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BRIEF REPORT ON THE OPENING OF SONGWE PRIMARY SCHOOL BLOCK, 20/01/17

The long awaited opening of Songwe School block was finally done on January 20th, 2017. The event was graced by the Vice Chairperson of the Lilongwe District Council Councillor Patrick Maluwa, MP for the area Hon. Chrissy Tembo, Lilongwe Rural West District Education Manager, Mr. Hauya, Traditional Authorities M'bang'ombe, Mtema and Chitukula, PEAs from Chikhutu and M'teza Education zones, Head Teachers from all surrounding schools, journalists from Zodiak Broadcasting Station



Hon. MP, Council V. Chairperson and DEM respectively and Nations Publications Limited, Group Village Heads and Village Heads from all surrounding villages, Area and Village Development Committees, community members, Songwe pupils, CIDA Building Contractors, LSU staff and Landirani staff team including Jeremy Thorn. Only the DPD gave an apology otherwise 99.9% of the invited guests attended the function.



In their remarks, Council, MP, DEM, T/A and PEA all appreciated the work that Landirani was doing particularly building of Songwe School block. They also hailed the partnership of Landirani, LSU and NIPSA 733. Landirani and LSU thanked the community for participating in the building project and urged them to own it and take good care of it. All speakers emphasised on the need for taking care of the build. The community was so grateful for the development and showed their gratitude through various traditional



M'teza zone PEA addressing the crowd various traditional dances and songs. CIDA building contractors handed over the keys to Landirani who handed them

over to the DEM, MP, and Council Vice chairperson symbolizing handing over of the project to the government. All the construction is finished apart from brick filling (making the bricks shiny to resist water), which will be done within the following week.

Zodiak Broadcasting station would report on the event



Landirani handing keys to govt.



CIDA handing over keys to Landirani

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Zodiak Interviewing the MP after the opening

both on radio and television in Saturday 21st January, 2017 news cast and Monday morning Sunrise program which airs from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. Nation Publications Limited would also write the story in either the weekend or midweek papers within a couple of days.

The challenges faced were muddy roads that made other vehicles stuck but eventually made it to the meeting after being pushed out. The major setback was when the Landirani truck got stuck in the mud and contributed to the late starting of the meeting as it was carrying chairs and a tent.



Cutting the ribbon



LSU staff addressing the gathering



Songwe pupils singing Malawi Anthem



Mr. Hauya, DEM, LL Rural West