



## APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

### NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF):

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DEVELOPMENT LEVEL:

PERIOD:

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)**<sup>1</sup> are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. At the beginning of the period, the NCF is expected to complete both the **Baseline** and **End of Period-target** values. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes. When the NCF is preparing its final report for the end of the reporting period, the **Actual** values of the KPIs need to be completed for each KPI identified.

### KPI STRUCTURE

The KPIs' shall be divided into 4 main categories as follows:

**Core:** These KPIs are related to the technical operations of the federation. It includes number of active players, number of tournaments, average player ratings as well as supporting 'infrastructure' e.g. number of arbiters, trainers ETC. Most of this information can be sourced from by FIDE via its website or from the Elista office. This KPI allows FIDE to ascertain the quality/quantity of the players, technical officials events, etc...

**Social/Special:** These examine the engagement in additional programmes related to the work of other FIDE Commissions and their priorities. These include: females, kids/chess in education, vulnerable groups (refugees, people with special needs, chess in prisons etc.). Federations are encouraged to engage in at least one such programme. This KPI allows federations to fulfil the horizontal goals of FIDE as chess impacts several aspects of society.

**Promotion:** This includes the focus on the dissemination and profiling of chess activities of the federation and FIDE support. This should include mainstream and social media. It is important that chess activities are highlighted so persons within the wider communities understand the value of chess and the role of FIDE which can increase the opportunities for support.

**Partnerships:** This includes sponsors, strategic partners whose objectives are aligned to the federation. Strategic partners can include other government agencies, NGOS, media outlets. This KPI tracks the efforts of federations to engage other partners in the support of their mandate so as to build increased sustainability.

Of course, Federations can also include any other KPIs they see as relevant to their operations. The KPIs are listed in the table below.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>



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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline-2022	End of Period Target	End of Period Actual	Comments
<b>CORE</b>				
Active FIDE-rated players	25	40	21	Returning to OTB chess from a long break slow has been a slow process for Malawian players.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	248	350	239	
Active players on FIDE List				It is good that CHESSAM is now putting in place initiatives to promote the game to more people in the country via both mainstream and digital communication channels
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	132	200	116	
	863	1000	772	
Certified Arbiters-Active				More chess players are getting interested in becoming arbiters.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	2	3	3	
	9	11	12	
Certified Trainers-Active				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>		1	2	
	6	7	8	
Average rating of top 10 players				Lack of participation in more international tournaments to improve ratings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	1400	1500	1371	
	2033	2200	2050	
FIDE-rated tournaments organised				Due to inadequate funding, most tournaments were rapid format to reduce the cost of hosting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classic</li> <li>Hybrid</li> <li>Blitz</li> <li>Rapid</li> </ul>	3	5	4	
	3	5	2	
	11	15		
	5	8	10	



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Other tournaments-Participation				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online/Hybrid events</li> <li>Local events</li> <li>International chess tournaments</li> </ul>	4	8	13	Due to covid 19 pandemic some tournaments were hybrid/online.
	15	20	2	
	3	5	3	
Affiliated clubs	47	50		
<b>SOCIAL/SPECIAL</b>				
Programmes (Females, Education, Prisons, refugees etc...)		6 10	Female 3 Education 5	Due to inadequate funding we failed to hold a good number of tournaments.
Participants in each programme	National Championship Open – 26 / Ladies – 13 Regional tournaments – Open 68 Ladies 20 Juniors - 112	Open – 80 Ladies – 35 Juniors - 150	Female 25 Education 200	
<b>PROMOTION</b>				
Positive or neutral coverage in:	80	100	1 positive	Social media the most vibrant in 2022. Chess increased Facebook engagement and created twitter account.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream media</li> <li>Social Media/Websites</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	120	150	2 positives	
			3 Banners, posters, T shirts, tags etc.	
<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>			National bank Pyxus, Airtel, Tnm, cross road hotel, Grand palace hotel, Golden peacock hotel, Ilala lodge, mybucks bank,	
Chess sponsors	3	6	Mcs, mra, mybucks bank, Ilala lodge, Airtel, Tnm, National bank,	
Other Strategic Partners e.g. NOC, Media, government organisations, NGOs	5	6	Mcs, moc, mra	
<b>OTHER</b>				



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Please feel free to specify any other KPI that may be important to the operations of the federation				
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On behalf of FEDERATION

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Mpilo Mizere,

President

Malawi Chess Federation

Date: 20 January 2023

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## REPORT ON FUNDING

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## INTRODUCTION

The Chess Association of Malawi (CHESSAM) conducted a number of chess projects and events in the 2022 calendar year. This document reports on both FIDE sponsored events and projects as well as CHESSAM initiated projects.

## SUMMARY OF PROJECTS/ EVENTS

### FIDE supported Projects/Events

#### 1. Malawi Open Chess Championship 2022

*Dates: 10 June – 12 June 2022*

*Venue: Lingadzi Inn, Lilongwe*

This event was partly financed by the FIDE Open Aid for 2022. The tournament had participants from Malawi and Zambia and total number of players was 58. Compared to other international tournaments that Malawi hosted in the previous periods, the number of international players at this tournament was lower. This can be attributed to lower prize structure relative to the cost of travelling to Malawi to participate in the tournament. From this, we have learnt that we must increase stakeholder engagement so that prize structure for international events should be more attractive to boost international participation.



## 2. 2022 African Youth Individual Championship

*Date: 2 July – 10 July, 2022*

*Venue: Lusaka, Zambia*

Malawi hosted National Youth Chess Championship in Blantyre and identified 17 girls and boys who participated at the 2022 AYICC in Lusaka. This was the first time Malawi sent this many players to a tournament in another country.



## 3. 2022 African Chess Championship (AICC)

*Date: 17-25 September, 2022*

*Venue: Lagos, Nigeria*

Malawi hosted the 2021 AICC and in which GM Adly Ahmed was champion. In 2022 the event took place in Nigeria and CHESSAM sent two players, CM Alfred Chimthere and Desiderata Nkhoma to take part. CM Alfred Chimthere achieved a conditional FIDE master title at the Chennai Olympiad. CHESSAM took an initiative to support him so that he can get an opportunity to reach the threshold rating of 2100 elo.

The lesson learnt is that players need adequate time for training prior to participation at international events. CM Alfred Chimthere and Desiderata Nkhoma performed well to an extent, but there is still room for development and improvement, especially on preparation.





#### 4. CHESSAM Elective AGM

*Date: 15 October, 2022*

*Venue: Crossroads Hotel, Lilongwe*

Constitutionally, CHESSAM administration changes every 4 years, and 2022 was the final year for the administration and another administration had to be ushered in. With the implementation of new sports administration guidelines from Malawi Council for sports, the term of an administration shall not be more than 3 years. CHESSAM successfully hosted an elective AGM and a new administration was ushered in. PDC funds were partially used to cater logistical costs for this event including publicity and venue arrangements.



#### FUNDING USAGE

The table below summarises how the \$5000 worth of support was used in the 2022 year.

EVENT	DATE	FUNDS USED
National Chess Championship	15-19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	\$500
Malawi Open Chess Championship 2022	10-12 June 2022	\$500
2022 African Youth Individual Championship	2-10 July 2022	\$1500

<b>2022 African Chess Championship Participation</b>	17-25 September, 2022	\$1500
<b>CHESSAM Elective AGM,</b>	15 October, 2022	\$1000
<b>Olympiad preps, Administrative and Office Expenditure</b>		

## CHESSAM Projects/Events

### 1. National Chess Championship 2022

*Date: 15 April – 18 April 2022*

*Venue: Grand Palace Hotel, Mzuzu*

This is CHESSAM's Annual event and is aimed at identifying the National champion as well as the team to represent Malawi at international events in 2022, including the Chennai Olympiad.



The tournament was patronized by 39 players. This was the first time the National Championship took place in Mzuzu, after CHESSAM adopted the circular schedule for venues (rotating between Northern, Central and Southern regions of Malawi).

### 2. National Schools Chess Championship

*Date: 13 May 2022*

*Venue: St Andrews High School, Blantyre*



This tournament was used to select the 17 boys and girls who participated at the 2022 African Youth Individual Championship in Lusaka, Zambia.

### 3. School Chess Development Program (On-going)



CHESSAM partnered with Alliance One International and Pyxus Agriculture to introduce a school chess program aimed at instilling chess knowledge in primary schools in remote areas. Chess is being used as a tool for educational transformation as well as a tool that reduces the probability of child labor in the locations.



#### 4. World Chess Olympiad Participation

*Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022*

*Venue: Tamil Nadu, Chennai, India*

10 players and 4 officials took part at the 44<sup>th</sup> FIDE World Olympiad, with financial support from FIDE and Government through Sports Council.



## 5. Participation at the Mozambique

*Date: 3 – 4 December, 2022*

*Venue: Quelimane, Mozambique*

CHESSAM supported FM Chiletso Chipanga to participate at the Mozambique Open Chess Championship upon an invitation by the Mozambique Chess Federation. FM Chiletso Chipanga won the championship.





## 6. Pyxus Interschool Tournament

*Date: 17 December, 2022*

*Venue: Malville Boutique Hotel, Lilongwe*

This tournament was a tournament open to schools and the Chess in Schools project sponsored by Alliance One and Pyxus Agriculture. The event was aimed at providing the trainees with a platform to experience serious competition, as well as being a milestone in the project's life cycle. Boys and girls from all the 6 schools in the project took part and it was successfully held.



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On behalf of Malawi Chess Federation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mpilo Mizere', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Mpilo Mizere,  
CHESSAM President.

## Annex: NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

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WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2022

# National Bank sponsors chess team's Zambia trip

PLEDGE JALI  
STAFF REPORTER

Malawi junior chess team has received K2 million boost from National Bank of Malawi (NBM) plc as a contribution towards the team's trip to Zambia for the 2022 African Youth Chess Championship slated for July 2 to 10 in Lusaka.

The team of 18 players will compete in the open and girls sections of Under-8 and Under-18.

Chess Association of Malawi (Chessam) president Susan Namangale said this year, they have increased the number of participants to the tournament.

She said the championship is crucial as winners of each category will earn participation at the 2023 World Youth Chess Championship and the 2023 World Cadets Chess Championship.

Said Namangale: "Apart from that, winners in each category will also be awarded conditional International Chess Federation [Fide] title. I am grateful to National Bank of Malawi for the timely support.

"This is not the first time that National Bank has supported



Youngsters compete in the recent National Youth Chess Championship

Team Malawi were outstanding at the 2021 African Schools Individual Chess Championship in Nairobi, Kenya where they won gold and silver medals.

NBM plc marketing and corporate affairs manager Akossa Hiwa said the bank partnered Chessam to push the chess agenda in Malawi since the sport is strategic as it helps players to think critically to make the right moves.

She said: "Last time, we injected K3.6 million towards online chess tournament and this time around we have helped the team to travel to Zambia for the 2022 African Youth Chess Championship because we want to develop chess and use it as a tool for education. We are impressed with the games so far."



Malawi's Cosafa all-time leading scorer: Mhango

## Gaba joins Flames camp

GARRY CHIRWA  
SPORTS EDITOR

South Africa-based forward Frank Gabadinho Mhango has joined the Flames camp ahead of the the Cosafa Cup in the rainbow nation.

In an interview yesterday, Football Association of Malawi competitions and communications director Gomezgani Zakazaka said the AmaZulu FC new signing joined the squad in Blantyre on Monday.

Mhango is Malawi's all-time leading scorer with five goals in the regional tournament.

# Unayo North League launched

PLEDGE JALI  
STAFF REPORTER

The Unayo Northern Region Division One League was







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## Chirwa is new Blantyre Sports Club golf captain



Chimwaza (L) congratulates Chirwa

**GARRY CHIRWA**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Newly-elected Blantyre Sports Club (BSC) golf captain Honest Chirwa says his committee will strive to improve the conditions of the golf course.

He said this after officially taking over the mantle from immediate past captain Chimwemwe Chimwaza.

Chirwa said: "We are not turning back. We do not have a reverse gear as we drive our golf section to a destination called success."

"There is no room for failure. We shall not fail. The bridges will have to be fixed or built. The walls will have to be painted and why not add one if not two more holes? Why not add a practice chipping green on a safer place than where it is currently located?"

"Yes, we will dream, but most of all we shall achieve our goals."

"We shall all make BSC the best golfing destination in Malawi. Unity is all we need."

He thanked golfers for entrusting him with the new task as well as former captains Chimwaza and Chikhalupiro Mphaso for settling the pace in improving the standards.

Mike Juma was elected vice-captain. Other members are Justice of Appeal John Katsala, Eric Kazembe, Ntchane Nkhwazi, Mayamiko Kalizang'oma, Chimwemwe Muma-Jere and Paul Lawrence.

On his part, Chimwaza said golf section had a great year and made strides across various endeavours which they undertook.

He said: "Thanks to all BSC golfers and the outgoing committee. Of course, we had challenges, but we stood together as a section and the result was a memorable year."

Chimwaza said they had 30 official competitions under his captaincy, including the inaugural BSC versus

Lilongwe Golf Club Captains Tour Tournament and the inaugural BSC Golf Champions League.

He said: "Thanks to all sponsors. We also had many other informal tournaments which made our section vibrant."

"Our golf course was in immaculate condition throughout the year. We bought a new pump for irrigation and a new greens mower to help us manage the course better."

"We worked on the dam and improved water intakes on the golf course. We also had new golfers joining which is good. We had a vibrant year for junior golfers who are the future of the game."

Chimwaza urged the new committee to work passionately towards improving the standards of the golf course and sections.

"Our new captain and his committee have our full support as BSC golfers," he said. ■

## Chilemba battles weight ahead of title bout

SOLOMON MANDA, STAFF REPORTER

South Africa-based boxer Isaac 'Golden Boy' Chilemba says he is doing his best to lose at least three kilograms (kg) to fight undefeated Cuban Ithovany Rafael Garcia in an international title bout in Poland in February.

In an interview yesterday, the 34-year-old said although he is comfortable when he fights in light heavyweight division, which is 79kg, he is determined to come down to the super middleweight division (76kg) and face his 27-year-old opponent.

The bout comes two months after he secured a second-round knockout victory over Tanzanian Mbaruku Kheri in a 10-round non-title light heavyweight fight in South Africa, where he fought for the first time in 11 years.

Before that win, Chilemba had lost four of his last six bouts. He won once and drew once.

"I am comfortable when I fight in the light-heavyweight division. However, I have to do my best to be at par with my opponent in terms of weight ahead of the bout and that's what I am working on," Chilemba said.

In spite of that, he said a number of issues regarding the fight, including the actual date and the belt, are yet to be finalised.

"We will have a clear picture on this aspect by January when the organisers brief us," the former International Boxing Organisation super middleweight champion said.

Chilemba, with a 1.88 metres reach, boasts 27 wins including 11 knockouts (KOs), nine defeats (a single KO) and three draws while Garcia, whose reach is 1.85m, has straight wins including seven by KO.

After a recent poor form, Chilemba hinted at retirement, but changed his mind following intervention of various stakeholders, including the Malawi Professional Boxing Control Board (MPBCB).

MPBCB president Lonzo Zimba said he is happy that Chilemba will return to the ring for a title fight and is confident he will win the title.

"Chilemba is one of the most prominent boxers we are proud of as a country and we are happy to see more bouts coming his way," he said. ■



Chilemba: I have to do my best



Chipanga (2ndL) being welcomed by Ibrahim (L), Howahowa (2ndR) and Mwangupiri

## Chipanga's triumph gives Chessam confidence

SOLOMON MANDA, STAFF REPORTER

Chess Association of Malawi (Chessam) says Chilemba's victory in Mozambique Open Chess Championship has given them confidence that the newly-introduced Grandmaster (GM) Project will be a success.

Chessam spokesperson Francisco Mwangupiri said this in Blantyre yesterday when he accompanied the entity's general secretary Gift Howahowa and treasurer Jonathan Ibrahim to welcome the Zomba-based player, who won the seven-round championship with six points.

The association financed Chipanga's trip under its GM project, which encourages local players to compete in international competitions to facilitate the country's first GM or International Master (IM) by 2025.

Chipanga is among four highly-rated players that qualify for the project's support. These are Fide Master (FM) Joseph Mwale and Women Fide Master (WFM) Linda Jambo-Chaononga and Desiderata Nkhoma.

"We are very much impressed with Chipanga's victory in Mozambique. As the first beneficiary of the GM project, he has proved to us that this initiative is the best way of helping us achieve our mission," said Mwangupiri.

He explained that they plan to support players to participate at international events because it is among the requirements for one to play against a number of titled players from other countries to attain the GM and IM titles.

On his part, Chipanga said it was a great honour to be the first project's beneficiary and is happy to have won the championship. ■





SINGAYAZI KAMINJOLO  
STAFF REPORTER

The 2022 K6 million Chess School Playing Club Project came to an end at Miaville Boutique Hotel in Lilongwe with Nthawira Primary School emerging champions at the weekend.

The project, sponsored by Alliance One Tobacco in collaboration with its sister company Pyxus Agriculture Limited, is being implemented by the Chess Association of Malawi (Chessam), had six selected rural primary schools in the Central Region.

The schools that took part included champions Nthawira Primary School who amassed 15 points, second-placed Chunzu Primary School got 12 points, third-positioned Chiputu Primary School collected nine points while fourth-placed Kambuyana Primary School got four points.

Chiundira Primary School finished fifth with three points and Manondo Primary school anchored the table with one point.

Nthawira Primary School is in Kasungu, Chunzu Primary School from Dowa and Chiputu Primary School is in Lilongwe.

Blessings Point of Nthawira Primary School won best player in

## Nthawira wins Alliance One Tobacco Schools Chess Tourney



PHOTOGRAPH: SINGAYAZI KAMINJOLO

### The children during the matches

the boys category while Chunzu Primary School's Philipina Dalison did it in the girls category

Speaking on the sidelines of the tournament, Alliance One Tobacco corporate affairs officer Ben Kawonga said the sport is liked and growing in schools.

He said: "This is one of the after-school activities initiative with Pyxus. We have outdoor

games such as football and netball, but this is one of our indoor games that we sponsor in schools in addition to bawo.

"We are glad that the sport is growing. In the pilot phase in Dowa last year, we had two schools only. We decided to support Chessam because our aim is to reduce the probability of children being involved in

child labour, especially in tobacco production after school hours."

Kawonga said they believe that playing chess after lessons will improve their skills in the game.

"Chess is one of the indoor sports which helps children to think fast and in the process master problem solving techniques which we believe would also help them to perform better in their studies," he said.

Chessam President Mpilo Mizere thanked both Alliance One and Pyxus Agriculture for the sponsorship.

"The inter-schools tournaments is a proving a success every year. As Chessam, our vision is to make Malawi a chess-playing country. This can be achieved if there is chess tournaments in primary schools. That's why we are very thankful to Alliance One Tobacco for this sponsorship," he said.

Kondwani Chipaka, a teacher at Manondo Primary School in Dowa, said chess has become popular at the school because of such competitions. ■

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which will last for 10 minutes

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creation of all adverts for the



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# Alliance One hikes school chess sponsorship to K6m

SINGAYAZI KAMINJOLO  
STAFF REPORTER

**A**lliance One Tobacco in collaboration with its sister company Pyxus Agriculture Limited have increased sponsorship of the Chess School Playing Club Project from K2.1 million to K6 million.

The project is being implemented by the Chess Association of Malawi (Chessam) in some selected rural primary schools in the Central Region.

Speaking during the signing ceremony in Lilongwe on Thursday, Alliance One Malawi Limited managing director Simon Peverelle said his company in collaboration with Pyxus Agriculture decided to increase sponsorship because chess can also help kids to do better in class through improved concentration and decision making.

He said: "We decided to support Chessam because our aim is to reduce the probability of children being involved in child labour, especially in tobacco production after school hours."

"We, therefore, believe that playing chess after classes will not only improve their skills of the game, but also improve their problem solving prowess, critical



PHOTOGRAPH: SINGAYAZI KAMINJOLO

**Done deal: Namangale (R) and Peverelle shake hands after signing the contract**

thinking as well as decision making in their daily life."

According to Peverelle, management of the two companies are glad that the project has been extended to four more primary schools in Dowa, Lilongwe and Kasungu. He said this will enhance the sport across the country, particularly in rural areas where few have its technical

ability.

"Chess is one indoor sport which helps kids to think fast and, in the process, master problem solving techniques which I believe would also help kids from the six selected primary schools to perform better academically," he said.

Peverelle has since advised both Chessam and the pupils to

take care of the playing materials so that fellow pupils who will be joining the clubs should also benefit from the same materials.

Chessam President Susan Namangale commended both Alliance One and Pyxus Agriculture for increasing the sponsorship.

She said: "This means more and more children will benefit and learn the game of chess. Now with this increment, we will be able to train more pupils about the sport in rural-based primary schools where chess is hardly played."

"Taking the game to rural areas has been our number one priority. However, we have been unable to do so due to lack of adequate financial support. We are so keen to identify raw talent which we can nurture and be able to compete at international level."

The new schools benefiting are Mthawira and Kambuyana in Dowa, Manondo in Kasungu and Chiputu in Lilongwe Rural.

Chessam in collaboration with the two companies launched this project last year as a pilot initiative in the two primary schools of Chiundira and Chunzu in Dowa with an aim of developing the sport at grassroots level. ■



PHOTOGRAPH: NATION

**Nyirenda: We are confident**

## South darts league hots up

GARRY CHIRWA  
SPORTS EDITOR

Poly CEC on Saturday climbed to the pinnacle of the Southern Region Darts League after beating Naming'omba Tea Estates (NTE) Arrows 21-15 in Naming'omba, Thyolo.

Poly, who were table anchors last season, top the 12-team league with nine points from three matches. Reigning champions Cobbe Stingers, who were on bye, have dropped to second position with six points from two games.

They are tied on points with third-placed White Eagles who, however, have an inferior goal difference. Kapichira are fourth with four points despite losing to Blantyre Sports Club (BSC) 23-13.

Three teams, MPCC, NTE Arrows, and BSC are tied on three points in that order while Katimba and SDI have two points apiece.

Tedzani have a point while Polytechnic Students, who are yet to start off, and Nkula Bees have no point at the close of week three.

The league's general secretary Kelvin Nyirenda said despite the league having no sponsor yet, the enthusiasm and competitive spirit on the part of the players has been remarkable.

He said: "If we could get sponsorship from the corporate world, it will definitely add to the excitement."

"We are confident of securing sponsorship soon considering the wide publicity we are enjoying as well as the links we have with organisations such as Campaign for Health Education Sanitation." ■

# Nyambadwe win Scott's cricket tourney

GARRY CHIRWA  
SPORTS EDITOR

Nyambadwe edged defending champions Bangwe in a closely fought final of the Scott's Men's Zonal T20 Tournament at Indian Sports Club in Limbe on Saturday.

After winning the toss and opting to field first, Bangwe's potent bowling line up could not stop Nyambadwe's opening batters Mike Chaomba and Beston Masauko from getting off to a good start before Masauko was out in the ninth over for 26 off 20 balls and the pair putting on a 60 run partnership.

Bangwe then looked to have bounced back into the game, but Chaomba kept scoring the runs for Nyambadwe and finished on 60 not out off 57 balls as his team posted 129/6 in 20 overs.

Bangwe appeared to have started their innings well, led

by Bernard Kapalamula, who was on song as he hit the ball to all corners of the field putting the Nyambadwe bowling attack under pressure.

However, he could not find a partner to bat along with him as his teammates fell cheaply around him.

The chase still looked on until Kapalamula was dismissed in the 16th over after scoring an impressive 75 off 57 balls and Bangwe's score on 114/5. With three overs to go and 16 runs needed by Bangwe, the incoming batters took the game to the final ball and ended up on 126/9.

Nyambadwe won their maiden title by just three runs and the close-fought encounter was deservedly dubbed a final between two of the strongest sides in the competition.

Chaomba was named player-of-the-match for his half century and his two-wicket haul while bowling. ■



PHOTOGRAPH: COURTESY OF CRICKET MALAWI

**Nyambadwe celebrate after being crowned champions**



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## Exit 2022 YEAR ENDER Enter 2023



By Mphatso Malidadi

**T**he game of chess continues to hog the limelight in the country due to its programmes.

Last year will best be remembered for being an action-packed one while Chess Association of Malawi (Chessam) elected a new executive committee.

In April, Chessam hosted the national open chess championship, which attracted over 50 players, battling at a four-day event at Grand Palace Hotel in Mzuzu.

Fide Master Joseph Mwale won the national open chess championship for the seventh time whereas budding player Priyasha Santosh Shriyan defended the ladies accolade for the first time.

Mwale underlined his ruthlessness after collecting seven points from nine rounds played.

The win means, Mwale won the title in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2019 and 2022.

In the men's section, Stanford Chiwambo was second with 6.5 points while Joseph Nyambalo also collected 6.5 points to finish third.

In ladies' section, Priyasha defended the title after collecting eight points, having defeated the likes of Fide Woman Master Linda Jambo Chaononga and Women Candidate Master Ellen Mpinganjira along the way.

Tapiwa Banda ended on second position with six points.

Top players in each category were selected to represent the country at the World Chess Olympiad in Chennai, India, from July 26 to August 10.

Mwale, Candidate Master Alfred Chimthere, Ernest Matola, Candidate Master Joseph Nyambalo and Stanford Chiwambo represented the country in the open championship whereas the women team comprised WFM Linda Jambo, WCM Ellen Mpinganjira, Tapiwa Banda,



LEFT AN INDELIBLE MARK—Mwale (left) and Priyasha—File photo



NOW AT THE HELM—Mizere

Tupokiwe Msukwa and Martha Kapalamula.

Administratively, the then Chessam president Susan Namangale made history when she was elected Zone 4.5 Chess President.

She defeated Tseliso Motloeloa from Lesotho with six votes against four at the Leela Palace in Chennai, India.

Namangale is also the first woman to lead both Chessam and Zone 4.5.

In October 2022, a new Chessam executive committee was successfully ushered in, with Mpilo Mizere being elected president, replacing Namangale, who did not seek re-election.

The new executive for the

chess board comprised vice president Francis Kudzula, general secretary Gift Howahowa, treasurer Jonathan Ibrahim, publicity secretary Francisco Mwangupili, technical director Peter Jailos, legal adviser Martin Mbendera and national schools coordinator Margaret Ngugama.

In November, Malawi's Chiletso Chipanga won the Mozambique Open Chess championship, having received support from Chessam.

Chipanga is one of the four players who have been enrolled in the GM project. The other players are Mwale, Jambo and Desiderata Nkhoma.

On December 17, Chessam

held an Inter-School Tournament in which six primary schools competed at Malville Boutique Hotel in Lilongwe. Participating schools were those that Chessam is reaching out to in its chess in schools project and it was sponsored by Alliance One International and Pyxus Agriculture.

The project is aimed at instilling chess knowledge in the students.

At the same time, the project was aimed at reducing the probability of young children being engaged in child labour.

On December 26, Chessam organised an online tournament, which attracted over 50 participants. Mwale, who is

Malawi's highest ranked chess player, won the tournament with 12 out of 13 points.

Chessam Publicity Secretary Francisco Mwangupili said the major challenge has been the low prize structure during tournaments due to limited resources.

"Chessam intends to increase stakeholder engagement in 2023 to boost the attractiveness of the game. The vision is to make Malawi a chess-playing nation. This is where we have as many demographic groups in Malawi as possible actively playing the game of chess and enjoying the benefits that come from the game," he said.



MEMORABLE—Namangale (third from left) poses with members of the women's chess team—File photo