

# Regeneration of Nature through Income Generation for Local Communities in Malawi

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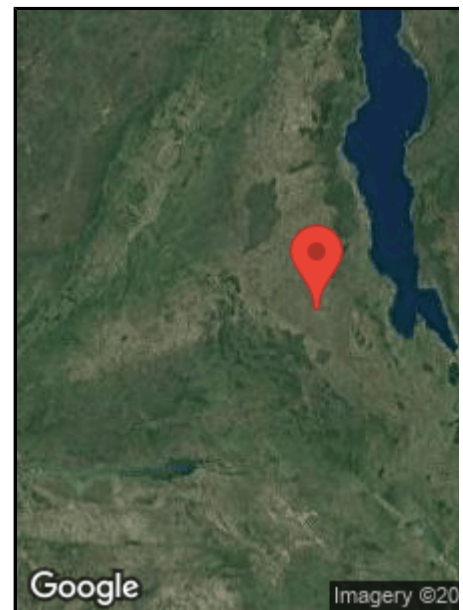
Simpson Foundation



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## Location



## Summary

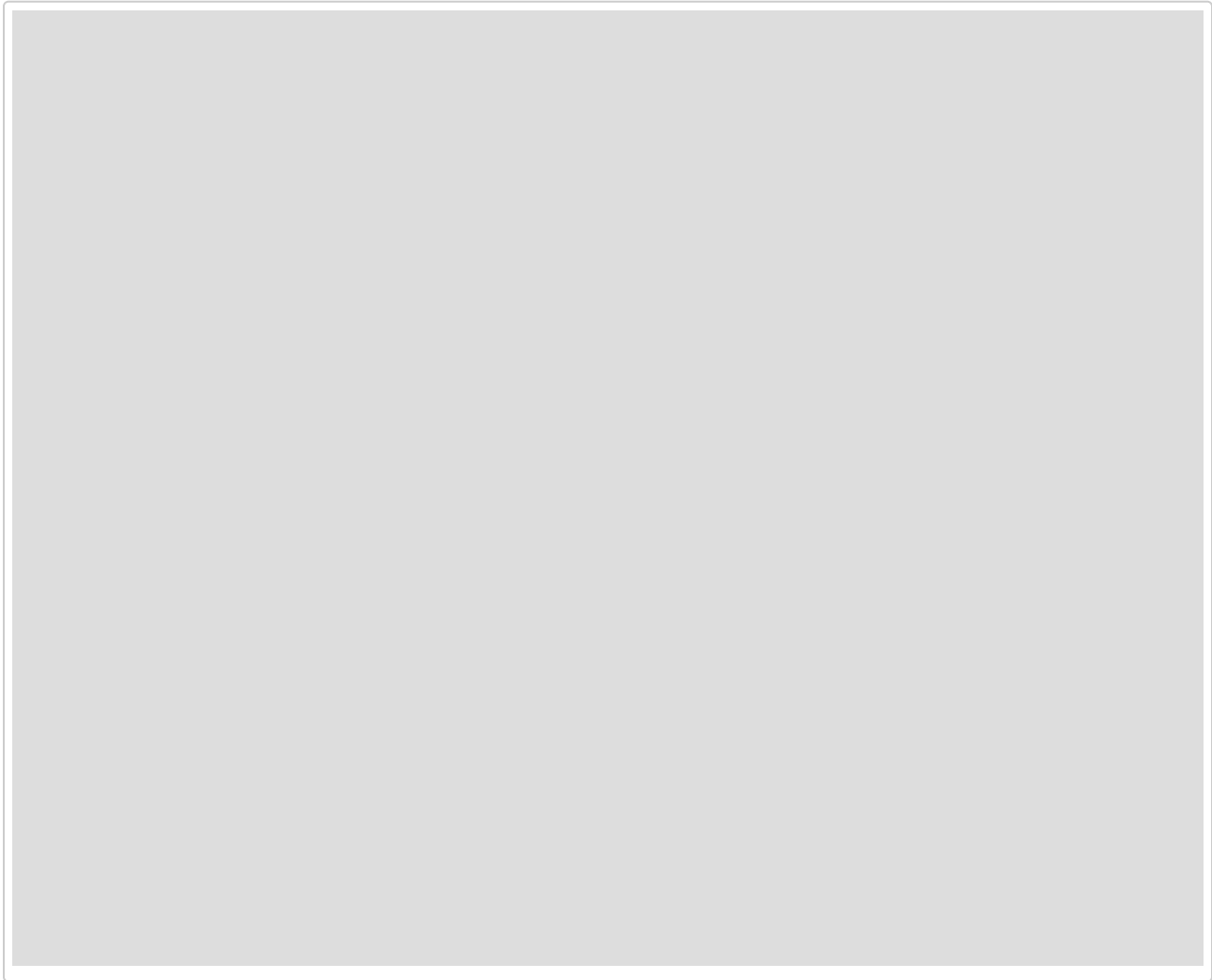
### REGENERATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL MALAWI

On this fair we would like to introduce a concept where rural communities are able to produce fruit juices from natural trees which are fast vanishing from the mother earth. This has a dual advantage:

1. **There is regeneration of natural forests as communities see the economic value in them through the income generation activities.**
2. **Uptake of nutrients for the rural communities**

We believe that this will assist the communities realise the necessity of conserving natural forests and biodiversity. This will in turn mitigate the effect of climate change through the carbon sinks which is good for the soil health the main focus of 4p1000 Initiative

## Presentation



## Image gallery

## Videos

## Further information

The main focus of Simpson Foundation is Conservation Agriculture. However, we have noted that there is a direct link between agriculture and ecosystems such that if the ecosystem is disturbed, the agriculture systems is disturbed as well through the effects of climate change. This in turn affects the livelihood of the rural communities as they have to develop survival mechanism and the nearest being the natural forests.

In rural setting in Malawi, research has shown that 65% of the rural community's productive activities are done by women and young people. In this regard we are integrating genders' equality to empower women, young girls and youth to take leadership roles and participate in the regeneration of natural forests from the planning, awareness building, implementation and equitable benefit distribution. Special attention is given to girls have dropped out of school due to early pregnancies' to be encouraged to go back to school while at the same time participate in the regeneration of natural forest through value addition.

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# Partnerships

## Clients / Target group

We are currently working with rural farming in conservation agriculture. After having discovered the degradation of natural resources within the impact areas, we have decided to add the natural resources management through village woodlots establishment. Our focus on this fair and on this stand in particular is to share ideas on the natural resources management as an alternative to soil and climate change management.

## Established collaborations and partnership

We are currently working with Lutheran Evangelical Development Services, who are already working with the rural farmers on the natural resources management through Agro-forestry project and the Department of Natural and Environmental Affairs. Our collaborators have been able to:

1. Establish village tree nurseries for community forest and woodlots
2. Have been able to undertake community forest patrols to enforce forest protection by-laws to enhance forest management
3. With Simpson foundation facilitate soil and water protection conservation to reduce soil erosion and soil degradation
4. Tree planting along the river banks restoration

As a follow-up Simpson foundation through it's fourth pillar (Natural resources management) would like to establish co-operatives with a special focus on value addition for natural fruits as people would be able to protect the natural forest only if they see the value in them. We have already started sensitizing the communities on the natural resources management, which should later evolve into village saving and loans groups to create income generating activities through collection and marketing of forest fruits, sustainable agriculture and other small businesses.

## Desired collaborations and partnerships

Research is showing that unless rural farmers see the value in the natural resources, they will continue destroying it for the livelihood purposes and agricultural expansion. Realising that natural based solutions are not a one man -show, also that it does not affect only one part of the world, we would like to establish collaboration with the development partners who could provide the necessary expertise and resources for the scaling up of value addition in the natural resources so that communities are able to regenerate them.

## Time for discussion (Video Chat)

During the indicated periods, one of the team members is available for a chat.

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