



INTRODUCTION

CISP started its activities in Malawi in 1999. Interventions are focused on agriculture and rural development, management of natural resources, economic empowerment, food security and nutrition, health, education, capacity building, and skill development of local communities, authorities, and key actors. All projects are designed and implemented considering the fundamental values of environmental protection, gender equality and social inclusion, participation, and respect for human rights.



FOOD SECURITY & RESILIENCE

CISP in Malawi has a deep-rooted and long-standing experience in implementing resilience programs built to link emergency actions to medium- and long-term development interventions. The interventions aim to strengthen agricultural production and diversification by supporting access to inputs and equipment, thereby reducing food insecurity, through increased subsistence food production. The integrated strategy also includes actions to support agricultural mechanization and complementary training activities. In this regard, particular attention is paid to irrigation techniques, crop handling, soil conservation and management, and compost making.



MICROFINANCE, JOB & INCOME

Interventions in this sector are aimed at improving the skills and knowledge of key players in the local agribusiness sector by promoting dialogue among different actors in the rice value chain. CISP enhances the creation of added value for local producers by increasing their managerial and marketing skills to better place their products in the national and international markets, while also generating new entrepreneurial opportunities alongside developing digital marketing tools. In addition, to sustain microfinance and safety-net services at a local level, CISP promotes the establishment, formation, and management of VSLAs to boost access to credit and customized social safety nets for local rice producers, to increase their resilience to shocks within and outside the supply chain.

NATURAL RESOURCES & CLIMATE

For many years, CISP has been working alongside the Malawian population in the conservation of local water and forest resources with the twofold aim of spreading and applying adaptation strategies to the effects of change and of building and strengthening local management of natural resources, in particular for agricultural irrigation. At district level, the CISP, through its interventions, supports and focuses on the role of local authorities in reforestation activities and for the training of civil protection units on a community basis, also promoting the adoption of targeted legislative acts. The work of the CISP is also aimed at improving the accessibility and sharing of climate and weather data to promote the adoption of early warning systems and strategies to reduce the risk of disaster'. CISP is also actively involved in the creation and rehabilitation of irrigation schemes with the dual objective of preserving the environment and creating new infrastructure for sustainable agricultural production.