

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT TO ACHIEVE PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Promotion of sanitation at Maula prison
- Advocate for good nutrition at Maula and Kachere prisons
- Continue promoting hygiene and infection prevention
- Facilitate the integration of inmates to the society or community after prison
- Planning of the project sustainability

CONCLUSION

The Prison Ministry is very grateful for the determined support it receives from its Span-based Partners and asks for more support from well wishers both within and outside Malawi for the project to fully achieve its intended objectives



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THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LILONGWE



PRISON MINISTRY IN LINE WITH BIBLICAL TEACHING

(Matthews 25:36)



BACK GROUNG OF PRISON MINISTRY

Upon seeing the outcry of inmates for health care in Zomba maximum prison in 2017, His Grace George Desmond Tambala OCD, Archbishop of Lilongwe Archdiocese who was the former bishop of Zomba by then, founded a group called Prison Interest which comprises Lay Disalced Carmelite medical professionals who volunteered to continue with the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

On top of that, the project was also empowering inmates economically through pig production and vegetable farming. This project targeted all the five prisons that are within the Diocese of Zomba, namely; Zomba Maximum, Domasi, Makwapala(Mpupyu)Mikuyu I and Mikuyu II.

This project was funded by the Disalced Carmelite Fathers of Spain and was implemented by the Catholic Health Commission of Zomba Diocese. That was in line with the Strategic Plan for Catholic Diocese of Zomba by then which, among other thematic areas, targets vulnerable groups of people such as prisoners.



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PROJECT IN LILONGWE DIOCESE

In January 2024, the project was extended to Lilongwe at Maula and Kachere prisons by His Grace George Desmond Tambala Archbishop of Lilongwe Diocese. The implementers of this project in Lilongwe diocese are Sisters of Mount Carmel (Carmelite Sisters) in corroboration with the team of health professional from St Gabriel hospital such as doctors, nurses, dental technicians, professional counselors and dermatology technicians. The main focuses of the project are vulnerable inmates such as Children, pregnant women, Adult women and elderly women who are in above prisons. They are four pillars of the project as below spiritual and psychological care, Psychosocial and moral support, health care, and health promotion.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide spiritual and psychological care to vulnerable inmates
2. To provide psycho-social and moral support to inmates
3. To provide essential health care to vulnerable inmates and other sick inmates
4. To provide health education to inmates

SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER HEALTHCARE, SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE

Christians are baptized and sent for the service so, it is the responsibility of the church to take care of vulnerable individuals physically and spiritually in order to accomplish the mission of Jesus Christ of taking care of vulnerable individuals such as prisoners (Mathews 25 :36) Below are some of the services provided:

- Health education on specific topics such as personal hygiene etc

- Dental and eye care services
- Infection Prevention
- Out-Patient health services, that includes all medical problems like Malaria testing and treatment
- "Psychological and spiritual counseling
- Celebrating mass with inmates
- Baptizing and giving sacraments to inmates
- Spiritual and psychological counseling
- Distribution of clothes in preparation for discharge from prison

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Currently Maula prison is accommodating **3,126 inmates** and out of these **200 are elderly, 306 are under 18 years old** and 2,620 are adults. The project is also working with Kachere prison which is accommodating **138 women** inmates and out of these **6 are babies, 4 are pregnant women, 8 are elderly, and 120 are adults**. This project has reached out to 3,168 inmates in Maula and Kachere prisons, providing spiritual and psychological care, psychosocial and moral support, health education and essential health care to sick inmates.

The common adverse health conditions in these prisons are skin infection, sepsis, dental decay, respiratory infection and sexually transmitted diseases. The project has also prepared 30 inmates for community integration to facilitate transformation and readiness to face the reality of life after prison.

