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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Tertiary Education Scholarship Trust for Malawi was officially registered in June 2010 to provide scholarships to needy and bright students in the Public Universities of Malawi. The establishment of TEST comes from the background that, the country is facing a lot of challenges in the education sector. Amongst the many problems the country is facing the low access to tertiary education by the majority of the underprivileged students more especially those coming poor families, orphans and those requiring special needs and aspire to join the university education. Though the Government provides some subsidized scholarships to very few students, the majority of the poor students cannot even afford to pay the tuition fees, buy books, accommodation and let alone their upkeep.

The visit in April 2009 by Tertiary Education Scholarship Trust for Africa Trustees, Dr Keith Lloyd and Kim Lloyd provided a window of opportunity to many needy but bright students in Malawi. Based on the findings during the visit, the two Trustees for TEST for Africa, Dr Keith Lloyd and Kim Lloyd agreed to support the Malawi government through their Normal Ivy Scholarship beneficiaries Mr. Robert Kafakoma, Ms. Rose Bell and Mr. Daulos Mauambeta to ensure that that the needy students in Malawi access better tertiary education. It was therefore agreed that Tertiary Education Scholarship Trust for Malawi be established

“To advance the education of needy students by funding scholarships for undergraduate studies at public technical colleges and Universities in Malawi.”

2.0 OVERVIEW OF TEST DURING ITS FIRST YEAR

2.1 Governance structure

TEST for Malawi has a board comprising of five Trustees as presented below

Table 1 List of Trustees for TEST for Malawi

Name	Brief Profile
Mr. Robert Kafakoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Board Chairman • Currently working as the Executive Director for Training Support for Partners (an NGO involved in capacity building in Malawi)
Ms. Rose Bell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Scale Irrigation Infrastructure Manager for the EU funded Rural Infrastructure Development Programme
Dr. Address Malata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal of Kamuzu College of Nursing, a constituent college of the University of Malawi
Mr. Daulos Mauambeta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Executive Director for Wildlife and Environmental Society of Malawi
Mr Tarsizius Nampota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy University of Malawi Registrar

The five trustees provide the overall policy guidance in line with the statutes of registration of the Trust. It should be stated here that the overall governance and administration of the Trust is modelled on TEST for Ghana which started earlier than TEST for Malawi. The Trustee is very thankful to TEST for Ghana for sharing their experiences to TEST for Malawi.

2.2 Financing mechanism

TEST for Africa and the Lloyd family provide financial support for TEST for Malawi. TEST for Africa provide financial resources for scholarship while the Lloyd family support the administration cost of the Trust. This type of arrangement has enabled T4M use money meant for scholarships for that purpose only while the administrative costs such as internet, stationery and office equipment.

2.3 Launching of TEST

There was jubilation and excitement amongst students, TEST Trustees, Principals, and lecturers when the Vice Chancellor of the University of Malawi announced the official launch of TEST for Malawi on 15th April 2011. It was a day that many of us will remember. 41 students from the University of Malawi and Mzuzu University were awarded the TEST scholarships. The two T4A Trustees Keith and Kim Lloyd was the official guest during the launch. This marked the new beginning and hope for needy and under privileged students in Malawi. One student said I could not believe that now I can comfortably walk into a classroom at a University college. I can now see light at the end of the tunnel. TEST brought hope to many students like Doris Matani who was a house girl and an abandoned housewife with three children to look after alone. Doris is now a model to many students at Bunda College where she is studying and the University of Malawi and Mzuzu University as well. She is very bright.

2.4 Applications for TEST Scholarships

During the first year of its registration the Trust received 365 scholarship applications from the two public Universities. From these applications, 25% come from female students while the rest came from male students. Out of these applications, TEST offered 41 scholarships to needy and bright students of which 41% are females and 59% are male students (table 2. Apart from being needy and bright, TEST offered scholarship to students who are studying courses that are on demand on the labour market in the country the majority of which were awarded to students pursuing undergraduate course in medicine, nursing, agriculture, education, business administration, engineering, accountancy, information management and public administration.

Table 2. Number of T4M scholars during 2010/11 Academic Year

Name of College	Male	Female	Total
Mzuzu University	0	1	1
Kamuzu College of Nursing	4	6	10

Bunda College of Agriculture	4	4	8
Chancellor College	3	1	4
Polytechnic	12	5	17
Medical College	1	0	1
Total	24	17	41

2.5 Challenges

TEST would have been in the second year by now had it been for the slow government registration process. It took a lot of time for the government to register TEST as a public trust.

A number of students who applied for the scholarship were disqualified because they could not complete the scholarship application form as requested. This problem will be averted during the second year because the application forms have instructions on how to fill the form. Thanks to T4G for providing the instructions on how to fill the form.

The application forms have to be screened manually and therefore it takes time to complete all forms on time. During the second year, the trust will explore possibilities of screening the application forms electronically to reduce the work load on the Trustees.

During the year, Chancellor College and Malawi Polytechnic were closed due to some disagreements between the lecturers and the University Management. One of the colleges Chancellor remained closed for a period of 8 months. The other colleges such as Mzuzu University delayed opening due to financial problems. It is pleasing to note that Mzuzu University and the Malawi Polytechnic are now open and operating normally. However Chancellor College remains closed up until now. We are not yet sure how the students that were offered scholarships are going to be handled after Chancellor College opens.

3.0 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

T4M has been discussing its sustainability plans. Some of the options include construction of Hostel at one of the Colleges, more especially Bunda College. The hotel will be used by students at the college and rent paid will go towards payment of scholarships and maintenance of the building. Bunda college was chosen because it has adequate land (close to 2000 ha plus addition 1000 ha that will be acquired as a result of becoming a University from other institutions that are going to be part of the college) and management of the college agree in principal to allocate land to TEST to construct the hostel which will be used by students.

T4M believes that construction of a 100 room hostel at Bunda will among other things ease the acute hostel space at the college and also generate adequate financial resources for TEST. The financial resources will be used to pay for more than 200 students per academic year.

Another idea is to diversify the funding sources for TEST. This will allow individuals and companies to provide extra scholarships in addition to what is already been offered by T4A.

4.0 SCHOLRSHIPS FOR 2011/12 ACADEMIC

4.1 Planned number of scholarships

During the 2010/11 Academic year, a total of K3.3 Million (close to 15,000 British Pounds) was spent on scholarships for 41 students at all the Constituent colleges of the University of Malawi (Bunda College, Chancellor College, Malawi Polytechnic Medical College and Kamuzu College of Nursing) and Mzuzu University.

It is expected that more students will apply for scholarships this year because the level of awareness of the availability of the scholarship amongst students and college management is high. We are expecting to provide scholarship to 67 new students from the two Universities and 41 continuing students making a total of 108 students for 2011/12 academic year (table 3).

There is a deliberate effort to ensure that T4M scholarships target female students as possible. However the biggest challenge is the enrollment of female students in the majority of the colleges which is small. Apart from Kamuzu College of Nursing where there are more female student compared to male, in all the colleges the number of females is small and those who are applying and qualifying is also small.

So far 33 new students from Medical College and Mzuzu University have been identified and have already been offered the T4M scholarships. It is expected that more new students from other colleges will apply too when their colleges start the new academic year in End October and November respectively.

Table 3. Planned number of scholarships for 2011/12 academic year

Name of College	Continuing students	New students	Total
Mzuzu University	1	16	17
Kamuzu College of Nursing	10	10	20
Bunda College of Agriculture	8	13	21
Chancellor College	4	6	10
Polytechnic	17	5	22
Medical College	1	17	18
Total	41	67	108

4.2 Outreach activities

The Trustees plan to organize a number of outreach activities during the 2011/12. Some of the activities will include organizing carrier talks and sending information to the various secondary schools about the existence of the scholarship in the Public Universities. This will definitely motivate

many needy students to work hard so that they get selected into the universities. The Trustees will also work closely with media houses to publicize the scholarships and how students can access them.

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Scholarship fund

During the first year of its operation TEST for Malawi received 15000 pounds from T4A which translated to K3.6 Million (Malawi Kwacha). Below is an expense statement on the scholarship fund. As stated earlier, the money from this fund is used for scholarship only. During the reporting period, T4M had a closing balance of K280, 000 (1081.10 BP).

Table 4. Income and expenditure statement for the scholarship fund

Date	Items	Income (MK)	Expenditure (MK)
24/8/10	Receipt from TEST for Africa	3,570,000.00	
11/4/2011	Fees for Polytechnic students		1,700,000.00
11/4/2011	Fees for 1 student at Medical College		55,000.00
11/4/2011	Fees for 1 student at Mzuzu University		85,000.00
11/4/2011	Fees for students at Chancellor College		400,000.00
11/4/2011	Fees for students at Kamuzu College of Nursing		550,000.00
11/4/2011	Fees for Bunda College students		485,000.00
30/8/10	Bank service fee @ K1250 per month		15,000.00
	Total expenditure		3,290,000.00
	Closing balance		280,000.00
	Total	3,570,000.00	3,570,000.00

Exchange rate: MK259= 1 British
Pound
MK= Malawi Kwacha

5.2 Operational funds

The operational funds for the T4M were provided by the Lloyd family. This enabled T4M operate smoothly during the first year of its existence. Table 5 outlines how the money was utilized.

Table 5. Income and expenditure statement for the Operational funds

Date	Items	Income (MK)	Expenditure (MK)
8/9/2010	Receipt from TEST for Africa (Keith and Family)	940,000.00	
13/4/11	Receipt from TEST for Africa (Keith and Family)	200,000.00	
13/4/11			
30/9/10	Antivirus package		14,000.00
25/8/10	Globe computer-desk top and printer		309,450.00
25/9/10	Internet connection-Tonse solutions		94,132.00
18/12/10	Toner for the printer		28,000.00
5/1/2011	Internet connection fees		47,532.00
5/1/2011	4 rims of paper		3,800.00
7/6/2011	Utility shelf- Mapanga furniture		55,186.00
4/3/2011	Data entry-application forms		25,000.00
15/4/11	Transport reimbursement during TEST Launch		240,000.00
8/6/2011	Internet connection fees		47,532.00
	Bank service fees @K56/month		672.00
	Total expenditure		865,304.00
	Closing balance		274,696.00
	Total	1,140,000.00	1,140,000.00
	BP Equivalent	4,401.50	

Exchange rate: MK 259= 1 BP
MK= Malawi Kwacha

6.0 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2011/12 ACADEMIC YEAR

6.1 Scholarship Fund

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It is expected that more students will apply for scholarships this year because the level of awareness of the availability of the scholarship amongst students and college management is high. We are expecting to provide scholarship to 58 new students from the two Universities and 41 continuing students making a total of 100 students for 2011/12 academic year.

Table 6 Scholarship fund requirements for 2011/12 Scholarships

Name of College	Continuing students	New students	Total	Amount of money required
Mzuzu University	1	16	17	1,445,000.00
Kamuzu College of Nursing	10	10	20	1,100,000.00
Bunda College of Agriculture	8	13	21	1,260,000.00
Chancellor College	4	6	10	1,000,000.00
Polytechnic	17	5	22	2,200,000.00
Medical College	1	17	18	990,000.00
Total	41	67	108	7,995,000.00
Required amount				BP 30869.00

MK259= 1 BP

Note:

Robert Kafakoma will sponsor one student at Bunda College meaning that the number of new students at the college will be 14 making a total of 21 sponsored students.