

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects

Handover Ceremony

Girls Hostels at Mangochi Secondary School

Mangochi

19th February, 2012



Pictures: Top: Ambassador Samukawa & Honorable Dr. Chaponda launching the hostel;
The hostel after official opening;

Bottom: "In the past I was failing to attend classes daily due to the distance I had to walk to school but now it is easy for me to concentrate as I don't travel any distance at all"- Pauline Mang'oma (Form 4)

The Government of Japan in conjunction with the Government of Malawi on 19th February, 2012 inaugurated 2 girls' hostels during a ceremony graced by the Minister of Education, Science and Technology Honourable Dr. George Chaponda, MP. The Government of Japan in 2009 awarded a grant to Mangochi Secondary School amounting to \$46,426 (equivalent to MK 6.8 million) under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the construction of a girls' hostel at the school in order to address the challenge of increased dropout rate of girls. Established in 1964, Mangochi Secondary School has never had boarding facilities for girls therefore posing a great challenge for girls living in faraway places from the school. As a measure to terminate this challenge completely, the Government of Malawi in conjunction with other partners constructed an addition hostel for the girls of Mangochi Secondary School. It is expected that with these new hostels the enrolment and retention of girls at the school will increase and also their performance will improve.