

Building a Pipeline of Supply Chain Professionals through Education

THE MALAWI PURSUIT

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Overview

Academic programs specific to Logistics and Supply Chain Management (LSCM) education are scarce in Africa. Yet, the demand for qualified LSCM professionals grows constantly. Thus, the development and implementation of LSCM university degrees remains as a core activity to be undertaken. Malawi has been identified as a country where support is needed to meet local demand for logistics and supply chain management education and ensure high quality standards for its delivery.

VillageReach and Kühne Foundation LEED-Program (Logistics Education in Emerging and Developing Countries) are partnering in Malawi to assess the local educational needs in Malawi and help the universities with the curricula design, the structure of the study programs, and the delivery of health supply chain courses.

Many universities lack the knowledge and teaching skills related to central subjects in the LSCM curricula and are short of staff to deliver the content to their students. Therefore, LEED supports in building local capacities, i.e. the build-up of university faculty to deliver the programs. Occasionally, guest lecturers from the LEED international network may step in to fill the lack of qualified faculty, and deliver the university courses themselves while engaging the local teaching staff. The latter shall preferably be only for a limited period. LEED approach is to engage and assist partners through the years with technical support for the implementation of the program and its continuity. This promotes commitment.

Goal of this initiative: To create sustainable, high quality educational pathways for Malawians to pursue supply chain as a career, and ensuring that they have the right skills to manage well-functioning supply chains.

All key activities will involve early engagement and technical consultations with key Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs), and other relevant partners in country.

Key activities:

- ✓ Landscape assessment: to highlight curriculum and institutional gaps in supply chain higher education in Malawi (create or revise degree programs, update curricula, capacitate educators, etc.)
- ✓ Develop implementation plan, in coordination with key partners
- ✓ Phased implementation in coordination with key partners
- ✓ Throughout process: consultation with key government and educational partners to ensure alignment, operational feasibility, and ongoing sustainability of initiative.



Core Principles



LOCAL OWNERSHIP

The universities select the programs according to their needs and specifications. They co-design the curricula and deliver the content.



LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS

We offer long-term technical support until our partners meet their expectations for the implementation of the LSCM programs.



SYSTEMATIC CHANGE

Introducing LSCM degrees in higher education institutions ensures local validation and official recognition.



INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Through curriculum design, the LEED program certifies compliance to high quality standards and ensures international recognition for the university degrees.



CASCADING APPROACH

Creating PhD holders will satisfy the demand for instructors in the LSCM programs and will increase the quantity and quality of local research.



CREATING LSCM PROFESSIONALS

We provide local education opportunities, which in turn ensure a consistent pool of local talent ready to shape the industry and make an impact locally.

Key Collaborating Partners:

VillageReach, LEED, The Malawi Ministry of Health (MoH), the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labour, academic institutions in Malawi, National Council for Higher Education (NCHE), Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education and Training Authority (TEVETA).

The Logistics Education, Emerging and Developing Countries (LEED) program is a unit of the Kühne Foundation based in Switzerland. LEED focuses on strengthening higher education through the development and implementation of Logistics and Supply Chain Management (LSCM) university degrees and other means.

VillageReach has worked in Malawi since 2008 with a mission to transform health care delivery to reach everyone. They will play a key coordination role in this pursuit.

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