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#### **Our Vision**

To be a self-reliant and efficient NGO that brings change to the people of Malawi.



#### **Our Mission**

To achieve human transformation through timely intervations to community needs and sustainable partnerships.

#### **Our Core Values**

- ✓ Transparency
- accountability
- fairness
- team work
- omutual respect
- objectivity,
- **⊘**impartiality



#### **Executive Director MR GIZEX GIZA**I

Mr. Gizex Gizai holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science and brings over 20 years of experience in the field of social development. Throughout his career, Mr. Gizai has demonstrated leadership in managing and implementing social development programs aimed at community empowerment, poverty alleviation, and sustainable development.



Programs Manager Mr Paul Jere

Mr. Paul Jere holds a Bachelor of Science in Irrigation Engineering and a Bachelor's Degree in Grassroots Development, with over 20 years of extensive experience in managing and executing development programs.



**Project Officer** Costa Nkhani

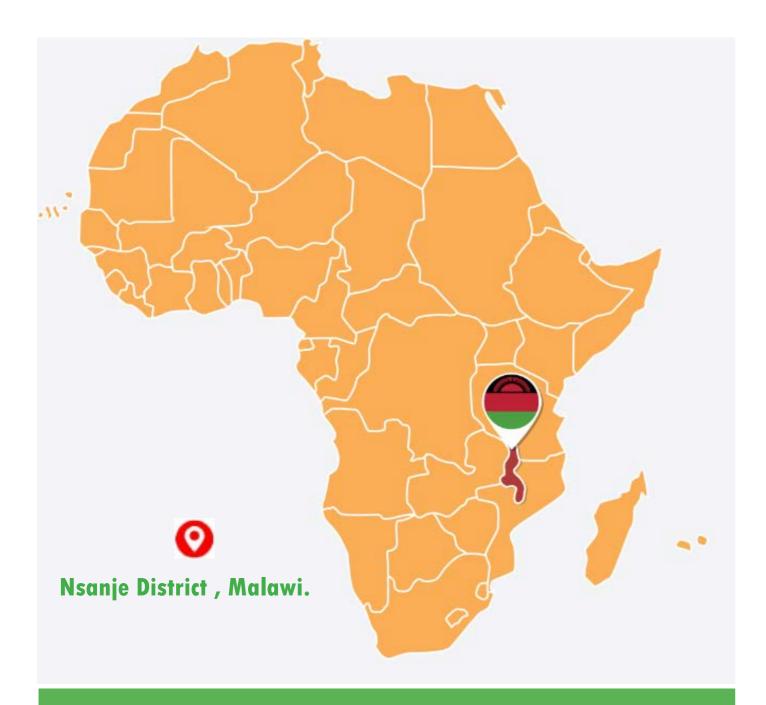
Mr. Costa Nkhani holds a Diploma in Agriculture and brings over 20 years of extensive experience as an agriculturist. His expertise spans agricultural project implementation, sustainable farming practices, and rural development.



Finance Manager Elizabeth Gawani

Mrs Elizabeth Gawani holds a Diploma in Financial Management and brings over 10 years of experience in financial management. She has a proven track record of overseeing financial operations, budgeting, and ensuring compliance with financial regulations.

# **OUR GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION**



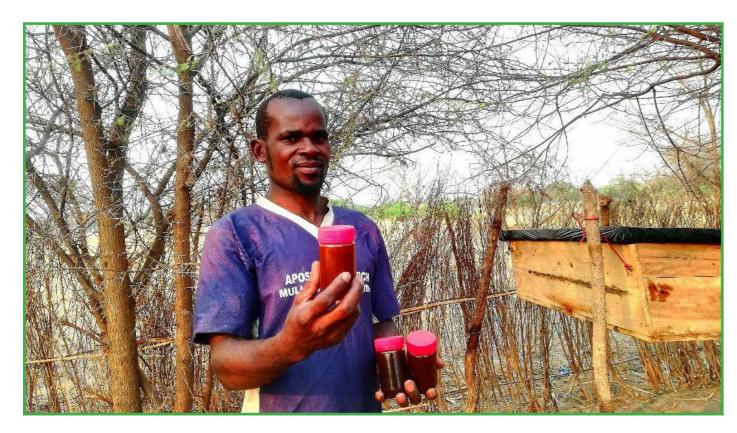
Poundation for Active Civic Education (FACE) is a local non-governmental organization based in Malawi. Its mission is to empower communities towards self-reliance by focusing on key areas such as nutrition, food security, and financial sustainability. Through targeted interventions, FACE seeks to improve livelihoods and foster long-term community resilience by addressing both economic and social challenges.

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# **OUR BACKGROUND AND HISTORY**



he Foundation for Active Civic Education (FACE), established in 2004, is a Malawian non-governmental organization dedicated to empowering communities towards self-reliance and fostering dignified livelihoods.

The organization's mission is centered on improving nutrition, ensuring food security, and promoting financial sustainability for marginalized populations. By embracing core values such as transparency, accountability, mutual respect, objectivity, fairness, impartiality, and teamwork, FACE aims to create lasting impact through community-driven development initiatives.

FACE operates under a structured governance system, with a Board of Trustees offering strategic guidance,

while the Secretariat, led by the Executive Director, manages day-to-day operations.

The organization is divided into three key departments: Programs, Finance and Administration, and Monitoring & Evaluation, ensuring comprehensive oversight and effective program implementation.

Over the years, FACE has made significant contributions to sustainable livelihoods, environmental management, and disaster risk reduction.

Some of its notable accomplishments include the successful establishment of livelihood improvement programs, the formation of village savings and loan groups to promote financial inclusion, and the construction of flood-resilient homes to safeguard communities from climate-related hazards.

FACE's headquarters is strategically located at Bangula Trading Centre in Nsanje district, under Traditional Authority Mbenje, positioning the organization to address the needs of vulnerable populations in the region effectively.

Through its impactful programs, FACE continues to contribute to the socio-economic empowerment and resilience of communities across Malawi.





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## **FACE'S STRATEGIC AREAS**

These areas are aligned with FACE's core mission of community empowerment and dignified living.

1. Sustainable Livelihoods: Empowering communities through livelihood improvement programs such as village savings and loan groups.

2. Environmental Management & Disaster Risk Recovery: Promoting sustainable environmental practices and resilience.



3. Nutrition and Food Security: Enhancing community nutrition and food availability for long-term self-reliance.

# **MAJOR PROGRAMS UNDER FACE MALAWI**



#### 1. Food and Nutrition Program

he Food and Nutrition Program aims to enhance food and nutrition security in Malawi, with a focus on Nsanje District and Traditional Authority Mbenje. Our initiative directly supports Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2), which seeks to eradicate hunger and malnutrition by 2030.

To achieve this, we promote sustainable agricultural practices, empower small-scale farmers, and work to ensure equitable access to land, technology, and markets.

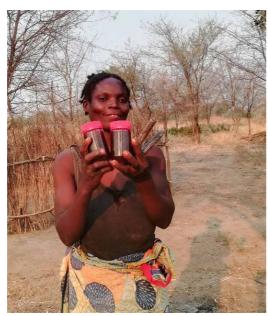
Recognizing the district's vulnerability to frequent disasters such as floods and droughts, which exacerbate food and nutrition insecurity, we emphasize the adoption of modern agricultural technologies to improve crop yields and resilience.

As an additional adaptation strategy, we encourage the rearing of poultry and small livestock, such as ducks and chickens, to diversify food sources and strengthen food security.

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Our efforts are aligned with Malawi 2063, the country's long-term vision, which underscores the critical role of food and nutrition security in sustainable development. By empowering smallholder farmers and advancing sustainable agriculture, we aim to ensure year-round access to sufficient and nutritious food for all, with a special focus on children and vulnerable populations.





#### 2. Economic Empowerment Program

The Economic Empowerment Program is designed to enhance livelihoods and promote financial independence in Malawi, particularly in Nsanje District and Traditional Authority Mbenje. The program aligns with SDG 1(No Poverty) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), aiming to create sustainable economic opportunities for marginalized communities by supporting small-scale enterprises, improving access to financial resources, and fostering entrepreneurship.

In response to the district's vulnerability to frequent disasters such as floods and droughts, which impact economic stability, we prioritize climate-smart economic strategies. This includes promoting diversified income sources like poultry and small livestock farming, alongside climate-resilient agriculture. Our program also supports the formation of village savings and loan groups (VSLs), providing communities with access to credit and financial management skills essential for building sustainable businesses and cushioning against economic shocks.

By enhancing access to markets, technology, and financial tools, we empower communities to generate steady income streams. This approach is aligned with the Malawi 2063 vision, which emphasizes inclusive wealth creation and resilience-building at the grassroots level. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that vulnerable populations, including women and youth, are economically empowered to lead self-sustaining, dignified lives, contributing to the broader economic development of the country.

#### 3. Disaster Risk Management Program

ACE's Disaster Risk Management Program is focused on mitigating the **◄** impact of natural disasters in Nsanje District, Malawi, an area frequently affected by floods, dry spells, strong winds, and disease outbreaks. In collaboration with the Assistant District Disaster Risk Management Officer and other key stakeholders, we coordinate and implement comprehensive disaster risk management strategies to protect vulnerable communities.

Our initiatives include afforestation efforts, such as rehabilitating riverbanks and bare lands through tree planting and forest cover restoration. We promote collaborative management of forest reserves between local communities and government staff, ensuring sustainable use and conservation of natural resources. To build resilience, we provide capacity-building training in natural resource management, empowering communities to take an active role in disaster prevention and environmental stewardship.

Additionally, we encourage sustainable livelihoods through beekeeping and the use of energy-efficient fuelwood stoves, which help conserve indigenous forests and reduce pressure on forest reserves. By integrating disaster risk management with environmental conservation, FACE aims to support sustainable development, enhance climate resilience, and promote long-term environmental sustainability in Malawi.



