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On April 21st, 2024, the MATCH Foundation hosted a distinguished visitor, Mr. Franz Kuhn from Germany. Kuhn's significant contribution played a pivotal role in the construction of Tadala abc Primary School. Beyond expressing gratitude, the visit aimed to showcase the tangible impact of Mr. Kuhn's generosity. A comprehensive tour provided him with a firsthand perspective of what goes on at the school as he engaged with students during their reading circles. However, the visit's true essence transcended the physical aspects.

To gain a deeper understanding of the school's vibrant environment, Franz was invited to participate in after-school activities. This involvement allowed him to witness the school's holistic approach to education, extending far beyond the limit of the curriculum. The students' enthusiastic participation in the reading activities, tennis, and self-expression solidified the transformative power taking place at the school. His visit became more than a celebration of a donation; his willingness to raise more funds for the school proved to us that indeed, there is massive transformation in the rural Mzungu village. He departed Tadala abc Primary School with a profound understanding that his contribution extends beyond the school infrastructure, leaving a lasting impact on the future of Malawian children. The students at Tadala abc Primary School, in turn, gained a champion a firm believer in their potential, and a strong advocate for their educational journey.

MATCH FOUNDATION EMPOWERS BOYS WITH MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAM



The MATCH Foundation's Achinyamata Ojaka mental health program was successfully launched at Mvunguti Community Day Secondary School on April 6, 2024. This targeted outreach focused on building resilience in young boys by equipping them with essential tools for positive emotional management.

The program offered a multifaceted approach using an experiential learning model. Students gained valuable knowledge and contributed to their own commitments for their mental well-being, fostering their ability to make sound decisions throughout their lives. Furthermore, the session instilled a powerful message of self-belief and perseverance, encouraging them to stay focused on their studies and resist negative influences while at the same time prepared them for what could potentially go wrong in life.

Interactive activities like the "Wheel of Life" facilitated self-reflection, prompting students to assess different aspects of their lives. Engaging scenario-based plays provided a platform to practice navigating challenges and develop coping mechanisms. Additionally, the program addressed gender stereotypes, empowering the boys to challenge gender expectations when it comes to managing and sharing emotions.

Through this impactful initiative, the Achinyamata Ojaka team is making a significant difference in the lives of young men in Malawian schools. By equipping them with the tools for mental well-being and fostering self-belief, the program is paving the way for a brighter future for these young men. This session at Mvunguti CDSS attracted 146 boys, the foundation hopes to reach out to 800 boys in this mental health program.