

## Pilot Study on Community Revitalization and Afforestation in Middle Shire, Malawi

(Study period: 3 months from October, 2001 Our assignments: Agro-forestry)

### Background of the Study

Middle Shire river basin locates in the north of Blantyre City that holds highest population in Malawi. This area is suffering from deforestation, soil erosion and deterioration due to fuel wood supply and over cultivation to support dense population. According to the request from the Government of Malawi, Japanese Government has already carried out the Master Plan Study in order to formulate the Natural Resource Management Plan. In order to execute the plan formulated, however, it might be necessary to carry out the pilot project including the technical support to the local community and also the capacity building for the staff who implement the plan.

### Outline of the Study

Under these circumstances, the Government of Malawi requested the technical cooperation on pilot project to the Government of Japan on September 2000. The preparatory survey team was dispatched and confirmed the background and the contents of the request and also the intention of the recipient government. The scope and the contents of work were agreed and signed, based on the results of field survey and data collection along with the discussion on the implementation plan. Furthermore, data collection on implementation organization and sub-contractors was also carried out for the effective implementation of the project.

### Our Assignments

- Data collection and field survey on agro-forestry situation and soil erosion countermeasures,
- Fact-finding survey on agricultural extension and formulation of technical assistance plan,
- Survey on environmental policy and judgment on the necessity of Environmental Impact Assessment, and
- Data collection on the suitability of using sub-contractors and the candidates of sub-contractors.

