

High Commission of India Lilongwe

Press Release

<u>Launch of 'India for Humanity' in Malawi</u> Jaipur Foot Camp – Artificial limbs workshop

Government of India had announced on 09 October, 2018 under the "India for Humanity", to organize a Jaipur Foot camp in 18 countries as follows: Malawi, Iraq, Nepal, Vietnam, Myanmar, Egypt, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Syria, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, Liberia, South Africa, Rwanda, Colombia, Equatorial Guinea, Tanzania and Angola. Jaipur Foot is an indigenously developed technology to provide low cost but highly efficient and technologically proficient artificial limbs.

Malawi is the first country under the "India for Humanity" theme where the Jaipur Foot camp is being organized by Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur (Rajasthan).

Hon'ble Vice President of India launched the "India for Humanity" in Malawi with the inauguration of the camp on 05 November, 2018 at Bingu International Conference Centre. The launch was in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, Dr. Jean Alfazema Kalilani. Four beneficiaries were fitted the limbs, 2 by Vice President of India and the 2 lady beneficiary by Dr. Jean Kalilani, Hon'ble Minister.

The Government of Malawi have conveyed their thanks to the Government of India for organizing the artificial limbs camp and honouring Malawi as the first country where this camp will be organized. The camp will be conducted in the premises of the Kamuzu Central Hospital, with the required space provided for the workshop, required manpower, electricity and water for the workshop.

During the 35-40 days camp, it is proposed to fix artificial limbs to about 500 beneficiaries in Malawi. The Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Malawi are coordinating with the High Commission of India to identify the beneficiaries and bring them to the workshop.

Padam Bhushan D.R. Mehta, Chief Patron of BMVSS witnessed the inauguration of the camp to ensure the operation of noble initiative of India to celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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