MARIST FARM
Location: Dedza, Malawi
Size: 197.5 acres

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

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 SOCIAL 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

LOAN DETAILS

LOAN AMOUNT $61,517
INITIAL INVESTMENT 11/2017

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