

COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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At the heart of Tikonze Apapa is a powerful but simple belief: every Deaf individual in Malawi deserves the opportunity to thrive. Our mission is to provide the tools, resources, and support needed for Deaf people to access quality education, meaningful employment, and full participation in community life. Through every project, partnership, and program, we are working toward a future where no one is left behind—and where the voices of the Deaf community are seen, heard, and valued.



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Welcome to our Tikonze Apapa monthly newsletter! We're thrilled to share some of our latest achievements and updates with you. Here's what happened in the month of May

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors and volunteers. Your unwavering support and generosity toward the Deaf community have been instrumental in keeping our projects running smoothly and effectively.

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New Program Alert: Introducing "Tiko the Pangolin"

We are proud to announce the launch of a brand-new children's program: "Tiko the Pangolin." We have officially completed the first episode, and we are excited to share it with you!

Tiko the Pangolin is an educational show created to teach Malawian Sign Language in a fun and engaging way. The program is designed for children, but it is also perfect for parents, teachers, and anyone interested in learning sign language. It is suitable for both Deaf and hearing audiences.

Our goal with this program is to help break down communication barriers and to promote inclusion. By teaching sign language in a playful and accessible format, we hope to create a stronger connection between the Deaf and hearing communities in Malawi and beyond.

This program is more than just a show—it is a step toward a more inclusive and understanding society where everyone can learn, communicate, and grow together.

We look forward to sharing more episodes soon. Stay tuned and join us on this exciting journey with Tiko!



Celebrating Creativity and Inclusion at Zomba City Festival

Tikonze Apapa proudly participated in the 2025 Zomba City Festival, a vibrant celebration of art, culture, and community. Among the highlights was a stunning runway showcase featuring our talented Titchene Deaf Designers.

Their fashion pieces wowed the audience with bold creativity and cultural flair, reflecting the unique vision and skill of deaf designers in Malawi. More than just a fashion show, their presence highlighted the importance of inclusion and accessibility in the creative industry.

We are honored to have been part of this inspiring event and remain committed to supporting underrepresented voices in the arts.



ZOMBA CITY 25 FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL LINEUP Dates: 2-4 MAY, 2025

PERFORMANCES BY

PHSY	SAGEMAH & TANALA
BUSCI	MAUDI ZACK
TAY GRIN	LIPOLYDWA
SHAMO INDEX	JACARANDA MAMBA BAND
CLONIX	PRINCESS MULNEY
BOUNCY	YANIELI
TSAR LEO	ISHAH CHAPTEL
BEJJAY & ACE RIZZY	EUGENE REIN

DANCE SHOWCASES

GEORGIE THE GREAT	YOMEED CULTURAL TROUPE
LIPOLYDWA	JACARANDA CULTURAL TROUPE

THEATRE

"THIS IS AFRICA" BY UNIMA PERFORMANCE TOUR

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY SHOWCASE BY THE FUTURE IS FEMALE INITIATIVE CANDIDATES TITLED "THIS IS NOT A SHOW"

FESTIVAL HOSTS

CLONIX	BOUNCY
CECIEE	ALFRED INAHM
SUPER OT	KAREN BANYA

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NIGHT MARKET
SHOWCASING PAINTINGS FROM PREVIOUS SIP & PAINT EVENTS

SATURDAY 03 MAY BLANTYRE @ MUSEUM OF MALAWI, CHICHIRI

FROM 04:00PM TO 12:00AM

SP & PAINT SESSIONS | LIVE PERFORMANCES | ART EXHIBITION | FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

STANDARD TICKETS

ADVANCE TICKET	MM 00.00
MM 00.00	MM 00.00
Access to the venue + Entertainment	
+ Access to exhibitions + Music + parking	

VP TICKETS

ADVANCE TICKET	MM 00.00
MM 00.00	MM 00.00
Includes all basic benefits + Art supplies for painting on canvas + Take your artwork home	

STALL PRICES

ARTIST STALL **FOOD & BEVERAGE STALLS**

Connecting and Networking: Building Bridges Through Community Engagement

Over the past few weeks, we've been out in the community, meeting, sharing, and connecting with people from all walks of life. Through participation in farmers' markets, night markets, business card exchanges, and local networking events, we've had the opportunity to introduce our work, learn from others, and build valuable relationships that support our mission.

These events have allowed us to engage with diverse audiences, from families to entrepreneurs, changemakers to creatives. Each event has been more than just a chance to showcase what we do. It's been an invitation to listen, learn, and collaborate.

Whether it was a casual chat at a weekend market stall or an insightful conversation at a business mixer, every interaction added a meaningful layer to our work. We're incredibly grateful for the warm reception we've received and the many connections we've made.

As we continue to grow, these community touchpoints will remain at the heart of what we do. They not only strengthen our network, but also inspire us to keep pushing forward together.



Titchene Designers Showcase Sustainable Style at Kimbe's Fashion Show

On May 31st, Tikonze Apapa proudly took part in Kimbe's Fashion Show, an exciting event that brought together fashion lovers, creatives, and industry professionals for an evening of innovation and style. Our very own Titchene designers took to the runway with a beautifully curated collection that highlighted the power of sustainable fashion.

Each piece in the collection was thoughtfully handmade, blending modern design with eco-friendly materials and techniques. The winter sustainable collection not only showcased the remarkable creativity of the Titchene designers but also carried a strong message about the importance of environmentally responsible fashion.

The audience responded with enthusiasm, applauding the craftsmanship, originality, and purpose behind each look. For many, it was a moment that demonstrated how fashion can be both beautiful and impactful.

Tikonze Apapa remains committed to empowering our designers and promoting sustainability in the fashion industry. We are incredibly proud of the Titchene team for their hard work and the message they continue to share through their designs.



*“Every voice matters.
Every hand speaks”*

Join Us in Making a Difference!!

As always, we remind you that our work thrives because of your generosity and support to the community. Together, we can continue making a real difference in the lives of the Deaf.

Thank you for being part of our journey!
Don't forget to follow us on social media for the latest updates, stories, and inspiration.



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