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PHATA COOPERATIVE AWARDED

The National Planning Commission of Malawi awarded Phata Sugarcane Outgrowers Cooperative Society Limited for “positive impact on communities around Traditional Authority Maseya” The event took place at Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC) on 28th February 2020 during an official launch of the consultations for development of the successor of the “*The Vision 2020,*” under the theme “*Beyond inclusive envisioning to getting things done.*” Mr. G. Andersick, the chairman of the Farmers Committee and Mr. I. Bwanali, the Ex Chairperson received the award on behalf of the cooperative presented by His Excellency the State President of the Republic of Malawi Professor Arthur Peter Muthalika.



LAUNCH OF THE SHIRE VALLEY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

There was an official launch of Shire Valley Irrigation Programme Phase 1 at Chikwawa Community Centre Ground on 11th March 2020.

The project is for construction of high level canal that diverts some water from Shire River at Kapichira to Mwanza River to be used for irrigation of crops by farmers in the Shire Valley. Phata model is ranked the best to be adopted by communities targeted to benefit from the project. Phata Cooperative showcased some of its products on a pavilion. The event was organized by the Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Water Development and His Excellency the State President of the Republic of Malawi graced the occasion.



Sustainable Energy Project



Phata team during the visit to Kawandama



Charcoal production at Kawandama Hills Plantation



Just constructed charcoal kiln at Phata

Many people in Malawi depend on fuelwood and charcoal energy for cooking. Illegal charcoal production and trading has become a very serious threat to the forests and woodlands of the country; the problem is further compounded by firewood gathering which is a major source of tree removal in Malawi. The Phata Cooperative, after exploring several potential ideas thought to be sustainable, took the decision to investigate the process of charcoal production. It was agreed that forest destruction in Malawi and in the Shire Valley particularly had reached alarming levels due, in the main, to firewood collection for household cooking fuel, traditional charcoal production and traditional brick making. It was felt that if the Phata community could produce **their own charcoal from their own sustainable planted wood-lots** then this would be a first step in arresting deforestation and hopefully one day eliminating it all together.

The Phata charcoal project idea was based on several thoughts and ideas :-

- Phata could produce charcoal commercially in a sustainable manner.
- Phata had established wood-lots in most 'out of command areas' on the sugarcane farm. (Areas that were not suitable for sugarcane were planted to wood-lots)
- The wood-lots could be harvested at between three to four years of age. Trees would coppice quickly thereafter and regenerate themselves for the next harvest.
- Felled timber could be used both as a building material for Phata community members and the production of sustainable charcoal.
- Charcoal produced by Phata could be sold to members initially and then, as the project grew, to the community. Costs would be below traditionally produced charcoal.
- Most importantly indigenous trees would start to be protected.

Approximately 4kgs of raw material will produce 1kg of charcoal, the ratio with traditional charcoal production is approximately 14kgs of raw material to 1 kg charcoal.

PARTNERSHIP WITH FEED THE FUTURE MALAWI AGRICULTURAL DIVERSIFICATION (AgDiv) ACTIVITY

Background

The Feed the Future Agricultural Diversification Activity is a five-year project that contributes to USAID/Malawi's Feed the Future goal of sustainably reducing poverty and stunting in eight districts of central and southern Malawi (Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Balaka, Machinga, Mangochi, Lilongwe rural and Blantyre rural). The activity fosters inclusive and sustainable growth of Malawi's agricultural sector. The activity seeks to improve the nutritional status of women and children under five through a proven nutrition sensitive approach of layering agriculture and nutrition behavior change interventions in rural communities, while increasing the competitiveness of high value, nutrient-rich value chains through support for agricultural enterprises and increased access to markets and finance. The program is financed by the American people through USAID Malawi.

Recently, the project has expanded its base to reach the commercial sugarcane outgrowers in the Shire Valley districts of Chikwawa and Nsanje. Phata Cooperative is among the beneficiaries of the AgDiv partnership.

Phata has received 5560 Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS) bags of 100kgs which was distributed to 1112 members of the cooperative. Again 15000 resilient bamboos seedlings for watershed management and charcoal production have been distributed to members and some been planted in Phata woodlots. Drip irrigation equipment and Village Savings and Loans Association support is yet to be received from the AgDiv Project.



Bamboo seedlings



THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONA VIRUS (COVID 19) SPREAD

Due to the global outbreak of COVID 19, Phata Cooperative has taken serious measures in order to stop the spread of the virus among its members and staff. There are hand washing basins at every entrance of the cooperative offices and strategic places, sign post that encourage hand washing, posters and flyers of COVID 19 alerts, suspension of the cooperative meetings and the distribution of masks.



Hand washing



Sign post at the main gate



Mask

MAWU OYAMBA

Boma la Malawi kudzera ku unduna wa Za Umoyo ndi Chiwerengero cha Anthu, likudziwitsa anthu onse kuti kwagwa muliri wa matenda a Coronavirus omwe mwachidule akutichidwa kuti COVID-19 m'maiko ena. Matendawa adayamba kupezeka m'dera la Wuhan m'chigawo cha Hubei m'dziko la China.

CORONA VIRUS NDI CHIYANI?

Awa ndi matenda omwe amayambika ndi tizirombo tothedwa corona omwe amatha kufala pakati pa nyama ndi anthu komanso pakati pa anthu okha okha.

ZIZINDIKIRO ZA MATENDA A CORONA VIRUS

Odwala matendawa amaonetsa zizindikiro izi:

- Kutentha kwa thupi
- Kumphwanya kwa thupi
- Kuyetsemula (chifine)
- Kukhosomola (chifuwa)
- Kubanika

MATENDAWA AMAFALA BWANJI?

- Pokhudzana ndi malovu, makhololo ndi mamina a munthu yemwe akudwala matendawa kapenanso zinthu zamadzimidazi za mthupi la odwala matendawa monga magazi, thukuta ndi masanzi.
- Pogwiritsa ntchito zofunda, zovala kapena zipangizo zakuthwa zomwe odwala matendawa wagwiritsa ntchito.
- Pakudya nyama kapena zinthu zina zopangidwa kuchokera ku nyama imene iri ndi tizirombo ta corona virus yomwe siinapse mokwanira.



PAMAPITA NTHAWI YAITALI BWANJI KUTI MUNTHU AYAMBE KUDWALA KUCHOKERA PAMENE TIZIROMBO TOYAMBITSA MATENDAWA TALOWA M'THUPI LAKE?

Munthu akatenga tizirombo toyambitsa matendawa, pamapita masiku 14 kuti ayambe kuonetsa zizindikiro za matendawa. Komabe munthu akhoza kufalitsa matendawa ngakhale asanayambe kuonetsa zizindikiro.

Koma chiopsezo chotenga matendawa kuchokera kwa munthu amene sanayambe kuonetsa zizindikiro ndi chochepa.

KUOPSYA KWA CORONA VIRUS

Ngati odwala matendawa salandira thandizo loyenera msanga, akhoza kudwalanso zibayo m'mapapo onse ndipo atha kumwalira. Anthu okalamba, amene ali ndi matenda ena ndi amene ali ndi chitetezo chotsika m'thupi mwawo ndi amene ali pa chiopsezo chochuluka chodwala ndi kumwalira ndi matendawa.

ZOYENERA KUCHITA PAMENE TIRI NDI MATENDA OKHUDZA ZIWALO ZOPUMIRA

- Kukhala panyumba ngati tadwala.
- Ngati tikumva kutentha thupi, kapena tikudwala chifuwa chimfine kapene kupuma mobanika tipite kuchipatala nsanga.
- Pokhosomola ndi poyetsemula tsekani pakamwa komanso mphuno ndi kansalu. Muthanso kupinda mkono wanu ndi kukhosomolera kapena kuyetsemulira m' kati mwa mkonowo pamene mwaupindapo.
- Sambani m'manja ndi sopo mukatha kukhosomola kapena kuyetsemula.
- Tsukani komanso thirani mankhwala opha tizirombo toyambitsa matenda malo onse amene odwala anagwiritsa ntchito uphatikizapo ziwiyi zonse.
- Pewani kukhudzana ndi anthu ena.
- Pewani kupereka kapena kulandira moni wa padzanja.



TINGADZITETEZE BWANJI KU CORONA VIRUS?

Pakadali pano, matendawa sanafike m'dziko lathu lino la Malawi. Komabe tiyenera kutsata izi tsiku ndi tsiku:

- Tisakhudzane ndi anthu amene akuoneka kuti ali ndi chimfine, chifuwa kapena akutentha thupi.
- Tipewe kugwira m'maso, mphuno ndi pakamwa tisanasambe m'manja ndi sopo.
- Tisambe m'manja ndi sopo pafupipafupi.
- Tipewe kupita kumalo kumene kwabuka matendawa.
- Tipewe kukhudzana ndi munthu amene akusonyeza zizindikiro za chimfine popanda zodzitetezera.

Khalani patali ndi odwala chifuwa kapena chimfine.



OGWIRA NTCHITO ZA CHIPATALA ANGADZITETEZE BWANJI?

- Kutsatira njira zonse zoyenera za zaukhondo monga kusamba m'manja ndi sopo, komanso kugwiritsa ntchito zipangizo zodzitetezera pothandiza odwala aliyense monga ma golovesi, majombo ndi zotchingira kumaso.
- Kugwiritsa ntchito ndondomeko zapadera za WHO pamene akuonana ndi munthu amene akuganiziridwa kuti akudwala coronavirus.

NDI NDANI ALI PACHIOPSYEZO CHOTENGA MATENDAWA?

Anthu amene apita kumayiko omwe kuli matenda a coronavirus mu masiku 14 apitawo komanso munthu amene wakhudzana ndi odwala matendawa kapena zinthu zomwe odwala anakhudzana nazo kapena kuzigwiritsa ntchito.

Anthu okalamba komanso anthu amene akudwala matenda ena monga a mtima, kuthamanga kwa magazi kapena shuga, ndiamene ali pachiopsezo chochuluka chodwala matendawa.

KODI PALI KATEMERA WA MATENDA A CORONA VIRUS?

Pakanali pano palibe katamera oteteza ku matendawa.

KODI PALI MANKHWALA OCHIZA MATENDAWA?

Palibe mankhwala enieni ochiza matendawa. Anthu omwe ali ndi matendawa amalandira chithandizo chodzudza zizindikiro zomwe akuonetsa komanso kuchepetsa ululu. Pali ndondomeko zimene achipatala angathe kugwiritsa ntchito pothandiza anthu odwala matendawa.



Ministry of Health and Population

Dziwani za matenda a CORONAVIRUS



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On 10th December 2019, members of Phata Cooperative held an annual general meeting. The following office bearers were elected:

Farmers Committee

- Gaston Andersick, Chairperson
- Thomson Kaphiri, Vice Chairperson
- Ephraim Ballon, Secretary
- Magret Maclean, Vice Secretary
- Emmanuel Gale, Treasurer
- Jenet Chikadza
- Erick Tsilizani
- Reckson Fellow
- Graceta Chitseko

Fairtrade Premium Committee

- Mike Ballon, Chairperson
- Mainesi Fellow, Vice Chairperson
- Alex Fredson, Secretary
- Thandizo Kamwaza, Vice Secretary
- Rexio Patrick Brown, Treasurer
- Mikeyasi Mpingasa
- Flossy Andersick
- Dorothy Notice
- Patrick Zomba

Environment committee

- Gerald Yohane, Chairperson
- Abine Mwanansi, Vice Chairperson
- John Mathwes, Secretary
- Alfred Mtondeza, Vice Secretary
- Mary Mabwera
- Levison Sydney
- Mary Khembo
- Egile Chikumba
- Winford Lynold

Monitoring Committee

- Dickson Charles, Chairperson
- Magret Bonzo, Vice Chairperson
- Dinereki Kendeson, Secretary
- Agness Semu, Vice Secretary
- Annie Kanyerere
- Suzeni Hamanison
- Wilson Damiano



Members standing behind candidates of their choice