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1. Introduction

Mulanje Mission Hospital through its Primary Health Care (PHC) department in partnership with Local Government Sectors continued with the implementation of the Sustainable Livelihoods Project in Mulanje District during the period under review.

2. Beneficiaries

Households of Traditional Authorities Chikumbu, Mabuka and Nkanda in Mulanje District, Southern Malawi and learners in ten primary schools in the area.

Most of the work was carried out in the 10 model villages in the catchment area.

The project also continued supporting ten primary schools through the School Gardening Programme. Activities in primary schools include gardening, introduction of livestock and expansion of environmental conservation and tree planting.

3. Partners and project coordination

This program has been made possible with support from the Good Little Company, Fane Valley Cooperative, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, Greenpop, Stichting Steun Malawi, the English Reformed Church and Wilde Ganzen, Christian Blind Mission, Greenpop and various individual donors contributing to the program and to carbon offsetting.

Involvement of different stakeholders like the government extension workers, teachers and community at large has assisted to increase the coverage and timely completion of activities.

4. Achievements during the period

4.1 Successes

The Village Savings and Loans committees made a good income during the period; over 45 million Malawi Kwacha was contributed in 10 villages, equating to approximately 58,000 US\$ in savings reinvested or used for household needs. Likewise the irrigation schemes, three in total, generated 3.8 million Malawi Kwacha for farmers.

984 follower farmers were trained in improved agricultural techniques by 30 lead farmers.

150 beehives were procured and distributed, and 5 new tree nurseries established, while 132 young goats were passed on to new farmers.

The reconstruction of a 10ha gravity fed Mwanamvula Irrigation Scheme is another success story to the project. The project is going to benefit over 50 farmers of Mwanamvula and surrounding villages.

The phasing out of first four model villages of Bololo, Mwamadi, Wasi and Tambala-Mabuka.

4.2 Overview of all indicators

The table below provides a summary of all achievements during the period.

Program Area	Activities	Indicator	Annual Target	Reporting Period	Achieved during the reported period	Cummulative achievements (Since 2017)	No of Farmers involved			% Achieved	Remarks
							Male	Female	Total		
1. Coordination and Monitoring of Project activities	Enhance Farmer to Farmer Extension Activities	Nb of Lead Farmers trained and active	22	June, 20-Jul, 21	22	22	13	9	22	100%	
		Nb of Lead Farmer Review Meetings	2	June, 20-Jul, 21	2	21	13	9	22	100%	
		Nb of Para-Vets Trained and active	22	June, 20-Jul, 21	22	22	13	9	22	100%	
		Nb of Review Meetings	2	June, 20-Jul, 21	2	21	13	9	22	100%	
2. Improved Opportunities for members of vulnerable communities to gain knowledge and skills	Mounting of demonstrations plots of various technologies	Nb of follower Farmers Trained and assisted by the Lead Farmers	660	June, 20-Jul, 21	660	9800	301	683	984	100%	
		Nb of Demonstration Plots mounted with various technologies (Model Villages)	220	June, 20-Jul, 21	158	840	68	72	140	72%	Rainfed
		Nb of Demonstration Plots mounted with various technologies (Community Gardens)	30	June, 20-Jul, 21	19	158	8	10	18	63%	Rainfed
		Nb of Demonstration Plots mounted with various technologies (School Gardening)	100	June, 20-Jul, 21	60	480	5,159	5,173	10332	60%	Rainfed
3. Improved Agricultural Productivity	Practices	Nb of Farmers Trained	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	897	6800	204	693	897	60%	
	Train Farmers on BackYard Gardening	Nb of Farmers Trained	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	1384	5652	376	1008	1384	92%	
		Nb of Backyard Gardens established	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	1265	5533	288	977	1265	84%	
	Train Farmers on Crop Diversification and Food Budgeting	Nb of Farmers Trained	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	1396	4406	438	958	1396	93%	
	Train Farmers on Integrated Pest Management	Nb of Farmers Trained	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	1396	4406	438	958	1396	93%	
	Livestock Productivity	Nb of Goats Passed-on	100	June, 20-Jul, 21	98	235	42	56	98	98%	
		Nb of Raised Standard Kholas Constructed	80		68	368	21	47	68	85%	
4. Increased Community Economic Activities	VSL Groups Active	Nb of active members	1,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	820	820	234	586	820	55%	
		Amount contributed (Jan-Dec, 20)	102,139,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	45,689,960	204,345,880	185	486	671	45%	the rise is due to the starting of new cycle (Jan, 2021)
		Amount shared (Jan-Dec, 20)	102,139,500	June, 20-Jul, 21	45,689,960	204,345,880	185	486	671	45%	
		Amount Contributed (Jan-Dec, 21)	120,000,000	Jan-June, 2021	18,342,112	222,687,992	234	586	820	15%	
		Nb of Farmers Involved	240	June, 20-Jul, 21	154	1946			0	64%	
	Community Gardens	Amount Generated		June, 20-Jul, 21	990,000	14,289,000.00			0	#DIV/0!	
		Nb of Enterprises Generated	6	June, 20-Jul, 21	4	4			0	67%	
		Amount Generated		June, 20-Jul, 21	3,860,000	9,426,800			0	#DIV/0!	21/22 season began in April
	Bee Keeping	Nb of Farmers Involved	300	June, 20-Jul, 21	72		42	30	72	24%	
		Amount Generated		June, 20-Jul, 21	1,356,000		42	30	72	#DIV/0!	
		Nb of Bee Hives Procured & Distributed	300	June, 20-Jul, 21	160	266	98	168	266	53%	
5. Increased Resilience of Rural Communities to the Impact of Climate Change	Increased agro-forestry and fruit tree production and management	Nb of tree nurseries established	7	June, 20-Jul, 21	5	67			0	71%	
		Nb of tree seedlings raised	21,000	June, 20-Jul, 21	13,864	181,568			0	66%	4
		Nb of tree seedlings procured	4,000	June, 20-Jul, 21	3,500	13,200			0	88%	
		Nb of tree seedlings received as donation		June, 20-Jul, 21	900	3,800			0	#DIV/0!	MMCT
		Nb Agro-Forestry trainings conducted	10	June, 20-Jul, 21	12	44			0	120%	
	Scaling up soil and water conservation practices	Nb of marker ridges constructed	1,200	June, 20-Jul, 21	800	6439	45	128	173	67%	
		Area under Water Harvesting Technologies	5	June, 20-Jul, 21	3	23	45	128	173	60%	
	Energy Cook Stove Production	Nb of Community Members trained	500	June, 20-Jul, 21	342	678	98	244	342	68%	
		Nb of Stoves Produced	500	June, 20-Jul, 21	219	587			0	44%	

4.3 COVID 19 Response: food security

Through a special grant from ERC/Wilde Ganzen around COVID-19, the project conducted improved home gardening training. The target was to train 720 households in 36 villages on improved home garden technologies. This was achieved and the project has been successfully completed now. The table below gives a summary of this COVID-19 response.

	Activity	Number of Beneficiaries		
		Male	Female	Total
1	Home Garden Trainings	122	598	720
2	Crop Diversification and Food Budgeting	109	41	150
3	Land & Water Resources Management	118	32	150
Total		349	671	1,020
Topics covered during the training 1. Importance of home gardening 2. Layout of home gardening 3. Sowing of different vegetables Integrated Pest Management in vegetable gardens 4. Processing and Utilization of vegetables 5. Organic fertilizer making and application.				

4.4 Carbon Emission Compensation Fund

Individuals and companies contributed funds to Mulanje Mission Hospital that were used to purchase and manage tree seedlings planted in the catchment area. During this period the planted trees were monitored for presence of weeds and growth.

4.5 Moringa Production

The project intends to introduce Moringa trees production in 2021/2022 season with an aim of improving both health and economic status of the community.

Moringa trees produce edible leaves with high nutrient content. The seeds can be used for oil production and will be processed in cooperation with a company called Moringa Miracles Ltd, based in Thyolo.

This year, the plan is to plant 6,000 trees in three villages of Mwanamvula, Ng'oma and Salamba. Community sensitization meetings were already done and construction of nurseries is in progress in all the villages.

5. Challenges

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially 3rd quarter teaching activities were delayed as there were restrictions on group meetings.

Another challenge is the discrepancy between various non-governmental organizations working in the area. Some are used to give beneficiaries financial incentives to take part in programmes, which MMH does not normally do. With this insistence on participation and self-development, the SL program has to put in an extra effort to recruit participants during early stages of projects. However, in the long run this is what we believe will create lasting change.

6. Planned activities for July 2021-June, 2022

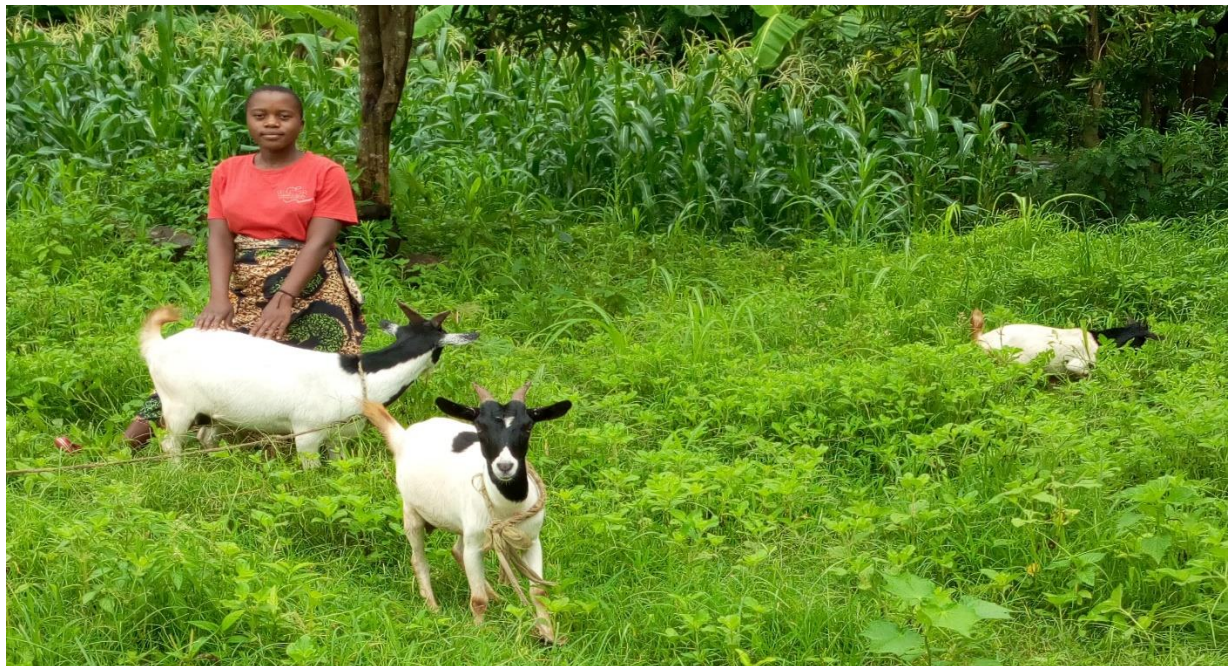
- Identification of five new model village (Phase 3).
- Development of Village Action Plan for the five new model villages.
- Training of Village Development Committees and other committee of the five new model villages
- Interface meetings for Mlatho and Chole Reforestation sites
- Tree Growth monitoring
- Tree planting, about 15,000 seedlings at Chole, Mlatho and Mulanje Mission
- Bee keeping trainings and meetings including beekeeping for orphans and vulnerable children
- Post-harvest handling training
- Agriculture teachers network training, rolling the program out to 21 primary schools
- Primary school cooking demonstrations
- Irrigation planning meetings, trainings in preparation for the coming dry season
- Construction of Sikoya Irrigation Scheme
- Launch of by-laws for Chole Hills
- Leadership and Resource Mobilization training
- Field days
- Establishment of more tree nurseries
- Exchange visits for farmers
- Procurement of a digital projector with Access Agriculture videos in Chichewa and screening of the videos at the Resource Centre and at communities (see www.accessagriculture.org)
- To experiment with producing chilli sauce for the local market

- To continue processing honey to Malawi Bureau of Standards quality requirements

7. Pictures



Tree Growth Monitoring Training at Thandizani Resource Centre



One of the beneficiaries of OVC Goat Pass-on Program



Mwanamvula Irrigation Scheme



Mlatho Hills Reforestation area in it's third year of reforestation. Note that some trees have now grown big!



Misanjo Primary School Agriculture Committee, in front of the goats' house or 'khola'

MMH, March 2021