## Project Update: May 2010

From 17<sup>th</sup> – 28th May 2010, we held 12 sensitization meetings with traditional chiefs and local communities living around the following protected areas in the northern region of Malawi namely Nyika National Park, Vwaza Wildlife Reserve, Mughese and Mafinga Forest Reserves. In each project area, three meetings were held.

The aim of the meetings was to sensitise traditional chiefs and local communities about the project and its goals. It was also aimed at soliciting support from both traditional chiefs and local communities. We are glad to report that a total of 1, 203 people attended the meetings and about 95% of them were pleased with the project and expressed their full support in the implementation of the activities.



Left: One of the sensitization meeting held at Group Village Headman Mwakombola near Mughese Forest Reserve. Right: One of the sensitization meetings held at Village headman Chibambo near Nyika National Park.