



### LIFE IN PAPOLI VILLAGE AFTER SCHOOLS BREAK OFF FOR HOLIDAY

On second September of this year most of the schools in the country sent students home for their second term holidays. Papoli village received their beloved sons and daughters of the soil back with mostly parents having a few expectations. In this edition of our dear readers we bring you the activities and expectations of both the community and holiday makers.

Most of the children in Papoli village are expected to help their parents and care takers with doing domestic chores like fetching water , grazing animals, taking care of their younger siblings, helping in the farms and also create time for revision. David a pupil in Papoli primary school who talked to one of our field staff said that holiday is a time to play with his friends however when asked about helping his care takers with some domestic work he replied that he does the same work during school days so the only difference to him is more play time. Kenneth and four other students who are in a candidate class had this to say “we wish to continue studying during holiday to improve our coverage of the syllabus before we sit for our final exams”. On the other side of the coin parents and care takers are expected to be close to their children so that they can learn something from them and be able to teach their children.

However it is not always a smooth sail as Mr.Jude a parent confessed that when children are in school he gets less headache compared to when on holiday at home, Moses a pupil in Podut primary school also speaks of the hardships he faces while at home and his worst nightmare is being over worked without having time for his personal studies. Due to this conflict PACODEF is planning next week through community development department to mobilize parents and the children on holiday to know their respective roles ,duties and obligation during the holiday so that they can live in harmony and look forward to holiday time with much anticipation.

### PAPOLI PRIMARY SCHOOL – PACODEF REVIEW PARTNERSHIP



Last Thursday afternoon PACODEF administrative staff held a review meeting with the newly posted head teacher of Papoli primary school. It should be noted that PACODEF is a major partner to this primary school and they have over the years been actively working together on a number of projects. The meeting was to point out the areas which PACODEF has been partnering with the school, the status of the various projects in the school and a few changes if any to be made in this partnership. Mr. Opio Emmanuel-PACODEF program manager discussed briefly the activities his organization carries out in the school which include construction and renovation of classrooms, distribution of text books, distribution of sanitary pads, promotion of enrollment and retention of pupils in the school, provision of boarding facility and life skills talk among others. He further stressed that the boarding facility was fully under the management of the school and that the school should be in position to charge a fee from the students which is enough to cater for all costs associated with the running and activities of the hostel. PACODEF will conduct periodic checks for purposes of monitoring and evaluation was his concluding remark. Ms. Nyadoi Topista –Papoli primary school head teacher commended PACODEF for the work they have done in the school and plaugued to continue this good working relationship between the two partners. She also stressed that there was need for the library to have more furniture put inside to encourage more young learners to carry out research and utilize the readily available books.

### TAILORING SCHOOL SITS FOR END OF TERM EXAMINATION



PRACTICAL PAPER



THEORY PAPER

In line with the Papoli community tailoring school calendar, the students of the school sat for their end of term examination last week. On Monday armed with rulers, pens and pencils the students entered the examination room after checking had been carried out to write down what they had learnt for the past three months. At 8:30am an external invigilator Mr. Oketcho Timothy a volunteer from community development department distributed paper one which basically examined theory to students who shortly after started writing this paper for the next two hours. The students were examined in three areas which included theory, technical drawing and finally practicals.

PACODEF aims at equipping, skilling and economically empowering Papoli community members and beyond. Ms. Rhoda Daphne Ibenigine-tailoring school instructor explained to the students the reasons why attempting all papers was necessary. However, students who could not read and write were given oral examination for the theory paper and subsequently managed to do the practical paper on their own.

### HAPETITIS B MASS VACCINATION AT PAPOLI HEALTH CENTRE



Department of public health-PACODEF mobilized for mass hepatitis B vaccination at the Jay and Janice health centre Papoli. A good number of people from Papoli village and neighboring villages turned up in big numbers at the facility where the vaccination was carried out. Ms Grace Mutonyi – PACODEF public health officer sensitized those who came for the exercise on the different types of hepatitis and also told them that hepatitis B is a viral infectious disease which is mainly transmitted through unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected person.

### MALAWA “A” ZONE YOUTH NOW IN BUSINESS



### TENTS AND CHAIRS PURCHASED BY MALAWA “A” YOUTH GROUP

Mr. Obbo Godfrey the chairperson Malawa ‘A’ youth group gave a moving speech where he said “it all started as a joke by this PACODEF Community Development officer and look now at what we have, three big ceremonial tents and five hundred plastic chairs for hire, thank you PACODEF we as a group can never be more thankful.” This was at the hand over occasion for the tents and chairs which this group received last week from a local government grant under the youth livelihood fund last week. The back ground of this speech is dated as far back as July 2015 when Mr. David Oyese-PACODEF community development officer on his field visit went to mile eleven a local trading center in Papoli village to engage the youths and upon reaching he found a group of youths gambling with cards early in the morning. He sat next to them and started a conversation with the aim of helping them out of this vice. He engaged the youth on a number of issues including employment and job creation then proceeded to advice the local youths about the need of creating self help livelihood projects as a group rather than as individuals to which they responded that they had no funds for this kind of arrangement. Mr. David then told the youths about the availability of the sub county youth funds that could act as a start up for their group’s growth and Development and went a step further in helping them form and register a group. Mr. Godfery the current Malawa “A” group leader recalls how hard they laughed at the suggestion of the community development officer but due to his encouragement and support they now have a source of income and have provided employment to two more youths to aid in their business operations. Malawa “A” group has five members with their motto “creating enormous job links and sustainability for the whole of Papoli parish” this group is a model for the village youth.

### NEXT WEEK ...

- Holiday makers and parents in Papoli village will be mobilized next week to have a talk on fruitful holidays.
- A training for savings groups on managerial skills and proper book keeping.
- A visit to the most vulnerable people to share with them emotionally.
- Registration of youth for PACODEF youth livelihood project.