

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

Inauguration Ceremony of the Project for Improvement of Educational Environment at Gogo Full Primary School in Dowa District 27th October, 2017



Top Left: H.E. Kae Yanagisawa (left) and Ms. Ellena Simango, Deputy Director for Basic Education, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (right)

On Friday, 27th October 2017, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, Kae Yanagisawa celebrated an inauguration of the school facilities constructed by the Catholic Development Commission (CADECOM) of the Archdiocese of Lilongwe at Gogo Full Primary School, Traditional Authority Chiwere in Dowa District. The Ceremony was graced by Ms. Ellena Simango, Deputy Director for Basic Education, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and celebrated by other stakeholders.

Gogo Full Primary School, like many other schools in Malawi, had insufficient classrooms for the number of pupils enrolled. As a result, some pupils have been attending classes at church buildings nearby or under trees. In addition, lack of toilets was one of the main causes that led some girls to drop out of school. These challenges resulted in poor performance of pupils as evidenced by the results of the Primary School Leaving Certificate of Education examinations of 2015/2016: one third of the pupils had to repeat a year and only half of them succeeded to pass the examinations. In order to improve the situation, the Government of Japan provided CADECOM with a grant amounting to USD 98,642 under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects to facilitate the construction of two classroom blocks and four latrine blocks as well as procurement of 240 desks and chairs.

Speaking during the ceremony, H.E. Kae Yanagisawa expressed her appreciation to CADECOM for implementing the project in a proper manner and delivering it within the proposed timeframe. She also praised the community for contributing 4,000 bricks to the project, as well as the collective efforts from all stakeholders. She kindly encouraged all the boys and girls, the school management and the community, to take very good care of the facilities so that they remain in good condition and be used for generations to come to receive quality education.