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MATCH FOUNDATION'S FIRST GLANCE AT SEGAL CONNECT SUMMIT

The much-awaited Segal Connect Partner Summit finally took center stage from July 15 to July 18. According to our executive director, this was a once in a year kind of summit which she had never been a part of. The anticipation to meet and connect with fellow partners from the SADC countries where Segal Family Foundation supports gave her the enthusiasm to look forward to the event.

In the previous years, Segal Summit would normally take place as an annual event where all countries in Africa would convene in one country for a thrilling week of networking and learning. This year, smaller groups convened in their African regions such as the Southern Africa Summit which Malawi was the host.

The event hosted in Malawi provided partners and funders the opportunity to learn and network as well as ask the most difficult questions to improve the operations of organizations. The summit included deep conversations about fundraising, communications, financial models and loads of netweaving (networking) opportunities.

One key take-away from Tadala, our executive director is that this summit is like no other summit, it allowed funders and partners to be in one space. It gave equal opportunity for all to meet and connect for growth. Partners got to connect and build relationships at the same time, partners met potential funders for scaling up. For MATCH Foundation, it was AMADE that was heavily impressed with our work. AMADE is a French NGO that works to protect and support children in need around the world. It carries out projects in the fields of education, health, emergency, and advocacy. AMADE's Secretary General, Jerome Froissart was hosted at a site visit both at the Bingu National Stadium and the Tadala abc Primary School. He went back to Monaco with conviction, that is, to promote the scale up projects at the school. The foundation has now scheduled a virtual call with the AMADE team coming up later in the month on 27th August.

It is for such opportunities that the Segal Summit really connects funders to partners to increase their funding base and build capacity for organizations' development.



THE SPECIAL ENVOY VISIT BY AMBASSADOR

On July 5, 2025, MATCH Foundation welcomed a high-level delegation from the Australian Government to assess the progress of educational initiatives supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Deputy Ambassador Susan Cash and Third Secretary Doreen Hanner spent two days in Malawi witnessing firsthand the positive impact of Australian-funded programs on young Malawian lives.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has been a key partner of MATCH Foundation, providing substantial support for programs such as after-school activities at Tadala abc Primary School and the student-athlete program at Bingu National Stadium.



Australia's Deputy Ambassador to Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe Susan Cash presenting spelling bee trophy

A highlight of the visit was a Spelling Bee competition showcasing the exceptional literacy skills of students, a testament to the success of Australian-funded programs.

The delegation's visit reaffirms the strong partnership between Malawi and Australia in advancing education. As this collaboration deepens, it is anticipated that even greater strides will be made in improving the lives of Malawian children.

A DAY OF INSPIRATION WITH TABITHA CHAWINGA



Tabitha Chawinga poses with the girls and boys football teams at Tadala abc Primary School

Malawian football star Tabitha Chawinga surprised students and athletes at Tadala abc Primary School and Bingu National Stadium on a sunny July afternoon. Her unexpected presence transformed an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience. Chawinga captivated her young audience with inspiring stories of her journey to success, emphasizing the values of hard work, determination, and faith.

The excitement reached its peak as Chawinga showcased her exceptional football skills, engaging with the students in an interactive session. Beyond football, she extended her support to aspiring tennis players, inspiring them to overcome challenges and pursue their goals. Chawinga's genuine connection with the young student-athletes resonated deeply, leaving a lasting impact on their lives.

Tabitha Chawinga's visit was more than just a memorable event; it was a transformative experience for our student-athletes. Her inspiring message and unwavering spirit ignited a passion for excellence in the hearts of the next generation of Malawian athletes. Chawinga's actions serve as a catalyst for positive change, encouraging young people to dream big and strive for their full potential.