

CHILUMBA VILLAGE CLINIC OFFICIALLY OPENS

The Chilumba Village Clinic, constructed by URAC with funds provided by Malawi Freunde Rottenburg E.v of Germany, was officially opened on Saturday, December 5, 2020 by a representative of the Director of Karonga District Health Services.



The representative, Msenga Ngwira, told the function that was attended by local chiefs, government officials, religious leaders, non-government organisations as well as political

leaders that the government was very grateful that other stakeholders were taking part in the delivery of health services at village level. He assured the villagers that the government will provide all the essential medicines to ensure that the clinic operates effectively for the benefit of the community. He called on the community to take maximum responsibility in caring for the clinic to ensure sustainable health delivery services in their area.

Speaking at the function, Principal Group Village Headperson Mponela said that the community was very happy with the project as it would assist pregnant women and children:

'Now pregnant women will not travel long distances to access prenatal services. They will only go to the main hospital when they are due to deliver. For this, we thank the sponsors of the project, the Malawi Friends of Rottenburg through Dr Holger Keppel who provide funds to URAC to implement several community projects in Chilumba'



Mapenenga group performing

The function was organised to inform surrounding villages that the health surveillance assistant (HSA) assigned to the Mtema Village Development Area under the leadership of PGVH Mponela by the Ministry of Health will no longer operate under a tree or in a church building.

Selfie time: Mponela and women dancers

In his remarks, Executive Director of URAC, Dr Mtafu Manda announced that the sponsors had agreed to provide funds for a second village clinic within the area and that this would be constructed in 2021. He asked chiefs to identify the village where URAC would build the new clinic.

The Malawi Freunde Rottenburg sponsors several projects in Chilumba various organisations and individuals. Projects sponsored through URAC include construction of 9 boreholes, 25 eco-San toilets, tertiary education scholarship, as well as a livelihoods project targeting 90 women from 6 villages through Savings and Loans Scheme, chicken rearing and fruit tree planting.