



Improving Food Security and Building Resilience

Program Country: Malawi | **Timeframe:** January 2015 – January 2019 | **Budget:** 750,000 Euro

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To improve the nutritional status of people in the Dedza and Salima districts who are vulnerable to nutrition insecurity, particularly women of reproductive age and young children”

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Improve gender-equitable nutrition-related behaviours and practices in targeted households using the SUN Care Group approach complemented with gender transformational interventions.
- Increase availability and equitable and sustainable access to the quality and diverse foods with nutrition-sensitive and climate-resilient agriculture interventions coupled with women’s economic empowerment measures.
- Strengthen nutrition governance at all levels from community to national
- Improve effectiveness and efficiency of program delivery

REACH

The project will work will target 53 care group promoters who will in turn reach out to 1600 Household Cluster Leaders (HCL) in 160 care groups. These 1600 Household Cluster Leaders (women & men) will reach approximately 16000 care givers & mothers in 16000 households

GEOGRAPHY/TARGET DISTRICT

The project will be implemented in the Traditional Authorities of Maganga, Pemba and Ndindi of Salima District. The project will cover all GVHs in TAs Maganga and Pemba while in TA Ndindi will cover only 5 GVHs out of 10.

MAJOR APPROACHES

- In collaboration with district, area and village structures, SUN Care Groups will be instrumental for the delivery of nutrition-specific behavior change communication (BCC) per national guidelines.
- The project will seek to amplify and deepen male involvement in Nutrition-sensitive activities through a series of actions designed to encourage and facilitate the meaningful participation of men and boys as key actors in achieving the goals of the project.
- In order to sustainably ensure the availability of and beneficiaries’ access to quality and diverse foods, the project will work with Agriculture Extension Development Officers (AEDO) to promote nutrition-sensitive and climate-smart agricultural practices and technologies.

The project will focus on women’s economic empowerment (WEE) using Village Savings and Loan (VSL) methodology to enhance women’s financial autonomy so that they can more easily adopt and apply the nutrition knowledge and skills acquired through the project.

