

## *It has been a surprise. We didn't expect!*

*Zakayo James is a chair person for Mandeleo tailors group in Chato, Geita. Keeping in mind that the group was visited in 2017 when they submitted the requests for sewing machines to the PO they seem to think the whole thing was all forgotten. This is what he said when asked to comment to the machines:*



'You know brother, nobody among us was expecting that you will come to us again with the machines. As you remember we submitted our requests to you in 2017. But learning from other *fundis* (artisans) that you had brought them their toolkits, I personally got some hopes and I advised my fellow group members to keep on waiting. Luckily you were always communication to us informing on what has been going on. We understood but we were still worried. When you called me a week ago and told the good news that the machines are coming we were so excited! Now we have them here, and they are very new brands to us. The machines look very strong and there is one-zig zag, it looks like a bombardier! (*the new aeroplanes recently bought in Tanzania*)

This group was using only 2 machines and they are not good as we keep repairing them almost every week. I am sure these ones are different. I can recall the one written Singer. My father used to own one when I was a child, and it was one of the properties inherited by my brother who is now old. So I believe such machines are very strong and durable. We are now going to open a new office with electricity available where we will put all the machines. Please come back just a month from today and you will see a lot of changes.

Thank you again for making our requests a reality'

Zakayo James, chair person for Mandeleo Tailors Group, Chato