



Thank you for giving the gift of **agricultural training.**

About 40% of the world's population makes their living in small-scale farming. In Malawi that number is even higher, with 80% of Malawians growing just enough food to feed their families. Investing in subsistence farmers is a powerful tool in fighting hunger, increasing food security, and stabilizing family incomes.

Malawi's depleted, poor soil and recurring droughts and floods conspire against household farmers' efforts, leaving families without enough food, 47% of children stunted in growth, and the entire population eating a diet lacking in nutrients. Farmers there are eager to learn techniques for soil rejuvenation, pest management, fertilizing, crop rotation, mulching, and composting as ways of growing more weather-robust crops year-round. Your gift of agricultural training provides a group of farmers in Malawi with new skills in climate-smart agriculture that rebuilds soil over time so families can grow enough food to eat every day, all year long.

Farmers are motivated and enthusiastic about what they are learning. "Now we are able to work bigger fields in less time," says one farmer, "increasing the amount of time we can use to take care of our families and improve family nutrition. We are also making some economic gains, which are used mostly to invest in savings groups and start other small businesses."

With your gift of a agricultural training, you have stepped into the gap between subsistence and security, between failed attempts and confident provision.

Thank you.

Through this gift, you stand in the gap . . .