

Pump Aid: Malawi

Our initial one year partnership with Pump Aid has been extended for a further three years. The focus remains on supporting the training of entrepreneur engineers in Malawi to construct and maintain community wells and pumps providing a clean, sustainable water solution for around 45,000 people a year. But we are also now looking at ways to combine the engineering talent and knowledge within Urenco to assist with some of the challenges faced by the work team in Malawi.



Workstreams: health & wellbeing; education & skills; environment and net zero transition



“Quite simply, without Urenco’s support we wouldn’t be able to offer so many rural communities access to clean water. I am delighted that through our partnership a further 27 local people will be able to train as mechanics to maintain, fit and supply water pumps, creating jobs and a sustainable way to ensure access to safe water for thousands of rural Malawians. Further, the extension of our partnership to involve Urenco colleagues in helping us resolve some of the engineering challenges we face is very exciting and will have a genuine, sustainable impact in Malawi. Together we are supporting rural communities with the tools to become truly sustainable and to thrive and grow.”

Duncan Marsh
Chief Executive, 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 project aligns with the Urenco sustainability strategy, our corporate values and selected UN sustainable development goals.

Environmental and transition to net zero:

- sustainable solutions to climate change impact
- raised awareness of water stressed areas (UUSA is located in water stress area (this is a form of compensatory water restoration)
- Malawi was previously mined for uranium so 'giving back' to communities impacted by historic nuclear supply activity.

Education & Skills:

- social enterprise model investing in skills for greater economic choice
- skill-share partnering with Urenco colleagues to tackle engineering challenges

- frees up time by removing distances walked by women and girls collecting water, to allow more time for education.

Health & Wellbeing:

- wider, sustainable access to clean water
- improved sanitation, irrigation, higher crop yields, less food insecurity.

UN Sustainable Development Goals:



Urenco’s Social Impact Programme contributes to our commitment to sustainability. It includes partnerships with charities, educational establishments, environmental programmes and other schemes to maximise social impact, employee engagement and reputational value. Each partnership must meet at least one of our sustainability priorities (across three workstreams: education & skills, environment & net zero transition, health & wellbeing) and relevant UN Sustainability Development Goals.