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**REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT OF TWO COMMUNITY BASED CHILDCARE CENTRES IN  
GROUP VILLAGE HEADMAN (GVH) LITI, TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY (T/A) NKAGULA IN  
ZOMBA DISTRICT**

**Date of Activity:** 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

**Names of the Assessed CBCCs:** Mwayiwathu CBCC and Tikondane CBCC

**Location of each CBCC:**

- 1) Mwayiwathu CBCC—in Nkalapa Village
- 2) Tikondane CBCC—in Braidon Village



*A building for Mwayiwathu CBCC*



*An incomplete privately owned house used as Tikondane CBCC*

## BACKGROUND

People from Nkalapa and Braidon Villages requested us, through their Child Protection Worker in their area Dorothy Kalako, to consider extending our support for their community-based childcare centres (CBCCs) of Mwayiwathu and Tikondane, respectively.

And it is on the basis of this request that we decided to go and conduct the assessment of the two CBCCs on this particular day.

**Main Objective of this Assessment Exercise:** To understand more about these two CBCCs so that we can consider whether or not it is necessary for us to take these CBCCs and put them under our supportive care.



*Some of the children at Mwayiwathu CBCC posing with their caregiver*

## FINDINGS OF THE ASSESSMENT

<b>Question (s)</b>	<b>CBCC -1</b>	<b>CBCC-2</b>
Name of CBCC	Mwayiwathu CBCC	Tikondane CBCC
Location/Address of the CBCC	Nkalapa Village, GVH Liti, T/A Nkagula, Zomba District	Braidon Village, GVH Liti, T/A Nkagula, Zomba District
Year of its Establishment	2017	2023
No. of children at the CBCC	70	56
No. of Male children	25	29
No. of Female children	45	27
Does the CBCC have a Committee?	Yes	Yes
Name of Committee Chairperson	Eunice Elias	Augustine Milanzi
No. of Caregivers at the CBCC	2	2
Names of the Caregivers	Sellina Pichesi and Netla Chipwere	Rose Saidi and Ketrina Dutch
Are the caregivers trained?	No	No
Did the CBCC committees receive any training?	No	No
Does the CBCC have a permanent building?	Yes	No
When was the building constructed?	2021	No building; they use a private house
Is the building in good condition?	Yes	The Private house is incomplete i.e. no floor, no windows and no doors
Are there any indoor and/or outdoor playing materials at the CBCC?	There are none	There are none
Any toilet?	Yes, though it's just one for both male and female children, and not well ventilated	No toilet. They just use one that belongs to another house
Any handwashing facilities at the CBCC?	None	None

Does the CBCC get any support? From where, if any?	No	No
Are children provided food at the Centre?	No	No
Do the children undergo growth monitoring?	No, they don't	No, they don't
Accessibility of the CBCC	It accessible by both a motorcycle and a motor vehicle	It also accessible by both a motorcycle and a motor vehicle

### **Recommendation(s)**

Both CBCCs are in dire need of support; hence if it is possible, we can take both of them.

But if our support currently cannot cater for both CBCCs, we can start with Mwayiwathu and then Tikondane CBCC later on.

### **Reason for starting with Mwayiwathu CBCC:**

- ✓ It is the first to be established (in 2017).
- ✓ It has a bigger number of children than the other one.

### **CHALLENGES AT EACH CENTRE**

<b>At Mwayiwathu CBCC</b>	<b>At Tikondane CBCC</b>
1. Children don't get any food	1) Children don't get any food
2. There's just one pit latrine for both boys and girls	2) No pit latrine for the children
3. There are no handwashing facilities	3) No handwashing facilities
4. There are no indoor and outdoor playing materials	4) No indoor and outdoor playing materials
5. No incentives for caregivers	5) No incentives for caregivers
6. Caregivers have had no training	6) Caregivers have had no training
7. The CBCC Committee also has had no training	7) The CBCC Committee also has had no training
8. There's no play ground	8) There's no play ground
9. Poor daily attendance due to lack of food	9) Poor daily attendance due to lack of food and small size of the house
	10) The private/temporary house being used as CBCC is not fit for children because of its incomplete status and lack of space



***Tikondane CBCC building in Braidon village looking inhabitable***

**Need for Urgent Assistance:**

The urgent need for these children is food. The children have not been eating any food at their centres since the centres were established. The main causes of the food shortage in most centres is persistent hunger crisis in most families/households; and lack of donor support. And this is a bad development on the part of most of the children.

And for these children, there is likely high number of serious cases of acute malnutrition and underweight.

So, there is need for us to urgently introduce feeding programme for these children in order to save lives of these innocent children.



***Spouse to Village Headman Nkalapa (in a headscuff) and caregivers for Mwayiwathu and Tikondane CBCCs, respectively, pleading for support at their centres***

## **CONCLUSION**

This assessment report is a true reflection of the two community based childcare centres. We feel it was very necessary to conduct this assessment, because through this exercise we have clearly understood more about the two child centres and proved that the centres definitely require support.

Finally, we would like to express our most sincere thanks to you, Dr. Hala, for your understanding, usual cooperation and continued support. We can confidently say that we always attribute the smooth running of our community-focused programmes to you.

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