

Patient and Community Welfare Foundation of Malawi (PAWEM)

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Aim

- The COVID-19 Crisis in Malawi has not only affected the social aspect but has also affected food supply, especially to the vulnerable. In the midst of this pandemic PAWEM would like to promote farmers to grow their own food through a backyard gardening concept water in the communities, be it from perennial rivers or boreholes. It is from this background that PAWEM is interested to propose the project that will strengthen locally produced health foods for the families.
- The project aims to tackle poverty in rural Malawi by empowering subsistence farmers with knowledge and technologies to produce more reliable and more profitable harvests using simple irrigation systems within their homes. PAWEM will make sure that communities are reached with the right information that would reduce the spread of the virus. We will make sure that people are engaged in active health lifestyles, by producing their own food using sustainable agriculture models, such as the use of green manure, compost manure and biological methods of pest management.
- The project will focus on:
 - Strengthening people to produce their own food in their families.
 - Increasing the supply of food for families by utilizing idle time in the families by engaging them in backyard farming; and promote a healthy lifestyle, as the family members will be engaged in active health lifestyles by doing farming as exercise.
 - Families being able to generate food supplies using sustainable models, which will promote the use of compost manure than the chemical, based farming.
 - Additionally the project will reduce family mobility, hence promoting control measures on the spread of the virus as the family will totally depend on their backyard garden for their food requirement.
- Beneficiaries: This project will target 250 vulnerable rural farmers in Traditional Authority Maseya Chikwawa District.

Action plan

- Sensitization of local leaders
- Establishing of gardens in the targeted community
- Procurement of vegetable seed
- The project will be implemented for 5 months from 1st September, 2020 to 31st December 2020 to respond the crisis of Coronavirus.

Budget

US\$178 for Sensitization, US\$150 for establishment of gardens and US\$672 for procurement of vegetable seed totalling to US\$1000

Collaborations

Ministry of Agriculture, Sustainable Rural Community Development (SURCOD) and Community Forum (COFO)

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