

**IMPROVING ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER IN TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY (T/A) WANSAMBO  
AREA, CHILUMBA**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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### **1.0 BACKGROUND/PROBLEM ANALYSIS**

In May 2017, URAC in partnership with Mzuzu University organized a workshop in Chilumba community on climate change. The workshop was funded by ENGAGEMENT GLOBAL and SES. Through the participatory community process, residents of Chilumba mentioned poor access to safe drinking water as one of the most immediate challenge which they face in their day-to-day life. People use water from lakes and unprotected wells for drinking which exposes them to various water and sanitation related diseases such as cholera and dysentery. These diseases are more prevalent during rainy season mainly because most water is contaminated due to surface flooding. The area has high water table yet the type of toilets used are pit latrines and this leads to contamination of ground water from wells. Through improving access to safe drinking water project, URAC wants to intervene by drilling a total of six boreholes in each of the 6 villages. A water management committee will be established which will be responsible for maintaining and repairing the facility in the event of damage. Each family will be required to pay a monthly contribution of MWK200 for maintenance and repairs of the boreholes.

### **2.0 PROJECT GOAL**

The main goal of the project is to improve access to safe drinking water for 3, 000 households in the area of Traditional Authority Wansambo in Chilumba.

### **3.0 PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The project has three specific objectives as follows:

- i. To increase access to safe drinking water among communities living in Chilumba area
- ii. Project management

### **4.0 PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

The following are main activities of the project:

Procuring construction materials

- i. Site selection and inspection
- ii. Equipment purchase, mobilization and transportation
- iii. Drilling 6 boreholes in six villages
- iv. Project management

### **5.0 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

The project will be implemented by URAC staff based in Chilumba. The staff will work through six community water management committees to be established in each of the six villages. The committees will also work with URAC staff in monitoring and evaluating project progress and overall implementation process.

### **6.0 PROJECT DURATION**

The proposed project duration is 12 months starting from September 2017.

### **7.0 SUSTAINABILITY**

The monthly contributions made by community members will be one way of ensuring sustainability of boreholes as there will be no need for external support to finance maintenance work. The water

management committees will comprise villagers who will be trained in borehole maintenance to ensure continued functionality of the facility thereby promoting skills transfer and building local capacity.

#### **8.0 PROPOSED BUDGET**

The total proposed budget for implementing improving access to safe drinking water project is € 34,085.58 (MWK 26, 586,750)<sup>2</sup>. Attached is detailed and itemized budget for the project.

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<sup>2</sup> €1=MWK 780