**KASITU OUTSTATION CHURCH UNDER SOPA PARISH**

**OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**GEOGRAPHICAL AND SOCIAL REFERENCES**

**Kalambo District**is one of the three districts of the Rukwa Region of Tanzania, East Africa. The administrative seat is in Matai Town. The name Kalambo originates from the Kalambo River which flows through the district and runs to Lake Tanganyika is about 15 km south of the town of Kasanga.

The District has one council namely Kalambo District Council which was officially established on 23 December 2012 after it was split off from the Sumbawanga District Council. Moshi Chang'a was the first District Commissioner, who served until his death in April 2014.

**Population:** According to the National Population Census conducted in 2022, the District had a total population of 207,311 with an annual growth rate of 4.7%, average household size of 4.92 and density of 15.98 people per sq km. However, the estimated population and housing census data and statistics for 2008 indicated that population is 228,885 ceteris paribus.

**Climate:** Kalambo District lies within the western branch of the East African Valley known as the “Western Rift Land Province " with altitude ranging from 750m to 1200m above sea level. The District is geographically divided into two zones; the Ufipa Plateau is characterised by miombo woodlands and open grassland that covers about 42% of the District.

**Constituency** Kalambo District has only  one constituency

**Vision:**

Our vision is to become the global leader in manufacturing & providing high quality and  
cost effective complete the building & solutions that will provide clean, reliable & grid-  
competitive electric power around the church and SOPA Village.

**Mission:**  
Our mission is to continue to help expand the global solar energy industry to make solar  
power a clean, reliable & reachable energy source for everyone in the world.

**Core Value:**

We always believe and follow our core values of

* Teamwork
* Sincerity
* Passion
* Commitment
* Unity in diversity.

**PARISH SITUATION**

SOPA Parish is one of the parishes’ within Sumbawanga Diocese it will be the local organization for the promotion of the requested project.

This Parish is one of the parishes in Sumbawanga Catholic Diocese founded in the year 1961 under the Missionaries of Africa.

The parish has the total of 16 outstations located at different distances and it is around 70 kilometer to reach the Sumbawanga Diocese the parish has 8000 faithful who attend mass during Sunday, the area is remote one and the people who attend mass or the people who live in SOPA are depending on agriculture

Due to the many years since the parish was started, the challenges of having the house of the priest which is too old since the missionaries build it, so far the Parish has 3 priest who stay there and the house is linking, so these priest live in the situation which is not safe for their mission, when it comes during the rain, it’s very hard for the priest to get sleep, as they spend more time awake in older to remove the water inside their rooms.

Kasitu church is among of the outstation in the Sopa Parish, it is **18** kilometer from the Sopa Parish in a distance, Kasitu church has **8** in numbers of the small Christian communities where they meet and share the word of God once per week, The church has **1200** Christians, those are included me, women and children together, They do not have the church, that’s why the **2 priest** who serve at SOPA PARISH, decided to organize the Kasitu faithful so as they can build the church where everyone will be able to pray in it. The Kasitu church, always contribute 5000 during Sunday masses and during feast of the church the contribution can reach **6000 to 8000**. Through those contribution, brings a lot of challenges for the priest ministry as most of the outstation are far from the parish.

So we as priest need the support on how to build the church, so as the faithful at Kasitu can worship God in a Conducive environment and a comfortable area to seek God in their faith