



## DAPP Malawi TVET Capability Statement

Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Malawi is a locally registered NGO and has since 1995 been implementing development programs in Malawi's rural and peri-urban areas while working closely with local authorities, national government and a range of local and international partners.

DAPP Malawi established Mikolongwe Vocational School in 1997 to equip youth with vocational and entrepreneurial skills in order for them to be able to secure an employment or start up a small scale business thereby becoming self-reliant and alleviating poverty.

DAPP Mikolongwe Vocational School is registered under the TVET Authority in the Ministry of Labour, Sports and Manpower Development. DAPP offers formal and informal training in 12 subjects (Agriculture, Bricklaying, Carpentry, Community Development, Financial Accounting, Tailoring, Textile & Fashion Design, Beauty & Hairdressing, Renewable Energy & Electrical Installation, Plumbing & WASH Technician, Welding & Fabrication, and Shoe Making.

The school strategically recruits male and female students to all courses, with a policy to achieve gender balance across formal course offerings. Furthermore, it provides targeted informal trainings for groups with limited access to TVET training, particularly young women and adolescent girls in rural areas, through satellite and mobile training centres. The school has also recently moved to accommodate students with disabilities in the skills training programs, by reserving 10% of enrolments for youth with disabilities in an Extension Agriculture course currently targeting 285 young farmers in rural areas around the institution.

Apart from flexible and quality skills training, the school's unique approach incorporates extensive work-based learning, life skills components and entrepreneurship modules to fully equip graduates for successful transition into the workforce. A tracer study carried out in 2018 of graduates from formal courses between 2015 and 2017 found that 32% of graduates were employed or self-employed.

## Highlighted Experiences

DATES	PARTNER	AMOUNT (EUR)	KEY RESULTS
2012-2015	Sympany Netherlands	50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150 young people trained in new Renewable Energy &amp; Electrical Installation Course</li> </ul>
2013-2014	UNICEF	20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60 young people trained in Tailoring, Salon &amp; Beauty Therapy, Welding &amp; Fabrication, Renewable Energy &amp; Electrical Installation and Practical Agriculture</li> </ul>
2015-2016	Save the Children International	45,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informal skills training for 100 out-of-school young people</li> </ul>
2015-2020	Sympany Netherlands	280,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 Vulnerable young women in rural areas offered 3-month short courses in Tailoring and Dressmaking through Mobile Training Courses</li> </ul>
2015-2020	Sympany Netherlands	400,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>240 vulnerable young women trained in Tailoring &amp; Dressmaking integrating comprehensive sexuality education at MVS and four satellite training centres in Blantyre, Thyolo, Dowa and Mzimba</li> </ul>
2015-2020	Sympany Netherlands	500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>225 young people rural areas offered 3-month short courses in Shoe Making and Entrepreneurship at two satellite training centres in Chiradzulu and Mzimba</li> </ul>
2017-2018	Beit Trust	25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of Welding &amp; Fabrication Workshop</li> </ul>
2018-2019	Norwegian Association of Disabled	76,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilot of ExtensionAgriculture course for 285 students (119 young women), including 28 students with disabilities (11 women with disabilities)</li> </ul>
2019-2020	African Development Bank	85,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>500 young people offered 4-month short courses in agribusiness over two years</li> </ul>

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