

Subject: Project Update: Makwete Clinic Construction



Figure 1: Front View



Figure 2: Back view

Introduction:

We are pleased to provide an update on the Makwete Clinic construction project, funded by Medical Mission News and implemented by the local community of Kambali village, with oversight from Seed Sowers Trust.

Project Update:

Initial plans to locate the clinic at Makwete were revised following consultation with the Ministry of Health, which advised relocating to a centralized location to serve three surrounding villages: Kambali, Magagada, and Muluntha.



Figure 3: Consultative Site meeting with representative from the Mulanje district health office



Figure 4: Women dancing to the news of the commencement of the project

The new location will enable the clinic to serve a population of approximately 2,500 people, including 364 children under the age of 5, according to data from the Health Surveillance Assistant.

- The clinic will offer essential services, including:
- Immunization of infants
- Health education
- Nutritional assessment
- Family planning
- Other vital health services

Construction Progress:

- Site preparation and excavation works are complete
- Foundation works are in progress
- The project is expected to be completed within the next 6 months

Community Engagement:

- The local community has been actively involved in the project through volunteer labor and material contributions
- The project has fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members

Challenges and Lessons Learned:

- The project faced delays due to the relocation, but this has ultimately resulted in a more strategic and effective location
- The importance of community engagement and participation in project planning and implementation has been reinforced

Conclusion:

The Makwete Clinic construction project is progressing well, and we are grateful for the support of Medical Mission News and the dedication of the local community. The clinic will provide vital health services to the population, improving the overall well-being of the community. We look forward to completing the project and witnessing the positive impact it will have on the lives of the people in Kambali and surrounding villages.