

CHALK N DUSTERS REPORT JANUARY 2021

Education is a key that unlocks a lot of things in the modern world that is fast developing. However the process can meet a lot of challenges that can in turn reduce the pace teaching and learning deserves. The challenges include lack of teaching and learning materials, understaffing and infrastructure just to mention a few.

With this background, Starfish Malawi established the Chalk n Dusters project that made a huge difference in schools. 308 boxes of chalk and 110 dusters were donated in 29 schools. The project was later put on hold following the restrictions government put in visiting schools.

Teaching in Malawi is mostly done using chalkboards. Dusters and chalk are the only materials used on a daily basis. There are no electronic boards in schools. Schools rely on funding from government to procure teaching and learning materials. When these funds aren't available, schools find their own initiatives to have chalk in stock. Some of the initiatives involve communities contributing money to buy boxes of chalk.

Depending on how big the school is a box of chalk lasts 5 days on average.

Kaufipa school was one of the beneficiary schools of Chalk 'n' Dusters project. We met Godwin the Head Teacher who was very delighted to receive the 12 boxes of chalk and dusters.



Photo for Godwin head teacher for Kaufipa school

He said, "We are really grateful for the donation that has reached us timely. We find it difficult when we don't have chalk in school. Teaching is impossible in such times. We go to neighbouring schools asking for pieces of chalk".

Hexton Phiri, Head Teacher of Chiluya II Primary also shared, “It is a great privilege to receive the twelve boxes today. We had no hope where we could get chalk from following exhausting development funds that we used to print out examinations in our school. We will make good use of the chalk and bring desired results”

We are yet to finalise the project in the schools once schools are fully operational.

CHALK & DUSTERS DISTRIBUTION LIST			
No.	SCHOOL	CHALK BOXES	DUSTERS
1	Boma	12	4
2	Mkanakhoti	12	4
3	Kajendere	12	3
4	Kaufipa	12	4
5	Thasa	12	3
6	Chimweta	12	4
7	Chimbalanga	12	4
8	Salima LEA	12	4
9	Simaewa	12	4
10	Sele	12	4
11	Kaphatenga	12	4
12	Thavite	12	4
13	Chiluya2	10	2
14	Thawale	10	2
15	Katitima	12	4
16	Mgoza	12	4
17	Chikuluti	12	4
18	Chitiwiri	12	4
19	Kambwiri	12	4
20	Chigombe	6	4
21	Napache	6	4
22	Mtiya	6	4
23	Kalonga	6	4
24	Msalura	6	4
25	Ntchentche	12	4
26	Thugulu	6	4
27	Kapiri	12	4
28	Maganga	12	4
29	Kapira	12	4
		308	110