

CISP (Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo dei Popoli or International Committee for the Development of Peoples) is a rights-based international NGO established in Rome in 1983 to alleviate poverty and protect human rights worldwide. CISP implements humanitarian, rehabilitation, and development projects through its cooperation with public and private local actors in over 30 countries in Africa, South America, the Caribbean, Asia, the Middle East and Europe

Since 1983, CISP has been working in Africa primarily focusing on rural development, food security, economic empowerment, health, education and training, natural resource and environmental management, peacebuilding, protection, and gender equity. With a head office in Rome, CISP has regional and country offices through out its current 30 countries of operation.

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## CISP in Malawi

CISP has been working in Malawi to carry out development projects by supporting national and district authorities to provide quality, equitable, transparent, and accountable services in various sectors. CISP started its activities in Malawi in 1999 with an office in the capital, Lilongwe.

Over the last 25+ years, CISP has expanded its activities to 18 districts in both urban and rural contexts in various sectors of interventions, including agriculture and rural development, management of natural resources, economic empowerment, food security and resilience, health, education, capacity building and skill development of local communities, authorities, and key actors. All projects are based on the fundamental values of environmental protection, gender equality, participation, and respect for human rights

## CISP activities in Malawi 2010 - 2025



## Our Approaches

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### CO-CREATION

We are lean, versatile and quick at responding to the dynamic needs of communities, partners and funding organizations in tailored, creative and adaptable ways to co-create solutions to complex development challenges

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### PARTNERSHIP & CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

We implement all our projects through consortia by building diverse alliances with different development actors, including national and international CSOs, academic and research institutions, and government and private entities. Starting from existing skills and knowledge, we support the process of change while developing capacities and enhancing local ownership, commitment, and motivation

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### SOCIAL INCLUSION, GENDER EQUITY & YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

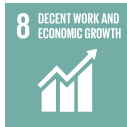
We promote self-resilience, leadership, and empowerment of women and youth, and mainstream youth-focused activities across all projects to enhance their access to valuable skills, knowledge, networks, and opportunities to help them reach their full potential

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### MULTI-LEVEL INTERVENTION

Our projects adopt a multi-level approach to reach: (1) households through service provision, (2) communities by supporting positive change in social norms and practices, (3) society through assisting local organizations to advocate for their rights and lobby for policy change, and (4) institutions by strengthening governments systems and generating research to inform County Policies and strategies

# PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES



## FOOD SECURITY & RESILIENCE

CISP Malawi has a deep-rooted and experienced Resilience Programme, built with attention to connecting emergency actions to long-term development interventions. CISP interventions aim at strengthening agricultural production and diversification through supporting access to inputs and equipment, thus reducing food insecurity. Our strategy comprises integrated actions combining agricultural inputs distribution and complementary agricultural training activities. Emphasis is given to irrigation techniques, crop management, and compost production. On the other hand, the reinforcement of resilience is pursued through the creation of assets, the reforestation of particularly fragile areas, the spread of backyard gardens, rehabilitation and construction of new water supply points for agricultural use and supply facilities for animal use, training and sensitization on the prevention and effects of soil erosion

## MICROFINANCE, JOB AND INCOME CREATION

The interventions implemented in this sectoral area are mainly aimed at building and enhancing the capacities and knowledge of key players in the local agribusiness sector, from individual smallholder farmers to Tier II cooperatives, by promoting constructive dialogue among the different actors involved in the rice value chain. In this sense, CISP's actions aim to create added value for local rice producers by increasing their skills in rice production and placement and generating new capacities and opportunities for equitable access to domestic and international markets through business management training and with the support of specially developed digital marketing tools.

In addition, to promote microfinance and insurance services at the local level, CISP supports the establishment, formation, and management of village savings and loan associations (VSLAs) to encourage access to credit and safety net services developed and customized specifically for members of local rice cooperatives and to increase the resilience of beneficiaries to internal and external shocks to rice marketing and its related value chain.

### TARGET GROUPS REACHED AS OF 2024

|                     |         |               |                     |      |                   |
|---------------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
|                     |         |               |                     |      |                   |
| Village association | Women   | Youths (0-10) | Vulnerable families | PLWD | Local authorities |
| 140+                | 100.000 | 7.500         | 22.000              | 1700 | 89                |



### MAIN PARTNERS



Government Departments



Meteo-climatic start-ups



Local NGOs



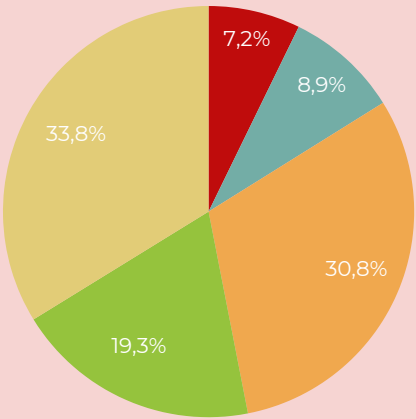
Universities & Research centers

## NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

For many years, CISP has been working alongside the Malawian people to conserve local water and forest resources, with the dual intention of disseminating and applying coping strategies against climate change-induced effects and with the goal of building and enhancing local capacity in water resource management, especially for agricultural irrigation. At the district level, CISP, through its interventions, supports and centralizes the role of local authorities in reforestation activities and training of village civil protection units, promotes the adoption of legislative acts aimed at the protection of water and forest resources, and improves the accessibility of its beneficiaries to weather and climate information to encourage the development of community-based DRR strategies. CISP is also actively involved in the generation and management of local water resources through the creation or rehabilitation of irrigation schemes with the dual purpose of environmental restoration and the creation of new opportunities for sustainable agriculture and livelihood.

### CISP FUNDING SOURCES

- Private individuals
- Italian agencies
- European Union
- International Organizations
- Other governments' agencies



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