



CONTINENT: **Africa**

NATIONALCHESS FEDERATION (NCF): **Malawi**

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: **5**

PERIOD: **DECEMBER 2019**

1. INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the key performance indicators that were planned and what has been achieved from when Chessam received funding from FIDE starting April to November 2019 as well as the activities conducted because of the funding received. The activities are based on the strategic plan that was submitted to FIDE and also includes other activities like the all Africa games which was slotted among the events. Chess in Malawi has made strides as a result of the FIDE funding and looks forward to continued support for the federation to push the chess agenda and develop the game of Chess in Malawi.

2. SUMMARY OF KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The table below summarizes the KPIs achieved during the period. The annexes to this report provide the narrative reports on some key activities.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ¹	End of Period	Comments
No. of FIDE rated players	176	215	The number of rated players has grown though some have been inactive during the year.
Certified Arbiters	8	10	Two more arbiters trained
Certified Trainers	9	9	Training done but not certified by FIDE
Average rating of top 10 players	2032	2033	Some players gained rating while others lost some ratings and hence remained the same
Average no. of rated games by top 10 players	5	19	

¹ NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ¹	End of Period	Comments
No. of participants in international chess tournaments	30	19	2018 was high due to Olympiad.
No. of Players on FIDE List	632	717	We are implementing a membership system
No. of Affiliated clubs	30	45	Some of the chess clubs are not very active due to lack of equipment
No. of School Chess Teachers	40	115	Training for school chess patrons was achieved .
No. of schools with chess programmes (Clubs)		115	No Chess programmes as Chess is not part of school curricular yet we have school clubs in schools but the number is for schools with Chess clubs
No. of students in chess in school programs (clubs)	300	400	These are number of students who actively play chess
No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media	40	111	Chess received significant coverage in all the media houses. Refer Publicity report as annexe 1.
No. of chess sponsors	3	2	Sponsors have not been consistent. It has been a struggle to get Chess Sponsors.
No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC	2	3	Malawi National Sports Council ,Malawi Olympic



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2018 ¹	End of Period	Comments
			Committee, Malawi Schools Sports Association(MASSA)
Office Space	0	1	The association now has an office to operate from

3. SUMMARY OF FUNDS RECEIVED AND RELATED EXPENDITURE.

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT -April -DEC 2019		
	USD	Remarks
Funds from Fide		
Apr-19	\$5,000	Received
Jun-19	\$5,000	Received
Sep-19	\$6,000	support for all africa games
Nov-19	\$4,000	Received
	\$20,000	
Expenditure		
Madagascar Tournament Participation	3,300.00	Zone 4.3 in May,2019
Regional Club Championship Qualifiers	520.00	all categories
National Club Championship - African Qualifiers	1,566.00	
Morroco Olympic Games Tournament	5,980.00	All Africa games
Annual Fide Subscription	1,100.00	As per invoice
Schools Chess Development	2,740.00	Chess equipment subsidy for schools
Zone 4.5 U16 Participation	1,800.00	Lesotho
Africa Youth Chess Championship participation	3,000.00	Namibia

Capex - Office Computer Purchase	1,500.00	desktop computer,2 laptops and Printer
Office/new logo Launch- Logo rebranding and branding materials	1,165.00	
Office operations	600.00	Admin officer,communication etc
Chess Championships - Olympiad qualifiers (League and National)	2,000.00	25,271.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(5,271.00)

**** Receipts of some program activities can be provided separately on request .**

**** See annexes for publicity and Schools/Youth Chess events reports summarizing all the program activities in the period and coverage by Media.**

4. Lessons Learnt /Future Improvements

The following is being summarized as lessons learnt and future improvements :

1. To conduct more rated tournaments to improve the ratings as the rating increase was not significant.
2. Participate in more international tournaments to improve the ratings and improve the skill
3. Improve the marketing and develop as many proposals to get sponsors to support the Chess activities as 2019 the main support was from FIDE.
4. Lobby Malawi National Sports Council to support Chess activities significantly as in 2019 government only supported the association with less than \$5000.
5. Conduct at least one meeting with the media in the year to get them informed of Chess activities.
6. Conduct special tournaments for Ladies to increase the women participation. Few women are actively playing Chess.
7. Improve knowledge dissemination among Chess Trainers to keep them informed of Chess rules and improvements in Chess.
8. Consider purchasing 10 electronic Boards to keep up with the modern Chess Technological advancements .



On behalf of FEDERATION

Susan Namangale

Malawi Chess Association President

Date: 12th January 2020

ANNEXE 1

PUBLICITY REPORT-2019

NEWS ARTICLE	MEDIA HOUSE	DATE
Team Malawi wins another chess international medal: Mwagomba scoops silver	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Capital Radio MIJ Radio Zodiak Radio CAN Radio Nyasatimes	January 7
Boxing, Chess, dominate Sports Awards	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Zodiak Radio & Television MBC Radio & Television Times Radio & Television Mibawa Television Chessam website	February 24
Chessam orients schools chess patrons	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Capital Radio	March 31

	Alinafe Radio MIJ Radio Chessam website	
Chessam geared to changing its logo	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Chessam website	April 16.
Chessam sources MK900.000 for Easter Chess Open Tourneys	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes	April 17
Chessam ready for Easter Tourneys	Capital Radio Alinafe Radio MIJ Radio Zodiak Radio CAN Radio	April 17
Chipanga, Chimthere excel in Easter chess	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper	
84 Schools to battle in chess Presidential championship	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Capital Radio Alinafe Radio MIJ Radio Zodiak Radio CAN Radio Chessam website	May 11
Chessam Partnership with Crossroads Hotel takes a step further	Nation Newspaper Nyasatimes Chessam website	May 13
Presidential chess ends on a high	Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Zodiak Radio & Television MBC Radio & Television Times Radio & Television Chessam website	May 14
Malawi's chess genius Mwale close to attaining grandmaster	Nyasatimes	May 15



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Grandmasters inspire Malawi chess genius Mwale to participate at Zambia Open	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes	June 5
All eyes on mentors during Malawi chess club championship	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes	July 27
Lilongwe's Area 25 Castles qualify for Africa chess tourney after winning Malawi's club championship	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Capital Radio Alinafe Radio MIJ Radio Zodiak Radio CAN Radio Chessam website	July 30
Mwale guns for gold at All Africa Games	Nyasatimes	August 23
Team Malawi chess win two, draw one, lose two: Egypt dominate All Africa Games	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes	August 26
Mwale finishes 13 th , Mphungu 17 th in Individual rapid chess at All Africa Games	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Zodiak Radio & Television MBC Radio & Television	August 28
Chessam unveils Secretariat, new Logo	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Nyasatimes Chessam website	September 14
Youth Chess Team earmarked for Zone 4.5 Tourney in Lesotho	Zodiak Radio MIJ Radio Alinafe Radio Living Waters Radio YONECO Radio Chessam Website	November 9
Platinum Suite Hotel hosts U16 chess team	MIJ Radio Voice of Livingstonia Radio Chessam Website	November 21
Primary Schools Girls	Zodiak Radio	November 28

Electrify Chess Fraternity	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Chessam Website	
Youth Chess Team Flies Out to Windhoek, Namibia	Nation Newspaper MBC Radio Times Radio Chessam Website	December 14
Crossroads Hotel Hosts Chess Fiesta	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper MBC Radio & TV Zodiak Radio & TV Chessam Website	December 18
Mwale, Namangale Sparkle at National Chess Tourney	Nation Newspaper Daily Times Newspaper Times Radio & TV MBC Radio & TV Zodiak Radio & TV Chessam Website	December 22
Chess Sparkles Amid Hitches	Daily Times Newspaper	December 28

SELECTED LINKS TO ARTICLES ON CHESSAM WEBSITE

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/65-junior-chess-squad-sa-bound>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/66-crossroads-hotel-partners-chessam>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/67-chess-shatters-malawi-sport-awards>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/68-area-25-castles-bangs-sa-trip>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/69-press-release-on-new-logo-launch>



<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/70-malawi-chess-marker-at-all-africa-games>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/71-chessam-unveils-secretariat-new-logo>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/72-youth-chess-team-flies-out-to-windhoek-namibia>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/73-primary-school-girls-electrify-primary-school-girls>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/74-crossroads-hotel-hosts-chess-fiesta>

<https://malawi.fide.com/component/content/article/2-news/75-mwale-namangale-sparkle-at-national-chess-tourney>



1. Presidential Initiative for Sports

42 SPORTS THE DAILY TIMES, Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Chess

Pres chess ends on high

There were tears of joy and anguish throughout the tournament when the Presidential Initiative on Sports chess tournament ended at Crossroads Hotel in Lilongwe over the weekend.

Chess Association of Malawi (Chesam) Publicity Secretary, Alfred Chimbere, said 64 students from primary and secondary schools countrywide battled for glory.

In the under-20 open category, David Ngwira was the champion, accumulating 8.5 points ahead of Praise Kalombo and Steven Songwe on 7.5 and 7 points, respectively.

Tina Katswenda clinched gold with five points for the under-20 girls' section. Grace Chikwa finished on second place after scoring three points while Lydia Samende was third with two points.

In the under-16 boys' category, Khwima Gondwe prevailed with 7.5 points, followed by Praise Salima on seven points and Quincy Makwapa on 6.5 points.

Daniel Kondwe won the championship for the under-12 boys section with eight points. Runner-up Lucky Chingwa got seven points for a silver medal while Salim Serevankumar finished on position three.

In the under-12 girls' category, the triumvirate of Chifundo Chimbere, Rachael Jylosa, and Renner Kamajira tied on eight points.

However, after tie-break blitz games, they shared positions one to three in that order.

The youngest boy and girl at the tournament were six-year-old Joyful Chingwa and Kanyo Ajani.

Speaking earlier, Central Region Sports Officer, Isaac Phiri, representing Malawi National Council of Sports, hailed Chess for promoting grassroots chess.

Chess President, Susan Namangale, praised Crossroads Hotel management for offering the association the venue free of charge.

Mvula nominated player of season

From back page of the Year votes alongside fans' reactions, to come up with a final list of nominees. After a wealth of exceptional individual performances, choosing just one won't be an easy decision," [skyports.com](#) reports.

Meanwhile, Netball Association of Malawi General Secretary, Carol Bapa, has asked Malawians to vote for Mvula.

"We are proud of her and we need four or five players to be playing at the highest level. Let us all vote for her," she said.

Last weekend, Mvula was named player of the match after inspiring Thunder to reach the league



GAME OF KINGS—Chess players in action—on photo

The girls' under-16 category saw Priyasha Shriyan and Annie Simwaba tying on eight points. However, head-to-head tie-breaker meant Shriyan was the winner. Sharon Kapende collected seven points to secure a bronze medal.

2. All Africa Games

Team Malawi chess win two, draw one, lose two: Egypt dominate All Africa Games openers

August 26, 2019 Duncan Mlanjira -
Nyasa Times **Be the first to comment**

Team Malawi chess started off the All Africa Games in Rabat, Morocco on Saturday by winning two, drawing one and losing two in the first round of five Rapid Round matches.

Mwale finishes 13th, Mphungu 17th in individual rapid chess at All Africa Games

August 28, 2019 Duncan Mlanjira -
Nyasa Times **Be the first to comment**

Malawi's chess geniuses FIDE Masters, Joseph Mwale and Gerald Mphungu finished on position 13 and 17 respectively after nine rounds of Individual Rapid chess at the All



3. National Club Championship



Lilongwe's Area 25 qualify for Africa chess tourney after winning Malawi's club championship

July 30, 2019 Duncan Mlanjira - Nyasa
Times Be the first to comment

Lilongwe's Area 25 Castles Chess Club outsmart three other teams on Sunday at Crossroads Hotel in the Capital City when they won the Chess Association of Malawi



5. CHESSAM TREE PLANTING- SUSTAINABILITY PROJECTS

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CONCLUSION

There is a very good relationship between CHESSAM and the Media and the year ender sports story carried a Chess article . Moving forward, we expect to increase media visibility through constant interaction with the journalists. This can be done by imparting chess knowledge/ jargons to journalists for easy analysis of chess articles. We will also improve on our social media communication.

ANNEXE 2:

SCHOOLS/YOUTH CHESS EVENTS FOR THE YEAR 2019

INTRODUCTION

The year 2019 has been fruitful in terms of chess development in schools nationwide. We did not have many activities but three quality and very useful events for schools. The first event was the training of patrons nationwide and the second one was the Presidential Schools Initiative in Sport (PIS) championships which used part of the resources received from FIDE and then we participated in 2019 zone 4.5 U16 Chess Championship in Lesotho in November and Africa Youth Chess Championship in Namibia in December .All events provided a platform for our young Chess players to experience international Chess competitions and most of them were participating for the first time. As a result of the tournaments some of the young Chess players have now become rated players .



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Training for patrons was designed after realizing that most teachers do not have basic knowledge to teach chess in schools. The development of chess from grassroots level can only be possible if there are active chess clubs in schools. While PIS was a platform for students from various schools across the country to play against each other. Chess tournaments like PIS help students develop their chess skills as they face new and various opponents.

1. CHESS TRAINING FOR PATRONS

A one-day chess training for patrons was conducted in all the three regions. Participants were drawn from both government and private primary and secondary schools across the country.

TRAINING DETAILS

The training addressed the following topics:

- The history of chess
- The chess board (squares, letters and numbers)
- Introduction of the pieces
- Chess notation
- Stages of the chess game (opening, middle game and end game)
- Educational benefits of chess
- How to organize a chess club and tournament

All participants were given printed notes on the Introduction of chess.(see attachment)

Central Region

The first training for patrons was conducted on the 17th of March 2019 at Lilongwe Academy. A total of fourteen teachers from twelve schools attended the training. All schools represented do not have active chess clubs except for Likuni Girls Secondary School.

The main trainers for this workshop were FI Alfred Chimthere and NI Magret Ngugama.

Participants in Lilongwe



National Schools' Coordinator in action



Northern Region

The patrons training took place in Mzuzu on 24 March 2019. The venue of the training was Mzuzu International Academy. A total of eleven schools were represented by twelve teachers.

The Northern Region chairperson, Fishern Mwangomba helped NI Margret Ngugama to train the teachers.

Group photo for Northern Regions participants.



Training in session





Southern Region

The venue for the patrons' training for Southern Region was St Lawrence Girls Sec, Chikwawa. The training was conducted on the 30th of March 2019. The Southern Region had the highest number of participants, seventeen. The total number of schools represented was 14.

The training was conducted by DI Kabuluzi and NI Magret Ngugama.

The group after the training.



Participants in attendance.



Summary

A total of 44 participants attended the workshop for patrons throughout the country. The total number of schools involved was 38. Twelve of which are primary and twenty-six secondary. Twenty –three government schools and fifteen private schools were represented. The total number of male participants was 35 while only nine were female. At least in each a girls' school was included in each of the region, a total of four girls schools were reached.

2. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS INITIATIVE IN SPORT (PIS) – CHESS

Details of the National finals

Date : 11-12.05.18
 Venue : Crossroads Hotel, Lilongwe
 Chief Arbiter : Gilton Mkumbwa
 Categories : Under 12, 16 and 20

Category	Number of players		
U12 Girls	12		
U12 Boys	12		

U16 Girls	12		
U16 Boys	18		
U20 open	14		
TOTAL	68		

Photographs



Games in progress



Prize presentation



3. Zone 4.5 U16 Championships –Lesotho

Date : 22 – 30th November

Venue: Teteyanang ,Lesotho

Participants: 2 Girls, 3 Boys



The Team that travelled to Lesotho

4. **Africa Youth Chess Championship**

Date : 14 – 22th December

Venue: **Windhoek, Namibia**

Participants : 2 Girls, 3 Boys



Africa Youth Chess Championship in Namibia



Conclusion

The training for chess patrons and Presidential Initiative in Sport(chess)2019 have both helped to develop chess chess from the grassroot level. Chess is growing both qualitatively and quantitatively in Malawi. For the first time CHESSAM managed to send young Chess players to important Youth Tournaments and young players became rated .Financial resources continue to be a constraint to Chess development as the association only has two demonstration boards for training and also limited resources continue to constrain chess development. However the Association appreciates the support received from FedFunding department under FIDE which has helped a lot in implementing these programs.