

Chilumba Projects 2024 QI Monitoring Report

From February 26th to February 29th, 2024, a team from Urban Research and Advocacy Centre (URAC) made a monitoring trip to Chilumba. The team comprised Wongani Chunga, Faith Manda and Zebron Phiri (URAC), and Emma Maisch (Stuttgart University student on six months' internship <https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/>) and Chida Phiri (Mzuzu University student on internship www.mzuni.ac.mw). URAC has implemented several projects in the Chilumba Small Town with the sponsorship of Malawi Freunde Rottenburg e.V. (MFR). The team visited the following projects:

Thukutu village clinic

Thukutu Village Clinic was constructed in Kamtenthenga Area and completed in July 2022. The project comprises a clinic and Borehole which serves over 100 households. Total cost of the project was K35,888,500.



Mponela Village Clinic

The clinic is conveniently located at MI road block within Principal Group Village Head (PGVH) Mponela and was completed in October 2020. The project comprises a village clinic, borehole and a 4-room self-contained guest house. The total cost of the project was K28,000,000. The clinic serves a population of 512 households. This was the first major project that generated lessons for the rest of the projects. Future project here is to construct a kitchen and store room for the Health Surveillance Assistant convenience.



Cow pass-on Project

The cow pass-on project which targeted adult males in groups of 5, is expected to improve living standards by providing a sustainable source of income and nutrition for the community.



Maize Mill Project

The project was implemented in Mponela village and comprises the maize mill and borehole. The project cost was K19,509,530. However, since completion the maize mill has not been connected to electricity because ESCOM does not have transformers.



Eco San Toilet Project

The rolling project has so far constructed 15 eco-San toilets were constructed in 6 villages. Total funding for the project is K9,698,000.00.



Women Livelihoods Project

Project included savings and loans group (village bank), growing of fruit trees and mikolongwe chicken rearing for meat and eggs. The aim of the project was to improve family nutrition and income earnings. Total cost of the project was K16,778,500.

Chitende Village Clinic

The clinic is built on beach in hard-to-reach Chitende village. The road is bad and often times people have to use boat to reach Chilumba Hospital. When the lake is rough and the road is impassable, the local people have nowhere to seek medical support apart from traditional healers. The clinic costed K39,910,050 to build. The clinic serves 65 households. Even though funds are available, the plan to instal a borehole is affected by poor road access. As such construction materials are transported by boat.



Safe Water Access Project

The project constructed 14 boreholes costing over K168 million. The aim of the project was to help local communities to access safe water instead of reliance on river and well water. The boreholes have been drilled in 6 villages. Communities participate in pre-drilling and post drillings trainings to learn about hygiene and how to repairs the boreholes. Due to challenges for community contributions and theft, two boreholes were non-functional. Steps will be taken to rehabilitate the boreholes by ensuring that each family beneficiary makes a contribution for the purchase of the spare parts.

