Since July 2016, The Victory Garden Campaign in Malawi has created over 15,000 no-cost high-yield gardens that feed 45,000 people.

Besides growing the food they need to feed their families, villagers improve nutrition, lessen debt, increase income, and eliminate the risk of relying on just one crop.

Because victory gardens require no money to create or maintain, tens of thousands of families are relying on themselves to break their cycle of hunger and poverty.

By 2020, we want to create 100,000 gardens that feed a quarter million people.

With thousands of gardens being created every month and a surge of enthusiasm coming from villagers and chiefs, we know this is possible with your support.
**THE CAMPAIGN**

The Victory Garden Campaign began in 2016 when Malawi faced prolonged period of drought and food shortages.

Face-to-Face began teaching villagers to grow their own food in no-cost high-yield home gardens — what we call “victory gardens.” In less than 2 years, over 15,000 victory gardens have been created.

The Campaign continues to expand, moving into new districts in central and southern Malawi, as well as to Tanzania and Kenya.

**SENSIBLE GARDENS WITH MULTIPLE BENEFITS**

By growing over 25 plant species in their gardens, families reduce the risk of relying on maize, improve food security, boost nutrition, increase income by selling surplus food, decrease costs by not buying chemical fertilizers, rejuvenate soil, and curb top soil erosion.

Most importantly, the Campaign gives families valuable knowledge for improving their farm productivity for years to come.

**A BOTTOM-UP STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS**

F2F effectively increases food output in villages by:

1. **Bringing food-growing close to people’s homes.** This makes it easier to tend the garden, protect it from animals, water it with gray water from bathing and washing, and harvest food.

2. **Ensuring gardens are for anyone —** the poorest, the youth, men, women, the discriminated — because they don’t cost money.

3. **Promoting HIV testing, treatment, and acceptance.**

4. **Training local people to be facilitators,** so villagers feel that the impetus to change is coming from within.

5. **Organizing large public events showcasing victory gardens.**

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Since 2008, the Face-to-Face Project, a US nonprofit and a Malawi-registered NGO, has helped communities rely on themselves to fight hunger, poverty, and disease. For more information, contact Ken Wong; ken@facetoface.org, or visit www.facetoface.org.

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Impressed by the number of gardens each facilitator established in a short period of time. I spoke with Oscar who helped create 77 gardens out of 115 households in his community. These are impressive numbers!

— Sem Mabuwa, Program Manager, Action on Poverty

The facilitators really appreciate the training...they were so interested in the topics and asked lots of questions. I sincerely hope to come back again and contribute more to the achievement of the Campaign.

— Cristiano Marinucci, Permaculture Expert, Cultures Permanente