

# FOREST AND LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

Regaining ecological functionality and enhancing human well-being across deforested or degraded forest landscapes to offer multiple benefits and land uses over time for present and future generations.



## IMPLEMENTATION STEPS IN MALAWI

### 1 PARTNER OUTREACH

Involve government, NGOs, local authorities and institutions, technical and financial partners. Output: Context Analysis of the potential FLR intervention area (legal framework) consultations, etc.



### 2 OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR PROTAGONISTS

Hold participatory meetings with Traditional Leaders, Village Natural Resources Committees (VNRCs) and farmers to raise awareness about forest and land degradation, and the benefits of restoration. Output: Trust and community ownership from the start.



### 3 THE JOINT PLAN

Work with the community to map degraded areas (e.g., bare hills, gullies, deforested zones) and land uses. Together, identify restoration priorities (e.g., tree planting, natural regeneration, soil conservation). Output: A simple, shared action plan.



### 4 KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Establish Farmer Field Schools and promote knowledge exchange. Train community members on restoration techniques such as tree nursery management, Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR), composting, agroforestry, and fire management.



### 5 INTO ACTION!

Start activities like tree planting, gully restoration, agroforestry, tree nursery establishment, replanting along riverbanks with the communities and promote involvement of all groups. Align with seasonal calendars for better survival rates.



### 6 SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Start alternative income-generating activities linked to restoration (e.g., honey production, fuel-efficient stoves, fruit tree or herb medicine marketing, mushroom farming, moringa production, sorghum, livestock). Facilitate forest and farmer producer organisations or small loans to support business growth and reduce reliance on charcoal or bushmeat.



**GENDER RESPONSIVE APPROACH**  
**STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**  
**COMMUNITY LED-MONITORING AND LEARNING**

