

# ONE ACRE FUND MALAWI

PILOT LAUNCH: 2013 / STAFF: 90 / CLIENTS: 2,670



LINLEY KACHAPILA, MALAWI



MANDOTA, MALAWI

## LINLEY'S STORY

Linley is a 52-year-old mother who resides in Mandota, Malawi. She grows maize for a living and uses her harvests to feed her family of seven.

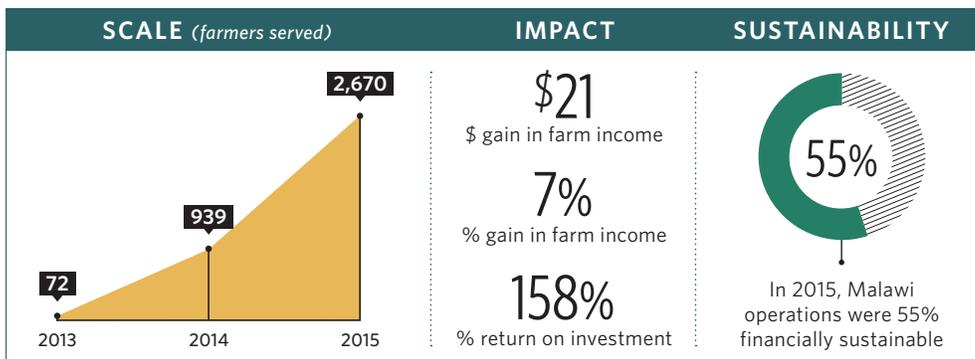
Before joining One Acre Fund, Linley's harvests left her family hungry and lacking basic necessities. "I spent a lot of money buying seed and fertilizer from local stores, but what I harvested at the end of the season still wasn't enough," Linley says.

Linley heard about One Acre Fund from her village chief. She saw One Acre Fund's loan as an opportunity to mitigate her cash flow problems. For the first time, she would have cash on hand when her family needed it. Further, she would be able to pay back the loan bit by bit.

That year, Linley planted with the supplies she received as part of her loan package. She received trainings on how to space her seeds and how to microdose fertilizer. At the end of the year, she couldn't believe her eyes—her quarter-acre of land had produced a harvest of 11 bags of maize—a 45% increase.

Linley is a very happy woman now. "As long as One Acre Fund is here to assist me with my farming, I will always be wearing a smile," Linley says.

>> **MALAWI** is a landlocked country of over 16 million people. In 2015, it was ranked the poorest country in the world. One Acre Fund first launched in Malawi's Southern Region and is headquartered in Zomba, a town 68 kilometers from Blantyre, the country's economic capital. We are operating both an input loan program and exploring ways we can support the government in providing agricultural extension services to smallholder farmers.



### PRODUCTS OFFERED

Hybrid Maize Seed	Fertilizer	Maize Storage Bags	Solar Lights	Funeral Insurance
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**FUN FACT:** Lake Malawi is also known as the "Calendar Lake" because it is 365 miles from North to South and 52 miles from East to West.