

A stylized illustration of a group of diverse women with various hairstyles and colors, positioned on the left side of the slide.

South-South Series: Empowering and Growing Women-led Business

Session 6: Climate-Resilient Business Models for Women Entrepreneurs

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PROMOTING RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS IN MALAWI AND BEYOND



WHAT PROBLEM ARE WE ADDRESSING?



- **Food insecurity**— Malawi rated **87/121** countries on the global hunger index (CLIMATE CHANGE)
- **6.6 million/20 million** hungry
- **71%** of the total food producer group is women.
- **140** million people experiencing hunger in Africa in 2023
- **345** million people experiencing hunger globally in 2023

WHAT IS OUR SOLUTION

Women Empowerment in Horticultural Production

Sustainable Livestock Production

Value addition of seasonal low cost products



WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE WE FACED?



- ➔ Climate change impacts
- ➔ Pests and Diseases
- ➔ Rising cost of raw materials
- ➔ Unstable markets
- ➔ Limited Funding Opportunities- organic growth
- ➔ Limited access to advanced technology production

WHAT ARE THE WORKING RESILIENT MODELS

➔ Diversification-Vertical growth



➔ Inclusive models- focus on women farmers and integration with initiatives targeting young people



➔ Knowledge sharing-capacity building for farmers



WHAT ARE THE WORKING RESILIENT MODELS



- ▶ Responsive- no one size fits all approach
- ▶ Collaboration
- ▶ Climate Responsive Programing- restoration, water harvesting, use of renewable energy etc
- ▶ Human Rights based approaches



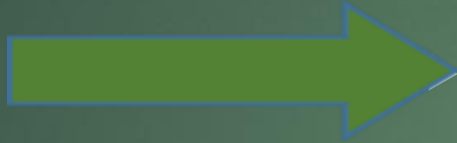
ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



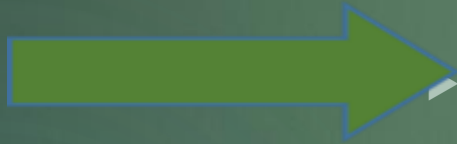
- ▶ Working with 2000 plus women farmers in livestock and horticulture value chains
- ▶ Reached 17500 students with climate change initiatives like restoration, message development and basic agronomic practices
- ▶ Developed an agile business strategy that is adaptive to situations
- ▶ We have well established offices in Blantyre, Chiradzulu and Thyolo
- ▶ Mindset change for our out-grower farmers where they now are seeing their potential to grow high value crops which can be exported
- ▶ Strengthened collaboration with community, district, national, regional and international partners



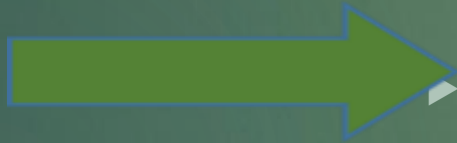
WHAT FUTURE DO WE ANTICIPATE?



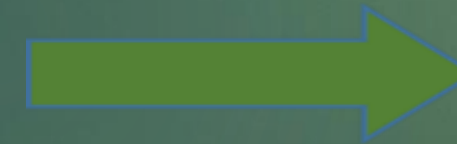
Finish constructing our pack house and processing unit by December 2025



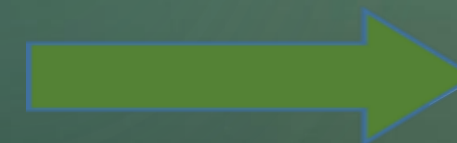
Finish constructing our offtake warehouses in Thyolo and Chiradzulu by April 2026



Start exporting our products by December 2026



Reach 5000 farmers by 2028



Scale production from an average of 300 tonnes a year to 2500 by December 2028



Thank you

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