

## MALAWI STOCK EXCHANGE HOLDS TREE PLANTING EXERCISE



The Malawi Stock Exchange on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 held a tree planting exercise that was organized as part of the institution's corporate social responsibility program. The Stock Exchange donated 2000 pine tree seedlings that were planted at the Mudi Catchment area on a ground area close to 1.5 hectares. The event was presided over by the CEO of the Malawi Stock Exchange, Mr. John Robson Kamanga who during his speech emphasized the need for the public and institutions to hold hands and combine efforts in the area of environmental sustainability. He explained that as the Malawi Stock Exchange, it is very clear that issues of sustainability are key to the operations of the Exchange as well as its key stakeholders, considering that everyone requires a good environment to do their business or plan for their future. The Deputy Director (South) in the Forestry Department, Mrs. Cecilia Chauluka highlighted that tree planting in the area is particularly crucial as it ensures that Blantyre city residents have access to clean and safe drinking water. She explained that tree planting in the area will ensure that the dam that supplies water to Blantyre Water Board does not fill up with silt or eventually dry up.

The Malawi Stock Exchange reiterated its commitment towards ensuring environmental sustainability and has plans to ensure matters of environmental sustainability are well covered in capital raising activities through projects such the adoption of a green bond framework that is being developed under the Committee of SADC Stock Exchanges (CoSSE).

