Objectives of a SACCO

✓ Create a financial institution by and for the people through the acquisition of funds by issuing shares and accepting deposits
✓ Encourage thrift savings and member shares by providing members with market rates of interest
✓ Provide relief to members in need by enabling them to obtain loans for productive and provident purposes at fair terms of repayment and market rates of interest
✓ Develop a sense of honesty and responsibility in its members
✓ Arouse interest in community development and in self-help programs

OTHER SERVICES

Financial Counseling
SACCOs seek to promote the spirit of self-reliance and attainment of financial independence. SACCOs offer financial counseling and education to members so they can manage their personal finances and productive use of credit to help meet their personal goals.

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 organization they own. In order to achieve this, members are constantly appraised on new developments taking place in their SACCO and are encouraged to provide feedback regarding how their SACCOs should run.

International Cooperative Principles
✓ Open and voluntary membership
✓ Democratic member control
✓ Non-discrimination
✓ Service to members
✓ Distribution to members
✓ Building financial stability
✓ On-going education
✓ Cooperation among cooperatives
✓ Social and community responsibility

Joining a SACCO is easy. Membership is open to all regardless of sex, race, religion or political affiliation. Membership is voluntary within the SACCO’s common bond.

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MUSCCO...Spearheading financial independence.
What is a cooperative society, and what is a SACCO?

**Cooperatives**
A cooperative is defined as an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise.

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

**What is a common bond?**
A common bond is a unifying factor that brings people together.

**Community Bond**
This bond exists where members are living in a particular neighborhood or locality. It caters to all people within the community.

**Occupational or Associational Bond**
This bond is for people of a similar occupation or for those in the same profession or employment.

**SACCO Services**

**Savings**
Today, many people think that it is almost impossible to save. Not with a SACCO! Over the years SACCOs have proved that people who never thought they could save money, can in fact accumulate savings within a short period. Saving small amounts regularly grows to become a large amount over time.

**Savings come in the form of:**
- **Shares:** which entitle you to be a member owner of the SACCO.
- **Demand Deposit:** savings which are withdrawable on demand
- **Term Deposits:** savings which are locked-in for a set period of time.

**SACCOs pay market based interest rates on deposits you have.**

**Insurance**
MUSCCO administers an in-house micro insurance program called SACCO Financial Protection Plan (SFPF). Under this program MUSCCO is able to offer Loan Protection and Life Savings assurance to help protect SACCO members and their families, just another way SACCOs put you first!

**Loan Protection**
Under this coverage, should a member die leaving a loan at a SACCO, the loan is paid off by the SFPP fund in Muscco. This is why it has become a common saying that at a SACCO “the debt dies with the debtor.”

**Life Savings**
In the event of a member’s death his or her savings may be doubled and given to his or her next of kin under this coverage.
The percentage and limits of coverage will depend on age of a member and the maximum coverage limits.

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