

Malawi (DAI): Protecting Water for People and Nature



Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GETF)

🔥 Mt. Mulanje Region - Malawi

Program: Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN)



Project Quick Facts

Project Name:	Protecting Water for People and Nature	
Location:	Mt. Mulanje Region - Malawi	
Funding:	The Coca-Cola Foundation - Atlanta, \$278,819 USAID GDA, \$137,020	
Project Duration:	May 2006 - July 2008	
Benefits:	Number of Beneficiaries: 28,000 individuals with improved access to water; 8,000 hectares under improved management.	Confirmed Replenish Amounts: 112.67 million Liters per year.
Key Partners:	USAID/Malawi Southern Bottlers, Ltd. Malawi Departments of Water Development and Forestry Malawi Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security	
Activities Summary:	This project supplied access to water services, provided training for agricultural water use and land management, and water resources governance in the Mt. Mulanje region.	

Project Description

RAIN supported sustainable water resources management and increased water supply access in and around the Mt. Mulanje protected area - of national economic importance and global environmental significance for its rich biodiversity. Mt. Mulanje produces abundant water resources that are critical to surrounding populations and businesses, including tea estates of high economic value.

These water resources are now seriously threatened. Encroachment into both natural and plantation forest areas, uncontrolled burning and illegal logging, and unsuitable smallholder farming practices on the steep lower slopes of the mountain have adversely affected local water quantity and quality. RAIN activities in the region worked in diverse ways to respond to these challenges. RAIN partners improved access to water for household use and small-scale irrigation by rehabilitating system infrastructure in targeted areas. The Mt. Mulanje watershed and its biodiversity were also conserved and rehabilitated through better management of agricultural lands and increased public participation in watershed conservation efforts.

RAIN Program Overview

Launched by TCCF (in 2010) in response to the severe health challenges faced by millions of Africans living without access to safe drinking water, RAIN aims to improve access to safe water for 6 million people in Africa by 2020. In addition, RAIN aims to create employment opportunities for women, youth and families through water project activities as well as improve children's learning environment through WASH in schools. RAIN is backed by an 11-year, \$65 million dollar commitment by TCCF and made possible through the support of more than 140 partners.

Grant period: 2010-2020 (11 years).

Program Description: RAIN supports a wide range of water-related projects in response to Africa's significant challenges in meeting the SDGs on water. Projects are designed to meet specific community needs including water supply, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH); productive use of water; and watershed protection.



Malawi (DAI): Protecting Water for People and Nature



Global Environment & Technology Foundation (GETF)

🔥 Mt. Mulanje Region - Malawi

Program: Replenish Africa Initiative (RAIN)



To ensure long-term sustainability, partners invested in improving governance of water resources through strengthening local institutions, forming water user groups, developing water valuation and pricing, and encouraging a broader understanding of water conservation issues among communities in the Mt. Mulanje area. This project successfully leveraged resources from ongoing programs for expanded reforestation and farm system improvements.