

KINDWITWI LEPROSY CARE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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Chairman's Statement

Since this is my first report as a chair of the board, I should start by giving sincere thanks to members of the board of directors and the staff at Kindwitwi for their cooperation since when I was elected in August, 2009.

The board met 4 times during the year and the companies business between the meetings was conducted via email and telephones contact between the members and Abdallah Nguyu the centre manager.

2010 was a tough year because due to 2009 severe economic down turn our major donors – the Rufiji Leprosy Trust in UK and German Leprosy & TB Relief Association started to experience a down fall in donations. This necessitated the board to review the companies' strategies where the services of 8 employees were terminated at the end of 2009 and there was no salary increase to the remaining staff in 2010. The Prevention of Disability outreach program was scaled down but, we continued to support the District TB & leprosy Coordinator – Mr. Makamba Mbega to supervise the nurses who were trained under the support of Kindwitwi over the past 10 years to ensure that leprosy is fully integrated in to the general health services. This strategy will also help to reduce the stigma towards the leprosy disease.

We were able to support the training of our 2 staff Miss Tatu Rwambo who attended a 6 months course in basic Accounting in Dar and Mr. Salumu Kipoloya who attended a shoe making technique course at Sikonge, Tabora under the sponsorship of Germany Leprosy and TB Relief Association. The 16 elderly and totally disabled persons living at kindwitwi wards received full care support throughout the year.

As regards to Kindwitwi village development programs, members of the Kindwitwi Development Association (KDA) continued with their efforts to mobilize the people to increase their contributions towards their school children costs. By the end of the year the parents contributions has raised from 18% to 30%. This was a great achievement towards peoples self reliant. The board started supporting other community based rehabilitation programs at the village e.g. micro credit, agriculture support, goat and cow keeping etc as Wade Chris family foundation (wfcf) a US based foundation started showing interests of taking over these projects. The head of the foundation visited the village to undertake the needs assessment and discussed with members of KDA on how to undertake the implementation of the suggested projects.

Chris' foundation helped also to renovate the grain store, the kindergarten building and to install the solar system at the Administration and dispensary buildings. The other unforgettable support from Chris' foundation was the assistance that enabled Kindwitwi to

be connected to Utete water supply and the construction of a water selling point. Water is sold by the local government at TShs. 20 per the 20 liters bucket. The villagers can now access safe and clean drinking water without risking their lives to crocodiles while fetching water from Rufiji River

Kindwitwi was happy to host 2 visitors from German Carmen Monasterio and Julia who were medical students. They worked at Utete District hospital for 3 months as part of their medical electives. They also helped to renovate one of the hospital's ward buildings to be used for diagnosing heart problems and donated the washing machine to the hospital.

The directorship of 2 members Miss Zabibu Muba and Miss Titi Mkumba were terminated in September after they were not re-elected as members of KDA. During the same month, Mr. Daniel Masunzu the principal welfare officer from the department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare was appointed to the Board.

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Chairman – KLCCDA Board of Management