

My Malawi Dream

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My name is Christopher Mvula, and I am the Group Village Headman of the Nguwe community near Kasungu in Malawi. I want to share with you my dream for a better future for the people of my community.

This dream is simple but strong: a future where every child has the chance to learn, every family has enough food, and everyone can live with equality, dignity and hope. With support from our friends, like the Dutch foundation SEEn, and the hard work of our community, I believe we can make this dream come true.

Better Farming and Water for All

In our community, the land feeds us, and water keeps us alive. But changing weather is making it harder to grow food and find enough water. My dream is for Nguwe to become a place where:

- Farmers learn new ways to grow more food while taking care of the soil and nature by Permaculture.
- We have a good and managed water system so that everyone has clean water to drink and to grow crops, even in dry times.
- We plant more trees and protect the soil so our children will still have good land in the future. If we work together and use what we learn, we can stop hunger and create a better life for everyone.

Education for Every Child

I believe every child deserves to go to school and learn new things. In Nguwe, we face our challenges to improve education. My dream is to see:

- Schools with everything they need to give children a good education.
- Girls staying in school instead of getting baby's too young or missing out because of the need to be doing jobs.
- Teaching that gives all our children skills they can use in life, making them ready to face the world with confidence.

When our children learn, they become the future leaders who can bring change to Nguwe.

Learn Skills and be entreprising

Young people in Nguwe have big dreams, but they need skills to achieve them. My dream is to see:

- Training programs that teach young men and women useful skills like farming, building, sewing, repairing bikes, nursing or tailoring.
- Learning opportunities for parents and adults too, so everyone can contribute to the community.
- Support for small businesses, so people can start earning money and building a better life.

With the right vocational training and encouragement, I know we can create a community full of hard-working and successful people.

Strong Leaders and Working Together

A strong community needs good leaders who care for the people and listen to their needs. In Nguwe, we want to:

- Teach leaders to make fair and wise decisions for everyone's benefit.
 - Work together as a community to solve problems and improve life for everyone.
 - Make sure women and people who are often left out also have an equal say in decisions.
- By helping each other and taking responsibility, we can build a future that lasts.

Working Together for a Better Future

Since 2019, the foundation SEEn has been a great partner in supporting our community. They have supported many of our efforts, and with their help, we can continue to grow and improve. We also can make more friends—both near and far—to join us and help us make this dream a reality.

Call for action

"My Malawi Dream" is more than words. It is a call to action for everyone who wants to help make Nguwe a better place.

Let us grow more food in a sustainable way, educate our children, and work together as one people. With hard work and help from friends like SEEn, I believe we can make this dream come true—not only for Nguwe but for all of Malawi.

Signed 2024

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