

EMPOWERED BY ASEC

My name is Sr. Rachael Munyungi, a member of the Congregation of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi. Our charism as Franciscans, calls us to follow the Gospel of Christ poor and crucified through prayer, fraternal life in community and spending ourselves in the exercise of the works of mercy.

I have just concluded my training in Asec on administration. This is a cause of joy for me, to share with you the fruits of my learning. I am engaged in the vocation promotion and I feel that Asec has empowered me, given me skills to work well for the youth and with the youths. Besides, I have benefited also in the areas of leadership, mentoring, and project planning and grant writing.

The idea of being a vocation promoter never really crossed my mind. However, upon my arrival in Malawi, my community assigned me the duty of vocation promotion. Though hesitating about the work, I accepted it. Further, almost immediately after the assignment, I was enrolled in Asec program in administration. What a grace! What a gift! In this environment, I have learned many things. I have been helped to open myself to a world that is progressing so fast, that needs skills in almost everything one does. It has filled me with the hope for the future of my ministry, and I have come to appreciate and love it even more.

Through the Asec training, I have gained a wide knowledge which allows me to venture into my work more consciously and with a profound spirit of collaboration with my community members. Actually, I invite them to accompany me when I visit families. This has proved very helpful, sisters and aspirants are very resourceful in terms of assisting me in overcoming language barriers, they also help me in explaining to the families.

It has been a very formative experience in that, in the classes, I have felt encouraged and challenged to believe that “I CAN DO IT”. I have learned different ways of communication which is impacting so positively in my ministry of vocation promotion. This is evidenced by the good number of aspirants who turned up for the **“come and see program”** in our community. Besides, two candidates have also been admitted to begin the postulancy stage. These are the fruits of Asec training and I remain forever grateful for this empowerment in my life. It is indeed life changing, eye opening, and capacity building! I thank you for journeying with me and leading me to the light.

Whenever I accompany the young vocations, I am reminded of my mentorship classes and I give my best listening ear to the youths. This is because Asec has listened to me and to all those we studied together and has offered us an opportunity to learn, to grow, to be transformed so that we bring that same change to our various ministries. Thank you ASEC/SLDI. I am what I am because of you.

