

# Pump Aid: Malawi

This one year funding arrangement will support the training of nine local entrepreneurs in Malawi, to construct and maintain around 5,000 community wells and pumps (sustainable water solutions) to combat high rates of pump non-functionality and food insecurity. This is an innovative social enterprise model to facilitate the availability of local clean water for around 45,000 people a year. Additionally Urenco's partnership will support a community-based childcare centre (CBCC), where early years provision and community education about sanitation can be promoted.

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“Quite simply, without your support, we wouldn't be able to offer so many rural communities access to clean water. This social enterprise is genuinely sustainable training local people as mechanics to maintain, fit and supply the pumps. Our partnership will also provide safe water supplies, child-friendly toilets, hand-washing stations and community hygiene education at a CBCC. This will reduce the risk of water-borne disease, facilitate good sanitation practices and give children the chance to stay healthy and fulfil their potential. More girls, who traditionally travel miles to fetch water, will also be able to go to school now, securing them a more skilled future. Urenco is supporting rural communities with the tools to become truly sustainable and to thrive and grow. Thank you Urenco.”

Duncan Marsh  
Director of Programmes, Pump Aid



Pump Aid has been delivering sustainable water solutions to communities in rural sub-Saharan Africa for more than twenty years. Almost 10,000 communities and nearly 1.5 million people now have access to safe clean water as a result of its initiatives.

Since it began in 1998, Pump Aid has been driven by a desire to deliver aid in the most innovative and sustainable ways possible. Learning from experiences, it targets resources where they will have most impact and deliver long term sustainability and a reduction in aid dependency.

<https://pumpaid.org.uk>

## Sustainability Spotlight

This Social Investment Partnership aligns with the Urenco sustainability strategy, our corporate values & UN sustainable development goals:

### Environmental:

- sustainable water projects mitigate limited freshwater access as a consequence of climate change to enable irrigation, higher crop yields, reduced food insecurity
- raises awareness of water conservation in areas of water stress (note: our UUSA site is also located in a water stressed area)
- Malawi was previously mined for Uranium so we are giving back to communities with historical links to the nuclear industry.

### Safety:

- helping to keep impoverished communities in Malawi safe from disease, food insecurity and future consequences of climate change.

### Social:

- greater access to clean water and improved sanitation for local communities dealing with disease and refugee crises
- investing in skills and small-scale businesses to ensure constant functioning of pumps leading to economic sustainability in rural areas.

### UN Sustainable Development Goals:

