



Collection and Sales of Second-hand Clothes

Our hearty-felt messages to those donating own clothes

For more than forty years we've collected, sorted and sold second-hand clothes. This gives good clothes a longer lifespan and the sales proceeds support development projects across Africa, Asia and Central and South America. In doing so, we reduce waste, save precious resources through reuse, provide affordable clothing to people in both hemispheres - and it ultimately enables us to undertake invaluable development work.

The lasting impact of second-hand clothes in Africa has far reaching positive outcomes than what one can imagine. Besides providing an opportunity for many people to afford quality cheap quality second-hand clothes, the surplus income has supported access to education, made smallholder farmers to adopt new capacity in sustainable agriculture, addressed challenges of poor sanitation, contributed to fighting the spread of major diseases, created hope and build resilience among many communities facing exclusion.

DAPP Malawi appreciates the people in Europe who decide to enter into a partnership with Humana People to People through donating own used clothes to benefit the poor and create development in Africa. The key staff of DAPP Malawi who engage in the second-hand clothes sales open their hearts through messages of solidarity to the members of public in Europe who donate their worn clothes and make it possible for development work to have sustained funding.

We present their messages below:

"We say thank you, to the people in Europe who are donating their own used clothes. The staff who make sure the clothes are collected, sorted well, packed well, transported; we really appreciate the good work that you are doing. We appreciate the energy you put, the thinking of supporting a local Malawian child who needs help.

Upon receiving the clothes, we treat them with due respect and high ethics. We make sure each and every single piece is well taken care of, it reaches the deserving person, and the money we realize from selling clothes is used for the intended purpose," says Moses Chibwana, Acting Country Director, DAPP Malawi.

"Every piece of clothes donated is changing the life of somebody in Malawi. I encourage the cooperation between the people in Europe and Humana People to People to continue supporting creation of more opportunities for more development in Malawi," says Tatyana Naeva, DAPP Malawi Sorting Center Manager.

"Thank you for the quality clothes you donate to Malawi, which are mostly liked by our customers. Each time Europeans donate their own used clothes, they should remember that someone somewhere in Malawi has a potential to acquire a new skill - vocational skills - because of the donation. Each time they drop their clothes as donations, they should always remember, that are contributing to training teachers in our colleges. They should bear in mind that they have made Malawian people, the economically disadvantaged to be financially independent, to be able to meet their daily needs," says Angellina Ngwira, Wholesale Commercial Manager, DAPP Malawi.

"Here in Africa, a lot of people have got something to do, they've got jobs through second-hand clothes trade. I'm here as a Production Manager, sending my kids to school because of the people who donate second-hand clothes. I want to encourage them to continue and should not stop," Gustino Aramson, Sorting Center Production Manager, DAPP Malawi.

"For the person donating worn clothes, it might be a decision to get rid of excess clothing, however where it is coming to it is of bigger value. A lot of people can afford second-hand clothes and many people in the community are being supported with development work. Lives are being reached with development work, which could not be if there was no donation of second-hand clothes. It's all because some people decided to help by donating," Mercy Kalibo, Area Manager, DAPP Malawi.

"Through second-hand clothes, which people are donating in Europe, many lives have been changed in Malawi. DAPP Malawi run a lot of social projects in Malawi and to sustain the projects, it needs money. We have got schools, teacher training colleges and vocational schools. We have got Farmers' Clubs, and many other projects, which we are operating. Even in my village there was once a water and sanitation project, where all the money which they used to run this project came from selling second-hand clothes," Malumbo Ziwa, Area Manager, DAPP Malawi.