

## **CEDRA Case study: Community mobilisation as a result of CEDRA – ROLEC, Malawi**

During its CEDRA Assessment, ROLEC used participatory tools to ask communities about climatic and environmental impacts and how they had coped with them. Villagers mapped their communities, and drew problem trees, seasonal calendars and risk matrices to understand the causes and impacts of climate and environmental change. This process helped them realise that some of the hazards they face are as the result of human activities. They mobilised themselves to plant trees and they have asked ROLEC to work with them in constructing a flood-control dyke, built from sustainable local materials. 'CEDRA is an eye-opener on our part as people in Nsanje district,' said village headman Kachere. 'It has helped us to develop action plans on the issues of our concern.'

*Source: Evaluation of CEDRA and Environmental Assessment programme, September 2011*