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### **Summary of the work undertaken by Glasgow City Council (IT) on behalf of the Prison Service, Malawi.**

Glasgow City Council's Lord Provost's office has supported many projects in Malawi since 2004.

The projects referred to are principally connected to health and education matters.

IT projects have played a major role since 2006 when a team of IT specialists from Glasgow visited Malawi for the first time.

Our IT work initially was to develop skills and to provide training for users and for developing the skills for those providing the technical support for the equipment.

Our first interfaces were with people working in hospitals, clinics and local authorities, but over the subsequent years, our involvement expanded to include universities, colleges, schools, orphanages and charities.

The first connection with the Prison Service was at Dedza City in 2010 when one desktop computer was provided. We had already been working closely with the local authority at Dedza for some time and were asked if we could do anything to assist the Prison Service.

In 2012, additional desktop computers were installed. One in the prison office and another in the Judiciary Department.

Again, in 2013, additional desktop computers were supplied to the prison and in 2014, two desktop computers were installed in the main office of the prison.

In 2015, a desktop computer was provided for use in the Young Offenders Officer's room and in the Medical Dispensary. These were the first computers actually installed within the confines of the prison.

Eight desktop computers were set up in the newly formed computer laboratory within the prison in 2016.

In 2017, ten computers were installed in the library at Maula Prison in Lilongwe.

A further visit was made to Maula Prison in 2018. The IT equipment installed in 2017 was still functioning satisfactorily.

A promise was given that some more computers would be installed at the prison, later that same day. Subsequently, three desktop computers were installed in the Reception area, the Library and the Stores office.

Four desktop computers were installed in the training room in the Women's Wing for use by staff and inmates.

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Kachere Young Offenders Unit was provided with three desktop computers for use by prison officers.

Bzyanzi Young Offenders Unit was given three desktop computers, which were placed in the training room.

Five desktop computers were left in the care of Ms. Manyozo, IT Manager, Lilongwe City Council, for transport to and use at Mzuzu Prison.

A visit was made to Zomba Prison where we met Commissioner Yafeti Chimodzi, and staff, to discuss the distribution of IT kit to Zomba and Chichiri Prisons, and Mpembe Young Offenders Institution. We had a meeting with Ms. Wandika Phiri, the District Commissioner, and members of senior staff at the prison. Subsequently, twenty-two desktop computers were installed throughout the prison. This proved to be a very timely donation, given that some months earlier, there had been a fire at the prison which resulted in the loss of much of the previously installed IT kit.

A visit was conducted to Chichiri prison where four desktop computers were provided for use, in the Library, by male and female inmates. Four desktop computers were also installed at Mpembe Reform School.

In 2019, Zomba Prison was visited once again. A very productive meeting took place with the IT Manager, Hosea Chinyamunyamu. Six desktop computers were installed. In the latest container sent to Malawi, (November, 2019), there were twenty desktop computers for use by the Prison Service. Ms Manyozo was requested to liaise with Hosea to ensure that ten were delivered to Blantyre and ten were donated to prisons in Lilongwe.

Two desktop computers were also donated to Dedza Prison and six desktop computers were set up at Balaka Prison for use by the Fellowship Halfway House.

Three desktop computers were given to Ms Manyozo for transfer to Mzuzu Prison.

Finally, I can report that in order to assist with the welfare of the inmates in the various prisons, quantities of sportswear were provided. To-date, 392 boxes of sportswear and 12 boxes of floor mops have been given to Zomba Prison. Also, 287 boxes of sportswear and 16 boxes containing floor mops were donated to Maula Prison, Lilongwe.

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