

# CHIMWAZA PRIMARY SCHOOL PROFILE

## INTRODUCTION

Chimwaza Primary School is located in the area of group Village Headman Chimwaza., Traditional authority Mabuka in Mulanje south east constituency. According to available records, the School was established in the year 1958. During the 2018/2019 calendar year, the school enrolment was recorded at 3447. Of this figure 1805 are boys -representing 52.3%, and 1642 are girls -representing 47.6%%. The school has a total of 43 Teachers- 27 males and 16 Females.

## SANITATION CONDITION AT THE SCHOOL

Chimwaza primary school has a total of 6 dilapidated toilet blocks with 2 rooms each. Three blocks are used by male students while the other three are used by females. The male and female urinals on site are nothing but ramshackle structures. There are also two toilet blocks with a single room each that are used by teachers. Despite the fact that the toilets are the only available 'relief centers' and are therefore used everyday by the learners, they do not however meet the requirements for a standard toilet as stipulated in the National Sanitation Policy. The insufficient number of toilets at the school goes against UNICEF's recommended toilet pupil ratio which stands at 1:30. The poor sanitation conditions, does not only put the learners at the risk of disease outbreaks caused by poor sanitation and hygiene, it also nurtures a cadre of citizens who underrate the importance of sanitation to the nation.

The girls' toilets do not have menstrual hygiene rooms. Adolescent girls are therefore stricken with the burden of either managing their menstruation in a very poor environment or missing their studies when on period. Either way, the girls do loose since they are either prone to urinary infections which compromise their health or miss out on studies which is key to their brighter future.



## OUR INTERVENTION

Centre for Community Organisation and Development (CCODE) with financial support from the DESWOS - German Development Assistance Association for Social Housing, and the German Ministry of Economic development (BMZ), is constructing a total of 56 School toilets in selected Primary School in the district. CCODE will construct a total of 27 pit latrine toilets at the Chimwaza School campus. 13 toilets will be for boys. One of the toilets is specifically designed to be disability user friendly. Additionally, the boys toilets will contain 2 urinal sections and 2 handwashing areas. For the female students, a total of 12 pit latrines will be constructed. 1 room is specifically designed for use by disabled girl students. Additionally, a changing room will be attached to the block which will also contain a toilet. The Changing room will also have a drying area where girls who use re-usable sanitary pads will be able to wash and dry them in dignity. Two toilets will be constructed for the Teachers. The project will also support the school to set up a health club. With support from the Mulanje district Education department, the project will capacitate the club and the entire school with sanitation and hygiene knowledge using the school led total sanitation (SLTS) approach.

*'The parents Teacher Association has already mobilized river Sand and a total of 112,000 burnt bricks and more are being molded for use in the construction of the Toilets.'*

Samuel Aramson-Head Teacher-Chimwaza Primary School..

## SCHOOL PARTICULARS

Name:	Chimwaza Primary School
Reg # :	MJ201
Center # :	017
GVH:	Chimwaza
T/A:	Mabuka
Ward:	Chileweni
Constituency:	Mulanje South East
District:	Mulanje
# of Classrooms:	10
# of Teachers Houses:	2
# of Boys Latrines:	3
# of Girls Latrines:	3
#of Teachers Latrines:	2
Changing Room:	0

