Malawi: Namitembo Farm, Zomba Diocese

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

ENTERPRISES
Crops - Maize, soybeans, cassava
Livestock and apiculture (bees)
Services - Tractor hire for local farmers

USE OF LOAN
- Startup of a garlic and ginger farm
- Drilling of boreholes
- Purchase of seeds and fertilizers

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS
- Project supported by diocese
- Committed Bishop
- Dedicated Project Leader appointed by the Bishop to lead the project
- Providing tractor hire services to local farmers to facilitate efficient and timely land preparation

NAMITEMBO FARM
Location:
Zomba, Malawi
Size: 185 acres

IMPACT

SHARED PROSPERITY
- Providing jobs for 12 full-time employees and 11 casual workers
- Multiplication of improved cassava varieties (high yielding and disease resistant) that are sold to farmers

RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI’
- Providing high yielding and disease resistant cassava to local farmers

FOOD SECURITY
- Training 100 local farmers in sustainable agriculture

STRENGTHENED CHURCH ENTITIES
Income from the farm supports
331 social service intuitions including
- 7 healthcare facilities serving over 250,000 patients per year
- 133 schools educating over 136,000 students

MISSIO INVEST ADVISORY & SUPPORT
- Technical advisory and market linkages provided by Consulting Farm Manager (CFM), who spends 5 days per month on site
- CFM is sourcing seed crop contracts, exploring market linkages, and advising on high value crops that can increase the farm’s profitability

LOAN DETAILS

| Loan Amount | $164,109 |
| Initial Investment | 11/2017 |

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