

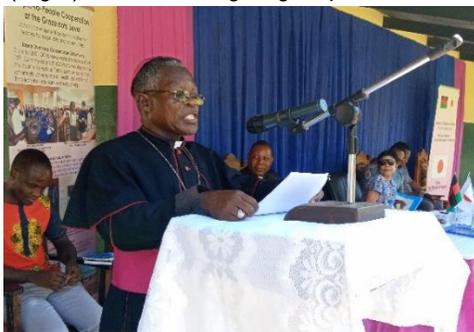
Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATING THEATRE AT MONTFORT HOSPITAL IN FLOOD AFFECTED AREA IN NCHALO, CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

8th NOVEMBER, 2019



(Left) Ambassador Yanagisawa laying foundation stones
(Right) Ambassador giving a speech



(Left) His Lordship Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa giving a speech
(Right) Ministry of Health, Chikwawa District Coordinator Dr. Malangizo Mbewe, giving a speech



(Left) Traditional Authority Mr. Ngabu giving a speech
(Right) Ambassador touring the current operating theatre





Ambassador joining the dance



Members of the Contractor

On Friday, 8th November 2019, Her Excellency Kae Yanagisawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, graced the ground breaking ceremony, for the Project for Construction of Operating Theatre at Montfort Hospital in Flood Affected Area in Nchalo, Chikwawa District. The ceremony was witnessed by His Lordship Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa.

The operating theatre, which is expected to be completed within the next 12 months, will provide emergency and general surgical services to pregnant women as well as the general community and is expected to reduce maternal mortality rate in the district. Ambassador Yanagisawa called on the Board and Management of Montfort Hospital to solicit funds and procure the necessary equipment to make the theatre operational. Therefore the board and management of Montfort Hospital need to work tirelessly to achieve this.

Touring the current operating theatre during the ceremony, Ambassador Yanagisawa was impressed to see that the hospital, despite having old structures, was very well organised and clean and the staff were very professional. She then encouraged the staff members saying “*please keep it up...mupitilize kusamalira Chipatala chanu (continue taking care and keeping clean your hospital). I am sure that the construction works of the theatre will also be done meticulously as you are doing with the hospital*”.

Furthermore, she called upon the Ministry of Health and Population Services, Christian Health Association of Malawi (Cham), the Private Sector and well-wishers to provide the institution with the necessary support to make the project a success. The contractor for the project, who was present at the function, assured Ambassador Yanagisawa and the Montfort Hospital management of high quality standard works within the agreed timeframe.