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To: The director  
IIWD, Box 317  
Karonga office

VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE RECEIPT OF 2 BP MACHINES

I, on behalf of the District Health Officer, Dr Charles Sungani would like to acknowledge receipt of 2 BP machines as a donation to the district hospital from Breuckmann Foundation through IIWD. Thank you very much for the timely donation. This is not the first time Breuckmann Foundation through IIWD has donated a BP machine here at Karonga district hospital. In April this year, the same organization again donated a BP Machine to the district hospital which really came as a great relief considering that the Maternal and Child Health department where Family planning and antenatal mothers get their services did not have a BP machine, the donated one was allocated to the mentioned department.

I wish there were many more organizations emulating the same example considering shortage of different essential equipment in our hospital.

We extend our vote of thanks to the donor and IIWD for coming to our rescue in these times of need at our facility, continue assisting Karonga community through these donations. The donated 2 BP machines will start to be used immediately in the departments where they are not there.

On another note, I wish to express another gratitude on the issue of employing a nurse/midwife to assist with Family Planning services in our MCH department. This is a very good idea considering what has just happened that all nurses who were on month to month contract have just been told to wind up their duties by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This will result in critical shortage of staff and indeed employing one to assist with offering the services is a very welcome idea.

However, the MCH department where family Planning services are offered is very small such that offering the services is a challenge, should there be a possibility of Breuckmann Foundation through IIWD coming to the rescue of the facility in terms of extending the MCH buildings, it would be another welcome idea. Conducting outreach clinics to offer Family Planning services is also a challenge because there is no vehicle for Maternal and Child health outreach Services. Nurses go to the very far communities to offer Family planning services only when an ambulance is available for such activity. Having a vehicle solely for MCH department where Family Planning services are offered would increase user rates for the family Planning methods since frequent pregnancies contribute too many children that are not properly cared for, maternal deaths and increased poverty in Karonga District.

Thank you very much.



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FOR: DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER.