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## TADALA abc PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICIALLY OPENED

MATCH Foundation celebrated the official opening of Tadala ABC Primary School in Mzungu Village (Air wing) on 20th September 2023. The construction was funded by the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg, Germany. The Tadala abc Primary School features standard 1-8 classrooms equipped with qualified teachers. Other major features include two tennis courts, office buildings, desks, curriculum books for all classes both teachers and students, it is solar-powered, toilets and has clean drinking water from a borehole.

The memorable ceremony was graced by people from various departments including the president of the Aschaffenburg Rotary Club, Dr. Michael Bargl, his wife Susanne, and members of the Rotary Club of Aschaffenburg. A representative from the German Embassy to Malawi, the Director of the MATCH Foundation, Mrs. T.K Ngosi, T/A Njewa, the member of parliament, Hon. Ching'onga, Rural West Education Division representatives, District Council's representatives, GVH Mzungu, and other notable members of the community. The ceremonial opening day was spiced up with traditional dances like Gule Wankulu, Chitelera, and Chisamba, as well as a duo drama group that explained how the school would benefit the village and neighboring communities.

As the MATCH Foundation, we are convinced that the Tadala abc Primary School will be a place where educators push students to excel and work together to positively benefit the community.

## ANYAMATA OJAKA

On 28th July 2023, MATCH Foundation organized an Anyamata Ojaka Program with the aim of providing guidance and counseling support to boys on mental health issues as well as equipping adolescent boys with information, knowledge, and skills.

Mr. George Fungulani facilitated this activity which was held at Bingu National Stadium. Fungulani, an agribusiness entrepreneur with recent human rights and development studies spoke with our boys about mental health challenges and the significance of not looking down upon their own life goals.

Many games were played to interact in an open way with the boys. A hearty thank you to our lads for participating in the program and sharing their experiences with mental health challenges.





## A MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS BIG WALK

On 7th October 2023, the MATCH Foundation partnered with the 21st Generation and other organizations to commemorate World Mental Health Day. A Mental Health Awareness Walk was organized to raise awareness, break down stigma, and promote mental health. This Big Walk served as a warm-up for World Mental Health Day, which was on October 10, 2023, with the theme "***Mental health is a universal human right.***" The Big Walk started from the Gateway Mall and finished at Bingu National Stadium. The Foundation gracefully attended the walk to fulfill its objective from the Anyamata Ojaka program which promotes the awareness for mental health.

A variety of programs were developed, including events such as the Walk for a Change, motivational speakers, artistic expression, educational stops, and community partnerships.



## OUR 1ST MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

A verse in the book of Proverbs says that train up a child in the way he should go so that when he grows he should not depart from it. Indeed, we have trained our young athletes to play doubles at the youngest ages but it was now time to compete. 22nd July was set apart for this first-of-its-kind tennis tournament. Players were paired with a player of their choice which meant that it was a boy and girl pair to make it a complete mixed doubles tournament.

34 pairs signed up for the exciting fun tournament which saw John Kanama and his partner Chimwemwe Luis take position one. The second-best position went to Chifundo Chipangula with her partner Austen Galimoto. The four pairs went away with meal vouchers.

Congratulations to MATCH Foundation athletes for their victories in this mixed doubles tournament sponsored by [EllyB's](#) and [KhichiniHub](#).

## MATCH FOUNDATION ATHLETES DOMINATES



8th July 2023, was a much-anticipated day for many young tennis players in Malawi as it brought together skilled competitors from many centers to participate in MATCH Foundation's junior championship. The tournament was held at Lilongwe Golf Club and included a total number of 98 players from Blantyre, Ntcheu, Lilongwe, and Limbe.

It was an exciting tournament with great fighting spirit from the young ones. The tournament covered the Red, Orange, Green Court, and U16 categories for both girls and boys. MATCH kids won 19 medals out of the 24 positions that were up for grabs, 2 for Blantyre, and 3 for Ntcheu.

The event crowned a deserving champion after a series of tough matches. Lemekezani Pahuwa won the under-16 boys category, with Gift Patrick coming in second and Stain Joseph coming in third. All from MATCH Foundation. Atupele Kadamanja of Blantyre won the under-16 female category, with Brenda coming in second and Naomi Major from MATCH Foundation coming in third. With exciting moments and captivating performances, this tournament gave a platform for athletes and teams to demonstrate their outstanding skills. The event not only emphasized the athletes' skill and dedication, but it also developed a feeling of sportsmanship.

## COMING UP FOR MATCH FOUNDATION

- Tennis Tournament - 1st tennis tournament to officially open new MATCH Foundation tennis courts, Lilongwe. 28 - 29th October 2023.
- After-School Programs - Launching the after-school reading program, mentorship, and tennis lessons at the Tadala abc Primary School, Lilongwe, November 2023.
- WASH Training and Keep Girls in School Sanitary Hygiene Campaign - provision of sanitary cups and WASH training to various schools in Lilongwe District, November 2023.
- End-of-Year Awards - Character awards for MATCH Foundation athletes and school awards at Tadala abc Primary School, Lilongwe, December 2023.