

# CHILEMA ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE AND TRAINING CENTRE



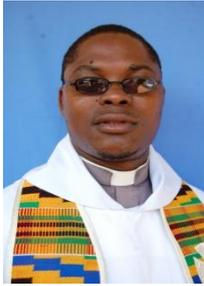
## RENOVATIONS PROJECT PICTORIAL REPORT

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Background information.



Chilema Ecumenical Training and Conference centre is the only ecumenical centre in Malawi owned by the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Upper Shire and Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in the Blantyre synod. It was built in the early 1960s and started its operations in 1965. It was the dream of Bishop Donald Arden of the Anglican Church then and Rev. Jonathan Sangaya of the CCAP to have this centre as ecumenical one.

The centre offers a variety of ecumenical trainings for church and wider community development. It also hosts training workshops and conferences to raise funds for the trainings and daily operation of the centre. However over the past years, the centre's infrastructure was seen to be depreciating and became less competent. The buildings' dilapidated state affected the centre's operations to a great extent. There was need for immediate maintenance and renovation.

It is therefore against this background that the Centre asked support from well wishes of which **ERLOSER-KIRCHEMEINDE** responded positively and supported the centre with the sum of 52, 869.83 to carry out the much needed renovations in order for the centre to compete against other facilities offering the same services.

This is therefore a pictorial report presented to **ERLOSER-KIRCHEMEINDE** to appreciate the work that has been carried out. In this report we are presenting the current status of areas which have been renovated.

### **The Actual Work**

The project aimed at uplifting the face of the Dining hall, the kitchen and the dormitories which included renovations and actual construction works. The areas touched include the renovations of roof and ceiling, kitchen and dining hall floor, extension of dining hall, fencing of both dining hall and the kitchen, fitting of new and modern cup boards, installation of air conditioners, purchase of new chest freezers, two power generators, 200 chairs for the dining hall and conference hall, double dip fryers and other kitchen ware. The project also included construction of new drainage system with septic tank, new wash rooms and also renovations of dormitories' sanitary areas which were in very bad state.

### 3.0 The work in Pictures

#### 3.1 The outer look of the Dining hall and the Kitchen.



1: The Front view of the kitchen and dining hall. It shows the newly constructed extension conference room attached to the main hall. It also shows two air conditioners newly installed and the roof painted with roof guard to protect the iron sheets from rust.

2: The back view which shows the newly constructed store room attached to the kitchen.

3: Side view of both kitchen and dining hall showing the new conference room and the kitchen store room

4. The front corner of the conference room coated with stones to maintain the original outlook of the old corner before renovation.

Inset: The drainage system from the kitchen under construction.

### 3.2 The Inside look of the Dining hall and new conference room



The inside of the dining hall showing the modern ceiling, lights and the tiled floor.

It also shows the tables and the newly purchased chairs



The inside of the new conference hall with conference sitting arrangement.

The floor has modern tiles and the roof has modern ceiling.



Catering staff serving food in the dining hall



A head cook cleaning the new hand basins fitted in the dining hall and inset is the new plasma TV screen for the recreation of our clients.

### 3.3 The Kitchen and Store room



Inside the kitchen with new modern cupboards and the centre Matron (Joyce Samu) showing how the kitchen utensils are being handled in the new cup board.

Fire wood kitchen constructed outside.



Inside the new store room, Joyce Samu showing the deep freezers newly purchased.

Inside the kitchen cooking area, Kitchen staff showing the newly purchased double deep fryer and the old cooker.



### 3.4 Sanitary Facilities



Newly constructed washrooms attached to the dining hall



Inside the washrooms with floor and wall tiles.

### 3.5 Dormitories



Dormitory sanitary areas which have been renovated

### 3.6 Rededication function

After all works were done it was time to rededicate the dining hall, the conference hall and the kitchen. The function was attended by the church leaders of both the Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire and CCAP Blantyre Synod. Below is the function in pictures:



1: Bishop of Upper Shire, Rt. Rev'd Brighton Malasa and The Moderator of Blantyre Synod of CCAP, Rev'd Rabson Chinkwenzule listening to the introductory remarks by Fr. Macdonald Njala Banda at the entrance of the kitchen and dining hall.

2: Cross section of clergy and laity who attended the function during the service of warship and thanks giving in the dining hall itself.

3: Women Training Program students choir singing outside the dining hall.

4: The Bishop, Moderator and the clergy blessing the building with holy water and incense

Inset: The Bishop, the Moderator and other clergy in front of the congregation during the service of worship.

### 4.0 Expenditure Summary

The project received the total sum of 52, 869.83 Euros for the project, however in the process Chilema Ecumenical Training and Conference centre added the sum equivalent to 15, 699.46 Euros to make sure that the project is completed fully and to show commitment and ownership. The Funds from Chilema was used to procure a total of two hundred chairs for the dining and conference halls, TV screen and also other minor costs incurred during the project implementation.

<b>NO</b>	<b>Source of funds</b>	<b>Amount (Euros)</b>
1	Donors	52, 869.83
2	Chilema ETCC	15, 699.46
3	<b>Total project funds (1+2)</b>	<b>68, 569.29</b>
4	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>71, 081.12</b>
5	<b>Balance / Deficit (3-4)</b>	<b>(2, 511.83)</b>

**NOTE:** The rate that we have used to determine our own contribution and the total expenditure and the balance/deficit is a provisional one. We used an average of the exchange rates as at the different times when the funds arrived here. The exchange rate kept on changing and is still changing. As at present, the rate is high because of high inflation in Malawi. The average provisional rate is MK516.08 to 1 Euro.

The expenditure kept rising because as the work progressed, some needs were coming up which we had to do them like the purchase of chairs and the TV screen. Some additional work came in as well like the construction of the drainage system which is almost finished now. Each time such a need rose, we were paying from our raised money. This is why the expenditure rose above the total amount we received from you. This explains the deficit which we have and we will pay from our own money.

## **5.0 Conclusion**

In conclusion, Chilema wishes to extend it's sincerely appreciation to **ERLOSER-KIRCHEMEINDE** for sponsoring this project and be assured that the funds were used for the intended purpose.

As the centre we have already seen an increase in visitors who wish to patronise our centre which improves the status of the centre. We have also raised the rates of the fees for our services because of the good standard of the facility. Further to that, our members of staff are very happy with the development as it has motivated them to improve the quality of service delivery in the improved environment. Our clients are very happy as well and they are commending us for face lifting the centre and the improvements experienced in the quality service delivery. Although we are still remaining with other areas to be improved especially accommodation, we are now at least assured of financial sustainability of the centre.

May the Lord continue blessing your church as you continue with the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ.