

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.

Rebuilding the land: Katrina's story

In Mankhwazi Village, Salima District, the Ripple Africa team in Malawi visited farmer Katrina, a mother of eight and grandmother of six, and her son Severiano.

Katrina explained: *"We used to have lots of trees and reliable rainfall. This is not the case now. I wanted to plant trees for my children so that they benefit in future."* Katrina has already planted 4,000 acacia trees on once-degraded farmland and plans to plant thousands more.

Her son Severiano shared: *"My mother raised me; this is the time for me to give back and help her."*



Their commitment shows how families are taking ownership of restoring their environment, protecting soil and water, and building a sustainable future for the next generation.

Katrina and Severiano inspect their trees