

Malawi

Community development

Partner: Eagles

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Objectives of project:

To see local communities that struggle with poverty and need become self-reliant, prosperous and healthy, with high moral values.

It pursues this vision through mobilising and strengthening local churches and communities.



Prayer points

- Pray that integral mission, bringing material and spiritual transformation to people in poverty, would be a high priority in local churches.
- Pray that Eagles' work would help people in poor rural communities to improve their food security.

Eagles began in 2002 as an emergency response to a food crisis in Malawi, and since then it has grown to embrace various aspects of community development, tackling poverty by mobilising churches and local communities to take action using their own resources.

Key activities

- **Mobilising churches**
Helping local churches to work with their communities in identifying local needs and finding appropriate ways of meeting them.
- **Disaster mitigation**
In areas where drought and floods are a recurring threat, helping people to find ways of mitigating their destructive effects.
- **Food security**
Introducing drought-resistant crops, small-scale irrigation farming and other techniques to help people improve their food security.
- **Training**
Teaching future pastors about integral mission and practical ways of mobilising their congregations to work with poor people.

Impact

Eagles multiplies its impact by focusing on the aim of mobilising local churches and communities to take responsibility for their own development, identify needs and devise achievable and sustainable solutions using the resources at their disposal. So far Eagles has mobilised more than 200 local churches across the country and in a range of denominations. More than 200 pastoral students trained by Eagles have graduated and are now working in the field.

Future plans

Eagles' future plans include extending its work in districts across the country, mobilising local churches so that they can engage in effective integral mission, bringing physical and spiritual transformation to people in poverty. It plans in particular to help more communities alleviate hunger and improve their food security, and to ensure that initiatives undertaken are sustainable. This will include helping poor people that they work with to advocate for change with the authorities and to know how to defend their rights.