

# MAWA NDI ANTHU COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION

## LEADING FARMERS PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2019.

Mawa project is a community based organization which is based in Zomba, Malawi. Mawa project is a charitable organization. Mawa is also working with a Dutch non profitable foundation known as Friends of Beter Malawi Foundation.

With the Beter Malawi foundation, Mawa is doing an activity in which maize farmers takes a loan of fertilizer and maize seeds and they pay back the loan little by little until the end of the month of July.

The farming this year was good although there was heavy rains in the area of Mawa, after harvesting in the month of april, this month of May they drying their maize.

Beter Malawi encourages farmers to make and use more compost manure than fertilizer, therefore some of the farmers were elected to leaders known as experts, these experts together with the Beter Malawi representative, Lewis were sent by the Beter Malawi to attend a three days course of compost manure making.

The people who went to attend the course were: Lewis Gama, Gerald Saidi, Joseph Marko and Doureen Mapereka. The course started on 13 May 2019 up to 15 May 2019.

### DAY 1.

The course started at 10: 00 am on 13 May 2019, because this type of farming is also called Gods way of farming, so on the first day, the course was concentrated on words from the Holy Bible, the day was based with the words from Genesis 1 verses 1 to 10, the main issue was how God created the earth, learners learned that people should know that they were created in the image of God and its a responsible of everyone to take care of nature by caring trees and everything in it, they also learned water comes from the soil going up through trees up to leaves then into the sky and in turn, it turns to be rain. *See the picture of learners in class*

## DAY 2.

On this day, learners reminded what they learned on previous day, learners were told that whatever they have is not theirs but of God. After that the learners went outside of the class where they learned different types of soil and there they learned that good soil is the one which are found under the trees because its mixed with rotten leaves and these leaves turned into compost manure which makes soil to be good for the crops. *See the picture of learners outside under the trees.*

Thereafter, they now started learning things like materials which are required when someone want to make a compost manure, the following tool are required: wheelbarrow, fork, drum, hoe, shovel, buckets for carrying water, six poles, tape, phanga knife.

Materials for the making of 1.5 sq m hip of compost manure are: dry and fresh weeds, small pieces of trees, water, chicken drops 5 bags or cattle drops 10 bags or goat or human drops 7 bags. On this day learners also goes around the place to see how it used with different types of crop which are grown on this place.

## DAY 3.

On this day, learners now spent much of the day making compost manure practically by mixing all materials mentioned above in orderly manner layer by layer, first putting a layer of small pieces of trees, then fresh materials then dry materials then wet droppings, all these materials were put into water before putting on the hip, then started again until it reaches 1.5m high.

This compost manure is to be turned after 3 days, then again after 4 days thereafter once a week until 8 weeks then it is ready for putting into the gardens.

The course ended on this third day around 12:00 noon. *See the pictures participants making compost manure.*

On the same day the learners also learned how to make chicken soup, this made by putting 35 kgs of chicken droppings into a sack, putting this sack into water after tying it to a small piece of a wood and put it on top of a drum then keep on

turning it until 21 days then take this water and mix it with plain water x 9 to the same amount of water and start pulling a cup of this water on top of the maize plant at least 2 or 3 times then the maize becomes well fed and can produce more harvest without using manure.

Next course for 3 days will start on 18 to 20 June ,2019 and expert from Mawa and their leader is suppose to attend.

After coming back from the course, the Lewis organized a meeting for all LFP members and on this meeting the experts explained everything which they learned at the course, they encouraged the farmers to make compost manure. *See the picture of the meeting.*

Following this meeting, we arranged a day to make compost manure with all members so that they can learn how to make it. Linnes told all members on this day that she has already gathered materials to use for making the compost manure therefore the farmers agreed to go to her garden and learn how to make. *See the pictures farmers making compost manure.*

After the farmers dried their maize, we arranged two days to visit all farmers and weight their maize, the following are the outcome of this year:

Name	Kgs.
1. Joseph Marko	310
2. Doureen Mapereka	325
3. Christopher Mikulumu	350
4. Linnes Kuseli	461 / 309
5. Loveness Eja	330
6. Lizzie Marko	401
7. Linnes Mateyu	300
8. Joseph Umali	391
9. Gerald Saidi	431

10.Ruth Yasini	310
11.Ruth Tengulani	229
12.Carolyn Saidi	250
13.Abudu Ali	312
14.Wema Anubi	252
15.Mphatso Doni	471
16.Mercy Evance	284
17.Joyce Salima	280
18.Gladys Richard	305
19.Margret Mungomo	170
20.Emily Chidothi	373
21.Jessie Fred	200
22.Alace Issa	250
23.Fazira Lemani	464
24.Alace Mangombo	529
25.Angellina White	461
26.Lucy Meja	315
27.Elicy Lamy	349
28.Ganizani Lamy	551
29.Madaliso James	370
30.Cecelia Chapola	312
31.Zinenani Kuseli	380
32.Linly John	131.

*See the pictures of maize weighing.*

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