#### **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NJOMBE**

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#### THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION IN TANZANIA.

There is a general progressive increase in prices of goods and services. The general price level rises. Each unit of currency buys fewer goods and services. Consequently this inflation has led to a reduction in the purchasing power of money.

This has also led to uncertainty over the future discouraging investment and savings, price rises due to increase in production costs such as raw materials and wage.

However in Tanzania the following factors are established as influencing price inflation

#### these are;

- 1. rising fuel costs.
- 2. Rising energy prices, rising food prices and
- 3. Depreciation of the Tanzania shilling,
- 4. Demand pull inflation; Demand of goods or services increases while the available supply decreases.
- 5. The pandemic effect of Covid 19 and
- 6. The current ongoing Russia Vs Ukraine war.

According to CPI (Consumer Price Index) Tanzania inflation rate in January 2022 = 4.0% while in February 2022 = 3.7% (source; Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics. This time Tanzania the economic situation is unpredictable.

#### SCHOOL FINANCIAL INSTABILITY.

It is the fact that inflation as briefly explained above affects the school.

This time the school faces greatly financial crisis hence failing to run its program including academic programs

Some parents who were supposed to pay tuition fee have failed to do so on time. Poor families have failed even to buy school uniforms for pupils, shoes, and other school needs.

The school has failed to pay salaries to the workers, paying government bills, and taxes and other legal contributions. What happens now, is greatly worse. It is great fear that good teachers might breach working contracts, also there is poor provision of services including food for pupils, with such situation academic performance drops. There is a great need to rescue the situation, so as to accomplish pupils vision in their life, by assisting them academically.

Below is the summary school budget for the year 2022, however there is a great deficit due to the daily rising cost of living.

# **BUDGET SUMMARY 2022**

- ➤ The Annual total estimated income generation from tuition fee paid by eligible pupil's is 86,757\$
- > The Annual estimated expenditure budget is 139,742\$
- > The Annual budget deficit is 52,985\$

# THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE BUDGET 2022:

BUDGET ITEMS	TOTAL AMOUNTS (TSHS)
REVENUE BILLS GOVERNMENT TAXES &	59,367\$
WAGES	
FIRE COMBATING SYSTEM	261\$
SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	6,163\$
FOODS	26,295\$
SCHOOL BUILDING RENOVATION	1,402\$
PUPILS MEDICATION	1,060\$
HOUSE RENT FOR WORKERS	576\$
SECRETARIAL SERVICES	1,458\$
AGRICULTURE & AGRICULTURAL INPUTS	43,160\$
TOTAL	139,742\$

St. Monica's School spend almost 26,295\$ every year on food . This include,

No.	Material	
1.	Rice	3,520kg
2.	Beans	12,320kg
3.	Maize / corns	70,400kg
4.	Beef / Meat	888kg
5.	Cooking oil	88 Liter's
6.	Catton of sugar	88 catton
7.	Food ingredients / spices	
8.	Energy / fire wood	
9.	Meat diary products	
10.	Fruits	
11.	Wheat for breads	104kg

From the summary of the budget above I humbly ask for the financial assistance so as to rescue the situation explained above, For sure your assistance will be so helpful and remarkable.

Your financial support will help us to buy food for pupils, buy them school uniforms and other school needs like books, but also making desks, and renovating classrooms.

### **POVERTY IN MATAMBA AREA.**

People at Matamba are very poor. This is due to low level of production forces and technology in production of goods and services. Most of people are indigenous peasants, and substance. This has led to most families fail to pay bills, tuition fee at time. It is this situation that has led the School fail to accommodate its program such as paying wages to workers, having good and enough food for students and purchasing clothes as uniform for them. So your assistance is vital and valuable for the welfare of School and community in large.



Picture: A widow in her residence.



Picture; A widow with her extremely poor family.



Picture; A widow in her field of sunflower.



Picture; Children from extremely poor family in Matamba.



Picture; St. Monica primary school pupils getting lunch in dining hall.



Picture; Fr. Augustine Mbiche with few pupils in front of water tanks.



Picture; Pupils in the garden.

At the St. Monica's school these orphan children are provided home and school at the same time: a home in which they are loved, fed, sheltered and clothed, and if needed, medications. When they are in school they are provided School uniforms, Food, books and Medication. They pay nothing for the School.

On behalf of the orphan children, the staff and the parishioners of Matamba I would like to assure you about our daily prayers to you and your family. I thank you very much for your sympathetic consideration, attention, faith and kindness to our needs.

I wish you and your family Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

**Father Augustine Mbiche** 

Father in charge of the orphans and the Director of St. Monica's School.