

# Malawi: Marist Farm, Dedza Diocese

## LOAN DETAILS

LOAN AMOUNT \$106,517

INITIAL INVESTMENT 11/2017

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

### ENTERPRISES

**Crops** - Maize, soybean seeds, groundnuts, sugar beans, popcorn

**Livestock** - Dairy

**Services** - Tractor hire for local farmers

### USE OF LOAN

- Connection to the electric grid
- Working capital

### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Experienced commercial farm manager**
- Providing **tractor hire services to local farmers**, facilitating their timely and efficient land preparation
- **Seed contracts** for soybeans and sugar beans
- Favorable **weather** conditions for crop production
- **Proximity to Catholic schools** who purchase grain from the farm

## MARIST FARM

Location:  
Dedza, Malawi

Size: 197.5 acres



## IMPACT



### SHARED PROSPERITY

- Employing **11 permanent workers**, including 3 women
- Provides jobs for **100 casual workers**, including **35 women**
- Providing **training** in farm management and crop production to workers and seed customers
- Providing **tractor services to local farmers**



### RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI'

- Planting moringa & macadamia trees to improve **soil and air quality**
- **Using organic manure** from dairy and poultry to improve soil quality
- Planting grass to reduce **soil erosion** and maintain soil structure



### FOOD SECURITY

- Planning to open a shop selling **affordable seeds and inputs**
- Providing reliable and affordable **seeds to smallholder farmers**



### STRENGTHENED CHURCH ENTITIES

- Farm supports congregation's **5 schools educating over 1,750 children**



### MISSIO INVEST ADVISORY & SUPPORT

- **Technical advisory and market linkages** provided by Consulting Farm Manager (CFM), who spends 12 days per month on site
- CFM has helped the farm to **execute contracts** with reputable seed companies and continues to explore market linkages