

Planting Trees campaign update



The issue

As Malawi's population grows, forests are rapidly disappearing – cleared for farming, homes, and firewood (for cooking).

This leads to depleted soil, worsening droughts, and the loss of wildlife habitats.



The approach

We work alongside farmers, schools, and community groups to plant trees.

This provides a sustainable source of wood, reduces pressure on natural forests, and gives nature space to recover.

But this project goes beyond planting trees. We also 'plant' knowledge — teaching communities the importance of a healthy ecosystem. Because when you value nature, you protect it.

Thirteen families, one forest

Thirteen might be unlucky for some, but in **Chiunda Village** it is the perfect number: 13 families have joined the project this year.

With the nearest forest two hours away, they started their own **community forest** back in 2013. Now they are raising **10,000 seedlings**: 3,000 to expand it and the rest for family woodlots.

Your support enables Ripple Africa to provide seeds, planting tubes, training and monitoring as the seedlings grow in tree nurseries, ready for planting out when the rains arrive in December.

"Forests are depleting here in Malawi, so tree planting is important," says Group Chairman Clement.



The Chiunda Club at their community forest, and members filling planting tubes for this year's seedlings