Meet the Male SIMLESA Champion Farmer

NAME: Peter Jector  AGE: 58

EPA: Mitundu  DISTRICT: Lilongwe

Crops grown: Maize, Groundnuts, Soybean, Beans, Sweet potato, Tobacco, Bambara nuts,

CASI technologies adopted:
- Minimum soil disturbance
- Crop association
- Maximum soil cover
- Use of improved varieties

Area under CASI: He owns 1.2ha land and out of which 0.8ha is under CASI

Principles of CASI adopted and number of follower farmers:
1. All 3 CA principles 70 follower farmers (40 Male, 30 Female)
2. Planting improved maize 380 follower farmers (214 Male, 166 Female)
3. Crop rotation only 230 follower farmers (161 Male, 69 Female)
4. Minimum soil disturbance only 180 follower farmers (116 Male, 64 Female)

Impact
- Yield increased from 1875kg/ha to 5650kg/ha (113bags/ha)
- Increased incomes and now diversifying his farming as he bought goats
- Improved mobility as he bought a bicycle after selling his produce
- He managed to send his children to secondary school
- Food secure

Why champion farmer?
His field is a learning centre for farmers in his area and has managed to convince other farmers to adopt this improved farming. He plans to increase land allocated to CASI and work with more farmers. He feels he has contributed to SIMLESA succes as he has hosted the demo plot for 8years.
**Get to know the Female SIMLESA Champion Farmer**

**Name:** Dailess Kasawala  
**Age:** 65  
**EPA:** Mtunthama  
**District:** Kasungu  

**Crops grown:** Soya bean, groundnuts, cowpeas, maize: MH31, Pan 53 & MH26

**CASI technologies adopted:**
- Minimum soil disturbance
- Crop associations
- Maximum soil cover
- Use of improved varieties
- Use of organic fertilizer (pit-latrine manure)

**Area under CASI:** She owns 1.6 ha out of which 0.6 ha is allocated to CASI.

**Principles of CASI adopted and number of follower farmers:**
1. Herbicide use, 60 follower farmers
2. Various CASI options, 75 follower farmers (45 Male, 30 Female)

**Impact**
- Yield increased from 2500kg/ha to 7500kg/ha (150bags/ha)
- Increased income hence she can diversify her diet.

**Why Dailess?**
Ms Kasawala has been innovative in her farming as she is known for using human waste in her field. The 65 year old explained that it is odourless and safe to use. Use of manure from the pit toilet has led to her maize yields getting far much better that previous years. In addition, this diligent farmer’s CASI demonstration field has been turned into a learning centre for farmers from different organizations eg NASFAM, CARE Malawi and other visiting farmers from various districts. She has been featured on google and the soon to come lead farmer book because of her outstanding performance in promoting CASI technologies. She has made remarkable contribution to SIMLESA’s success and deserves an award.