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COOPERATIVES*

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EDITORIAL

Dear reader,

Welcome to the January Issue of our E-Newsletter.

Sound Financial decisions are key to one's success. In this issue we share generic information on all you need to know about SACCOs. For more information regarding updates, and articles included herein, please visit our website at www.muscco.org.

Enjoy our Newsletter! Happy New Year!

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SACCO!

What is a Cooperative Society?

A cooperative society is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic and social needs through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise/ business.

What Is a SACCO?

A Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) is a member owned financial cooperative whose primary objective is to mobilise savings and afford members access to loans (productive and provident) on competitive terms as a way of enhancing their socio-economic well-being. It is formed by people having a common Bond.

What is a Common Bond?

A common Bond is a unifying factor. (That which brings people together)

Two types of common bonds generally exist as follows:

Community Bond

This bond exists where members are resident in a particular locality or neighborhood. It caters for all people within the community.

Occupational or associational Bond

This Bond provides for people of the same occupation or those employed by a common employer or who belongs to the same profession.



OBJECTIVES OF A SACCO

Aims and Objectives of a SACCO Are:

- Acquisition of funds by the issue of shares and acceptance of deposits from members (creation of people's own financial institution)
- Encouragement of thrift savings and member shares by providing means whereby such savings may receive a market rate of interest.
- Provision of relief to members in need by enabling them to abstain loans for productive and provident purposes at competitive interest rates and terms of repayment.
- Education of its members in the management and wise use of money.
- Development of a sense of honesty and responsibility in its members.
- Arousing interest in community development and in self-help programs.



SACCO SERVICES

WHO CAN JOIN A SACCO

Joining a SACCO is easy. Membership is open to all regardless of sex, race, religion, political affiliation. It is voluntary within the SACCOs common Bond.

SACCO SERVICES

i) Savings

Today many people think that it is almost impossible to save money. However, SACCOs have over the years proved that people who never thought that they could save money have been able to accumulate savings within a short period. Regular small savings accumulate to large amounts over time.



ii) Loans

Access and availability of credit to the vast majority of Malawians is very limited and remains one of the major constraints to the increasing investments and productive activities both in rural and urban sectors. SACCOs wherever they have been established have proved to be the best and easiest place to obtain a loan.



ii) Financial Counselling

SACCOs seek to promote the spirit of self-reliance and attainment of financial independence. As such, SACCOs offer financial counselling and education on how members can manage their personal finances and productive use of credit.



iv) Member Education

Continuous SACCO member education is the lifeblood of the SACCO movement. SACCO Members are encouraged to take an active and genuine interest in the management and control of the organisation they own. In order to achieve this, members are constantly appraised on new developments taking place in their SACCO.



SACCOS NEAR YOU!

Southern Region- (Chapter 1)

Mudi
Polymed
Chilungamo
Future
PCL
Admarc
Mkaka
Tadala
Sucoma
Sunbird
Mphunzitsi

Northern Region- (Chapter 3)

United Civil Servants
Rumphu Teachers
Mzuni
Kawiluwilu
Mwato

Central Region- (Chapter 2)

Msilikali
Malawi Police
AHL
Fodya
Limbe Leaf
Tipindule
Mchinji Civil Servants
Dedza Community
Dwasco
M-Unity
Umodzi
Mzinda
Chitukuko
FINCOOP
Arts
Lighthouse
Kaso
UN
UNC
Kandiya
LUANAR
Kasupe
FEBCO
Plan Malawi
Chipatala

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