

Support to the Improved Forest Management for Sustainable Livelihoods, Malawi



Location

Malawi

Client

Ministry of Mines, Natural Resources & Environment

Project Value

EUR€2.2 Million

Start Date

December 2004

Completion Date

November 2007

Associate

LTS (lead)

Donor

European Commission

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Project Scope

By increasing household income, security and well being through forest and non-forest income generating activities from enhanced forest productivity and increased area under sustainable management, the programme will bring about: Expansion of the natural resource asset base of the poor; Economic empowerment of households through promotion of forestry and non-forestry income generating activities (IGAs) linked to protection of the forest asset base; Promotion and implementation of sustainable livelihood strategies; Strengthening of the administrative, financial and operational capacity of programme units within the Ministry; Development of multi-level collaborative partnerships for service delivery between extension agencies and civil society.

IFMSL is part of a larger overall donor-supported initiative to support the restructuring of the Department of Forestry to deliver new roles and obligations in the context of decentralisation and public sector

reform and support to the restructuring and privatisation of the State-owned industrial forest plantations.

IFMSL was designed to improve the livelihoods of forest dependent communities (men, women, boys and girls) through improved sustainable collaborative management of forests both in forest reserves and customary land through the design and introduction of sustainable livelihood strategies promoted within key impact areas.

The programme has been designed to ensure ownership of the investment by the beneficiaries. Field-level activities will be planned and implemented by the beneficiaries to ensure their sustainability. Improved decentralised participatory management of forest resources will ensure transfer of power.