ON

We have identified 56 women, 14 in each centre. Twenty eight (28) she-goats have been distributed to twenty eight (28) women in the first line in all four zones and the 28 women in the second line of beneficiaries will be waiting for the birth of offspring from the first line.





3. SOLAR LIGHTS

The provision of solar lights to the local people in rural areas like Matumba is highly appreciated since 99% of Matumba Parishioners have no access to electricity. Matumba is in remotest rural area. With the provision of the solar lamps by the Malawi-Twinning Projects, will not only assist in the provision of light for the families but also for students from poor families to study during the dark hours. Hence, the solar lights are contributing quite a lot to the academic life of pupils and students in poor families. Attached are some of the photos of the beneficiaries of these solar lamps:





Old woman receiving her lamp after Sunday Mass @ Kabaifa out church



Fr. Alfred giving out a lamp to an old woman soon after 06:00am Mass



A widow



A widower

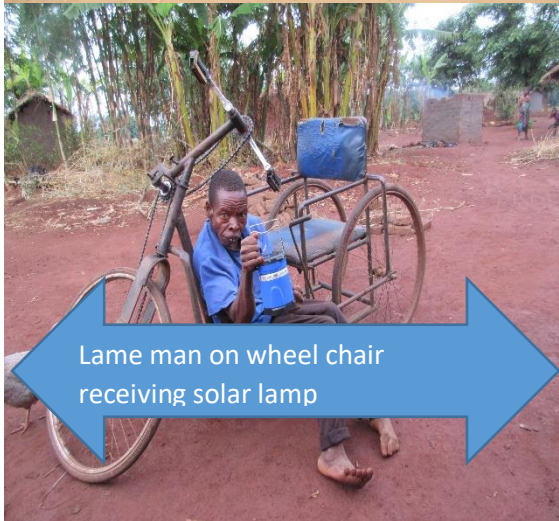


Widows with their solar lamps in hand





Poor women with solar lamps in their hands



Lame man on wheel chair receiving solar lamp



A widow



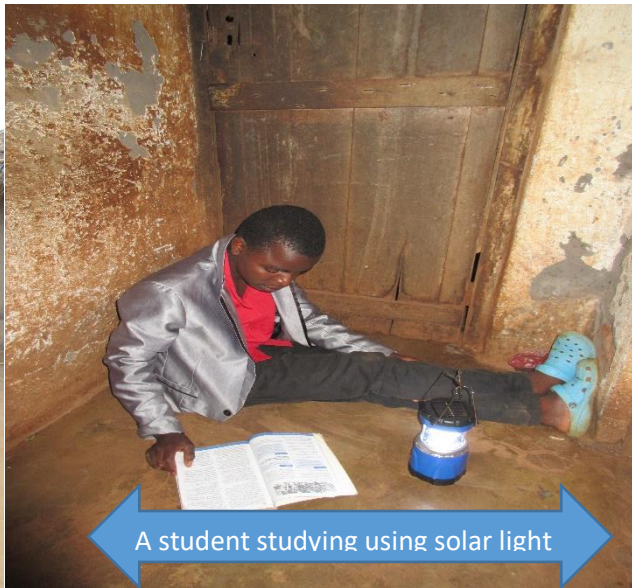
A woman with solar light in her hand



A student studving using solar lam



A woman with her baby at the back proudly carrying solar lamp



A student studying using solar light

We are sincerely grateful to the Malawi-Twinning Project for the support you are giving the women in Matumba Catholic Parish through the various microloan projects. This initiative is making a huge positive impact on the economy of our women and their families at large.

Finally, we wish the entire Malawi – Twin Team a merry Christmas and happy New Year 2021. May God guide and protect you all as you continue serving poor souls in Malawi.

With lots of prayers & gratitude,

Fr. Alfred

(Parish Priest)