



SEIBO MARIA

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The dedication of Mpotola CBCC's volunteers is on point. They're all in, cooking up Likuni Phala every day without fail. And it's paying off, the kids are motivated to come to school for that warm, nutritious porridge. The volunteers' commitment is truly making a difference.



The volunteers at Mpotola CBCC are doing their best despite tough challenges. Fetching water from a river, digging a makeshift filter, and waiting for it to filter, it's a lot of effort just to cook a meal for the kids. Their dedication shines through, but access to clean water would make a huge difference



The volunteers at Mpotola CBCC are resourceful. They've created a makeshift filter in the river, digging a small pit to let the water settle and clear out impurities. As the murky river water flows in, it trickles through the sand and gravel, coming out cleaner on the other side. It's a simple yet effective way to get water for cooking Likuni Phala. The kids benefit from the volunteers' ingenuity, and it's a testament to the community's spirit



The kids from Mpotola CBCC gather 'round, sharing smiles and laughter as they enjoy their Likuni Phala porridge together. It's more than just a meal, it's comfort, warmth, and memories made with friends. For many, it's the one hot breakfast they get all day, and the volunteers' hard work brings a little sunshine to their lives



The children are learning to feed themselves, and it's a win-win, they're getting the nutrition they need, and developing those fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The porridge is doing more than just filling tummies, it's supporting their overall growth and development. The caregivers are doing a fantastic job encouraging self-feeding and independence. *Mpotola CBCC*



One of the students at Mpotola CBCC expressed her joy, saying, "I am so happy to come to school and eat porridge. My mother prepares me to come here while she is going to the farm, and I look forward to coming to school every day because they come late from the farm and I don't suffer with hunger as I eat porridge here at school."



The children at Mwayi CBCC are enjoying their porridge, eating with focus and enthusiasm, getting ready for a day of learning. With full bellies, they're all jacked up and active, ready to take on the Primary school environment. The porridge is doing its magic, fuelling both body and mind



Mizuki was warm and engaging, interacting with the children who responded positively, feeling comfortable and at ease with her. They freely shared fond memories of their experiences with the feeding program at Tivwirane.



Through Likuni Phala, Seibo Maria is giving these kids the best start, making school a happy place where they can focus and thrive. By nourishing their bodies, they're also shaping minds and moulding the future leaders of tomorrow. The School Feeding Program is doing an amazing job, and it's awesome to see the impact it's having on these youngsters. *Tikwere Nursery school*



Mizuki had a sweet conversation with a little friend, exchanging smiles and stories. Sharing best moments, she beamed with joy, saying interacting with the kids was the highlight of her visit. She got to experience the warmth of Malawian children, and it was clear she was smitten with their energy and smiles. *Tikwere nursery school*



Mizuki's visit to Tikwere Nursery School was a heartwarming success. She connected with the children, playing and laughing together, bridging cultural gaps with ease. The kids were overjoyed to have her, and she showered them with love and attention. Moments like these remind us that kindness and connection know no borders.



The children are most obedient and focused when porridge is presented to them. The porridge instils discipline and appreciation, as they learn to value a nutritious breakfast that is not readily available to everyone. This experience teaches them to cherish the meal and develops a sense of gratitude. ***Watipa Nursery school***



Handwashing is a non-negotiable habit at Watipa Nursery school! The kids rock it every day, washing hands before eating without a fuss. It's become second nature, showing how routine and consistency can shape healthy habits. Good job to the caregivers for making hygiene a fun, normal part of the day!



Mizuki's visit to Watipa Nursery School was a hit, She jumped into school activities, bonding with the kids and spreading joy. The warmth was too strong. The children absolutely loved having her around!



Mizuki visited Chiutsa Ndeu CBCC, a testament to community-driven education. Here, children learn without fees, guided by volunteer caregivers. The promise of a nutritious Likuni Phala meal fuels their eagerness to attend, showcasing the community's unity and dedication to nurturing their children's future.



Mizuki, a volunteer from Japan working with JICA, visited the Seibo Malawi Blantyre office to gain a deeper understanding of Seibo's initiatives and express appreciation for the impactful school feeding program. *Seibo Blantyre Office*

Mzimba March Figures

Boys Enrolment: 8676

Girls Enrolment: 9007

Total Enrolment: 17683

Boys Attendance: 8055

Girls Attendance: 8171

Total Attendance: 16226

Number of meals fed: 277387

Blantyre March Figures

Boys Enrolment: 1149

Girls Enrolment: 1398

Total Enrolment: 2547

Boys Attendance: 861

Girls Attendance: 957

Total Attendance: 1818

Number of meals fed: 38183

Total Enrolment: 20230

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