We sell secondhand clothes to raise income for the implementation of development work through our DAPP Malawi social projects.

- Moses Chibwana, Acting Country Director, DAPP Malawi

There are many reasons why we sell second hand clothes. We are selling second-hand clothes to raise the income to implement the development work we are carrying out in rural communities. We are operating four teacher training colleges, where we are training primary school teachers.

We are operating a vocational school where we also train the youth to acquire professional skills, which will assist them to actively participate in developing Malawi's economy. Through the opening of small businesses, or when they have graduated from the vocational school, they are able to secure a formal employment.

We are running a sustainable agriculture and environment programme called Farmers' Clubs.

We engage rural smallholder farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices, using environment friendly methods and market linkages. We have the nutrition project where children under-5 and the breastfeeding including pregnant mothers take part in fighting malnutrition through supplementary feeding, training in horticulture gardening, food preparation and treatment of the malnourished children.

Secondly, we are seeing our engagement with second-hand clothes increasingly promoting the creation of employment. The formal and informal clothes traders employ many people, helping them to provide for their families. We have a good number of employees as DAPP Malawi, we have 621 employees and half of them are employed in the second-hand clothes and shoes.

