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Tusayiwe is a 31-year-old public policy professional, development enthusiast and founder from Malawi with a strong passion for empowering women and youth.

## FOUNDER OF EQUITAS

EMPOWERS RURAL COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY WOMEN, THROUGH GROUNDNUT FARMING



## ABOUT EQUITAS GROUNDNUT FARMING PROJECT



Equitas is a non-governmental organization that promotes equity and equality among women, men, and the youth in Malawi.



In 2021, Equitas launched a Groundnut Farming Project with the aim of bringing value to the women of Mitungu-Lilongwe through groundnut farming.



The Groundnut Farming Project has 80 beneficiaries in the Pundu and Mphonde. Through the 2022 harvest, 60% of the beneficiaries will have generated income and feel empowered to venture into commercial farming.



The beneficiaries receive training on financial literacy, business management and marketing, management of pests and diseases, controlling of weeds, timely harvesting and storage.

## VOICES OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Rhoda wanted to farm groundnuts but did not have the seed to do so, all she had was land. Tired of other initiatives promising to provide resources but not fulfilling their promises, she had given up hope. Equitas came along and she was able to regain her hope: She is now a groundnut farmer.

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