

# Farmers' SWEAT; farmers' HOPE, farmers' PRIDE.

#### BACKGROUND

Farmer's Voice Africa is a non-profit making organization that was established in 2017 to look after the welfare of farmers and the marginalized. It is a duly registered organization with valid certifications. Its operations are principally based on three pillars: Advocacy, Capacity building, and Marketing in agriculture industry. In addition, FAVOA works in close association with tertiary students through their respective FAVOA satellites, where it equips students with extra-curricular skills for their preparedness towards life after leaving school.

FAVOA's outstanding objective is to foster change in mediating for farmers' produce across the continent with its technical and operational personnel who know no boundaries in the provision of opportunities and access to the well-being of farmers in relation to sustainable developmental goals (SDGs). Its selfless commitment towards livelihood and agricultural development has turned the lives of African farmers, the youth into an epitome of admiration and hope.

Motivated by farmers' industriousness and curiosity, FAVOA provides expertise to the farmers through its tertiary members (students) and agricultural specialists who are trained in different colleges and universities to provide high quality guidance and awareness: through extension services among farmers.

FAVOA's consistency and effectiveness derive from its strong partnership with the Malawi government, Ministry of Agriculture through different parastatal organizations such as National Reserve Food Agency (NRFA), Auction Holdings Limited Commodity Exchange (AHLCX). Its ties extend to other international organization such as Land 'O' Lakes, Action Aid, World Food Program (WFP), Concern Worldwide and many more.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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#### VISION

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To look into the welfare of farmers, and empowering the youth in Agri-entrepreneurships.
- 2. Empowering smallholder farmers' participation in food security related policy processes.
- Promoting passion and gain fulfilment in farm-3. ing.
- Increasing consultation and networking amongst farmers, on relevant policy issues at 4. different levels.
  - Encouraging well scrutinized and fair contract agreements between farmers and clients.
  - Civic educating newly introduced ways of farming, while enhancing integrated farming amidst farmers.
  - Formulating and implementing climate change mitigation programs through stimulating smart climate agriculture.

- 8. Global maximization of market access for farmers' harvests, at better prices.
- 9. Maximizing room for vast innovations, and provide experience pool for the youth.
- 10. Contributing to the social developmental services like agriculture training support, gender equality and Indiscrimination on HIV/AIDS.

## WE VALUE

### Commitment

- Integrity
- Transparency and accountability
- Industriness
- Equity
- Sustainability

## WE BELIEVE IN

- Change is possible
- Agriculture feeds the world.
- Real change dwells amidst the youths.
- Team work maximizes results.
- Agri-entrepreneurship is a profession of hope and pride.
- Nothing for us without us.

#### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

We are driven by the dreams and aspirations of farmers and the youths across the globe. Hence it goes without saying repetitively that our motto "Farmers' Sweat, Farmers' Hope and Farmers' Pride" propels us to maximize our efforts and energy in transforming the agricultural sector.

#### **COLLABORATION**

FAVOA has left no stone unturned in its operations expansions. То ensure accountability, and transparency and efficiency, FAVOA collaborates with different stakeholders whose interest is for the betterment of farmers and the youth both nationally and internationally. Owing to this, its hands are wide open to make sure that change is permanent in farmers' productivity and profitability.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### 1. Regular members:

Thus, all small-scale farmers, business individuals, local cooperatives, medium and large-scale farmers as well as agro-dealers. To join under this category, a member has to fill FAVOA general membership form and select any type of affiliation status (Cooperative, Individual normal or Dignitary membership).

#### 2. Corporate members:

It comprises of developmental partners such as corporate bodies, organizations and companies having interest to work and discharge their services to farmers through FAVOA. This is done in realization that team work maximizes results, as well as in compliment to SDG #17 that strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the partnership alobal for sustainable development. This type of membership involves development of Memorandum of understanding (MoU), Terms of Reference (ToRs) and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

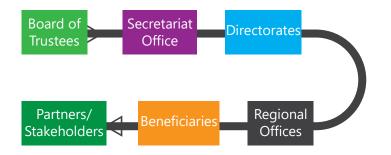
#### 3. Tertiary members:

These are FAVOA students' Satellites formed under universities and colleges or other higher learning institutions with fresh ideas of making agriculture worth for a living among Malawian farmers, and Africa in its entirety. These members are trained to be the agents of change as in line with SDG 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all).

To join under this category, a student has to fill FAVOA student membership form and follow all submission guidelines.

#### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- 1. Accessibility to FAVOA Chitukuko Sacco Services, e.g. loans, savings etc.
- 2. Access to free or subsidized Capacity building trainings
- 3. Upper hand in several volunteership, internships, attachments and Job recruitment opportunities
- 4. Access to direct and indirect Marketing Links for our products
- 5. Free guidance on business mentorship
- 6. Access to FIIG services



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