

HOW I MENTORED HILDA ONE OF THE YOUTH AT OUR PARISH MAKUMBI

Reasons for choosing Hilda as Sr Monica third mentee:

I identified Hilda because she was willing to do projects as a youth for her sustenance and for the good of her family since due to economic challenges we had a degree in accounting but have no work. And the parents were struggling to find food because of age.

- The availability of land and space made my life easier to help Hilda She welcome my idea of helping her to start a project as a girl child
- Our mission and charism of the LCBL sisters of helping girl child was fulfilled
- I helped her on writing project proposal for her to look for donors to help her to start poultry and gardening

SUCCESES ON MENTORING HILDA

- She was able to write a project proposal because I teach her how to write a good project proposal
- She learnt that a proposal is a document which will inform the basis for the decision by the donor about whether to fund or not.
- Sr Monica managed to mentor her on the steps on proposal writing which are: gather intelligence, complete risk assessment, analysis or request for proposals, manage the proposal process and write a proposal.
- After she distributed her proposal to the business owners and at the parish for the well-wishers and even to outside the country. Her proposal was granted and managed to start gardening and keeping poultry for commercial purposes
- Now she is very happy for seeing progress on project. It is the mentor's joy
- The parents are now happy to see their child having the ability to manage her own project and be determined

CHALLENGES FACED IN MENTORING HILDA

- It was a bit hard to convince her that she will find people to help her since it has been long and due to covid she was not sure whether the mentoring process was going to be successful
- Lack of proper time to mentor her due to my commitment and covid regulations.
- I was staying at the parish but Hilda was from an out station about 12 kilometres so there was a challenge of transport for me to go there since at first encounters I was supposed to talk to her parents and to see her house. Since it was COVID 19 times
- Delays from the donors to inject money on her projects
- Many youths were very inspired by Hilda and wanted to be mentored as well unfortunately due to COVID 19 was not able to help them.
- **CONCLUSION**
- It is so sweet to see the fruits of mentoring, many gratitude to the ASEC- SLDI, Malawi for giving me the opportunity to have these the skills which I am happily sharing with other sisters and other peoples in my community.

- This mentor and mentee relationship is of great value since it's like a life mentoring if they find any challenges they can get the assistance