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**Project Objectives:** The New Alliance Policy Acceleration Support: Malawi (NAPAS:Malawi) is an activity under the Sustainable Economic Growth (SEG) project of USAID/Malawi. The activity is being implemented by Michigan State University (MSU) in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the University of Pretoria (UP). NAPAS aims to enable the Government of Malawi to implement the policy reforms agenda it committed to under the New Alliance Country Cooperation Framework for Malawi. NAPAS has the goal of *providing effective technical support to the Government of Malawi so that it sustainably achieves the high-level commitments to policy reform made under the New Alliance Country Cooperation Framework for Malawi*. These policy reforms have the broader aim of improving the agriculture investment climate in Malawi through commercializing agriculture and increasing the role of the private sector in Malawi's agricultural sector. NAPAS has three components:

1. Policy Formulation
2. Policy Communication
3. Capacity Strengthening

This report is in two parts. Part I is a quarterly report for the period covering July 1, 2018 to October 30, 2018. The report is covering the fourth quarter of the costed extension of the NAPAS: Malawi activity plus 30 days of October 2018, since the project will close on November 27, 2018. The second part of the report (Part II) is an annual report for FY 2018 plus 30 days of October 2018.

## **Part I: FY 2018 Fourth Quarter Report – that includes the period from October 1, 2017 to October 30, 2018**

This part of the report is for the last quarter of FY 2018. However, since the NAPAS activity is closing on November 27, 2018, the report also includes activities that have taken place up to the writing of the report. The report is structured around the three components of the project.

### **Component 1: Technical Support for Policy Formulation**

#### ***National Fertilizer Policy (NFP)***

During the fourth quarter, the Secretary for Agriculture Irrigation and Water Development requested NAPAS team and the Department of Agricultural Research Services to hold another validation workshop of the National Fertilizer Policy with senior management of the Ministry (MoAIWD). The internal validation took place on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 in the Ministry's conference room. The meeting was chaired by the Controller of Agricultural Services and Investment Dr. Alex Bulirani. A total of 23 (5 female) participants attended the internal validation. The meeting debated whether the proposed National Fertiliser Regulatory Commission should be combined with Seed and Pesticides Regulatory Commissions and that the combined Commission could be called an Input Regulatory Commission. The meeting did not conclude what form the commission would take.

After the validation workshop, the NAPAS team held a meeting with the Director of Agricultural Research Services and incorporated input from the senior management meeting into the draft. The draft policy was then submitted to the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development on 24 July, 2018. The draft policy will undergo an approval processes after it gets submitted to the Office of President and Cabinet (OPC). The NAPAS activity will support the OPC in convening a committee of Principal Secretaries to review and approve the National Fertilizer Policy to fast track the approval process. Dates for the PS' committee meeting will be determined in consultation with the OPC but are likely to be in November 2018. However, the responsibility of the NAPAS project as far as supporting the Ministry to produce a National Fertilizer Policy was completed when the draft was submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture, who will then push the process forward with the OPC. After that, the Minister of Agriculture will also push the process forward with Cabinet, to get the policy approved.

#### ***Fertiliser Bill***

The NAPAS activity was also requested by the MoAIWD to support the process of developing a Fertilizer Bill to operationalize the National Fertilizer Policy. In line with this, the NAPAS team held a meeting with the Director of Agricultural Research Services to map the way forward for developing the Fertiliser Bill. The meeting took place on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. The outcome of the meeting was constitution of a task team to align the draft Fertiliser Bill of 2014 to the draft National Fertiliser Policy. Consequently, the NAPAS activity organized a writeshop to align the draft Fertiliser Bill to the Policy at Mount Soche Hotel from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The meeting was attended by 16 (2 female) participants and included participation of a legal expert from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. The next step will be to develop/draft regulations

in the Fertiliser Bill. This will involve engaging subject matter specialists and Malawi Bureau of Standards to draft those regulations. The drafting session will most likely take place after the close of the Project. The project will close on November 27, 2018.

### ***Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy (ASFNS)***

The NAPAS activity worked closely with the USAID-funded SANE activity and the Department of Agricultural Extension Services to improve and strengthen the Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy. The draft document was validated by senior management of MoAIWD together with the National Fertiliser Policy on 17th July, 2018. A major comment during the validation workshop was on why the Ministry requires an agriculture specific Nutrition Strategy in light of the fact that there is the National Nutrition Policy which is in the Department of Nutrition and HIV/AIDS (DNHA) in Ministry of Health. Task team members highlighted the importance of the strategy pointing out that it is a wake-up call to the sector so that interventions in the sector are addressing nutrition needs rather than focusing on disease prevention and treatment as is the case with the Ministry of Health. The Strategy was also developed with full participation of DNHA. Comments from the validation workshop were incorporated in the draft Strategy in August, 2018. The Strategy was then submitted to a copy editor in September, 2018 who has since finalized editorial work. The Strategy will be submitted to the Ministry for adoption by end of November, 2018.

### ***Farmer Organization Development Strategy (FODS)***

The FODS was internally validated by senior management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development. A total of 30 (9 female) participants attended the internal validation.

Following the internal validation workshop, the NAPAS activity organized a national validation workshop for the FODS at Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. The meeting was organized in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) in MoAIWD. The Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, Mr. Gray Nyandule Phiri, was the guest of honor who opened the workshop. The United States of Agency for International Development (USAID) was represented by Mr. Maurice Shines who gave opening remarks. A total of 67 (13 female) stakeholders participated in the validation workshop. Comments from the validation workshop are being incorporated and a draft Strategy will be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development for adoption in November, 2018.

### ***Review of the Special Crops Act (SPA) and Agriculture General Purposes Act (AGPA) and Development of Contract Farming Legislation***

The NAPAS: Malawi activity conducted additional consultations to inform review of the Special Crops Act (SCA), Agriculture General Purposes Act (AGPA) and Contract Farming Legislation. A total of 237 (74 female) stakeholders were consulted from 94 interviews. The interviews were

conducted between April and July 2018. Notes from stakeholder consultations were transcribed and analysis of the input and report writing was conducted by Mr. Andrew Comstock of IFPRI. Following completion of the report, the NAPAS activity held a validation workshop on the review on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Ufulu Gardens Hotel in Lilongwe. The workshop was officially opened by the Director of Animal Health and Livestock Development (DAHLD), Dr. Patrick Chikungwa, on behalf of the Secretary for Irrigation and Water Development. His opening remarks are posted [here](#). USAID was represented by Mr. Cullen Hughes, Mrs. Eluphy Nyirenda and Mr. Gilbert Kamiyala. Mr Hughes also gave opening remarks, highlighting the impressive achievements that the NAPAS Project has accomplished over the years, and committing USAID's continued support to policy reforms that improve growth and development of the sector. His remarks can be accessed [here](#). The NAPAS Chief of Party, Dr Flora Nankhuni also gave opening remarks that are accessible [here](#). Chairperson of the Donor Committee on Agriculture and Food Security Ms. Beatrice Neri also graced the workshop. In total, 86 participants (22 female) representing producers, other private sector, government officials, development partners, CSO and research/academic organizations attended the workshop.



Mr. Cullen Hughes-Director of SEG at USAID-Malawi making remarks at the validation workshop.

Input from the validation workshop will be incorporated in the report and the report will be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development in November, 2018. Thereafter, legal experts will be engaged to start revising/drafting new law(s) based on recommendations of the review. Following the validation workshop, the NAPAS team decided to take out review of contract farming (CF) legislation from the main report and conduct a special

study to inform development of CF legislation. As such, the next step will be to conduct a CF study that investigates current CF arrangements in tobacco, tea, sugar, chili and other crop sub-sectors. The study will inform drafting of the CF legislation that is expected to be included in the AGPA.

### ***Horticulture Policy and Strategy***

The NAPAS team is part of a task force developing a new Horticulture Policy and Strategy. This work was not part of the Project's agreed deliverables. However, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Deputy Director of Department of Crop Development (Dr. Nyalugwe) requested technical support of the Project team. The first drafting session for the Policy and Strategy took place in the previous quarter. A slightly different approach was used to develop the Policy and Strategy, whereby key stakeholders were asked to identify the broad challenge facing the sector. They were then asked to brainstorm on the root causes of this broad challenge and how those root causes can be dealt with. From this root-cause analysis, strategic pillars of the Horticulture Policy were identified and the activities and sub-activities required to remove the root causes.

Following the first drafting session, a meeting to map the way forward for developing the Horticulture Policy and Strategy took place on 23rd August, 2018 in Dr Nyalugwe's office. The meeting was attended by Dr Eviness Nyalugwe, Mr. Boniface Msiska of Land O Lakes and the NAPAS team (Dr Flora Nankhuni, Dr Christone Nyondo and Mr. Zephania Nyirenda). Mr Msiska is the Deputy Chief of Party for a USDA-supported "MSIKA" project that Michigan State University is implementing with Land O Lakes to develop Horticulture value chains in Malawi. MSIKA means Malawi Strengthening Inclusive Markets for Agriculture. The project is committed to developing a conducive environment for horticulture development to take off, and is the main source of financial support for development of the Policy and Strategy. It was noted during this meeting that USAID is supporting MoITT through the AGOA project where crops including macadamia, honey, tea, dried mangoes have been targeted for development. The meeting recommended that the Horticulture Policy and Strategy Development team should liaise with the AGOA team to enhance complementarities between the two initiatives. The meeting also recommended that Mrs. Sibongire Chimzinga, a Horticulture Lecturer at LUANAR should be hired to support the process in developing a background paper that will inform further drafting of the Policy and Strategy. The MSIKA project would fund the Consultant.

The second writeshop to continue drafting the Horticulture Policy and Strategy was held at La Riviera hotel in Mangochi from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. This time the writeshop involved horticulture specialists from selected districts and Agriculture Development Divisions and several participants that attended the first workshop. The Consultant will consolidate the work that was done to produce a -1 draft of the Horticulture Policy and Strategy that will then be finalized by a smaller team of policy drafters in November 2019. The team will produce a zero draft document that will then be validated internally in the MoAIWD and externally, across the three regions of Malawi. After this a final draft will be produced that will be submitted to the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) to undergo the approval process. The plan is to fast-track the process so that the Policy and Strategy are submitted to the OPC in March or early April, before a new government is put in place in May 2019.

### ***MoAIWD Strategic Plan***

The NAPAS activity supported the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development to finalize the Ministry's Strategic Plan. A working session was organized at La Riviera Hotel in Mangochi from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. A total of 12 (5 female) participants attended the working session. The Strategic plan is currently undergoing proof reading (under direction of the Deputy Director of Planning Mr. Mauwa), in readiness for submission to senior management of the Ministry.

### ***Fish Value Chain Study***

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development requested the NAPAS activity to conduct a fish value chain study in addition to the crop value chain studies that have already been conducted. As such, the NAPAS activity started working on the Fish value chain study during the fourth quarter. During first quarter, the COP for NAPAS held a meeting with USAID where she learnt that USAID is supporting the fisheries and aquaculture subsector through a FISH project. She also learned that World Fish Center is implementing a number of initiatives in the fisheries and aquaculture subsector. The plan is to collaborate with already existing initiatives when conducting the value chain study. The current fish value chain study will help identify bottlenecks at each stage of the value chain and identify inherent opportunities to unlock the potential of the fisheries and aquaculture subsector in Malawi. In preparation for the fish value chain study, the NAPAS team attended the 6<sup>th</sup> International conference of the Pan Africa Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA) that took place at Sun and Sand resort in Mangochi from 24 to 28 September, 2018. At this meeting a questionnaire was administered to 35 participants (of which 5 were women) to get an understanding of the main issues facing the fish and aquaculture sector in Malawi. This exercise became the first consultation that the project undertook to inform development of the fish value chain study.

The NAPAS team also attended a stakeholder workshop to assess the status of the fisheries value chain in the Lake Malawi basin that took place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Sun and Sand resort in Mangochi. The workshop was organized by LUANAR in consultation with Michigan State University, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the Department of Fisheries in MoAIWD. The NAPAS chief of Party made a presentation on the upcoming "Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chain Study in Malawi" that is accessible [here](#). From the meeting terms of reference (ToRs) for the fish and aquaculture value chain study were developed. These ToRs were shared with Professor Kaunda, the Director of the World Bank-funded Aquaculture and Fish Center of Excellence (AquaFish) that is based at LUANAR.

The NAPAS activity plans to hire Professor Kaunda to support the NAPAS team in conducting the fish value chain study considering the limited amount of time that remains before the project winds down on November 27, 2018. The plan is to complete the field work by November 27, 2018 but to write the study report during the first quarter of FY19.

## ***Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy***

There was slow progress made on the Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy in FY18 because of the closure of the ASWAp-SP project which led to non-payment to consultants who were working on the document. The NAPAS activity contacted the Director of Agriculture and Advisory Services (DAES) to map the way forward for validating the draft strategy. The plan is to hold a validation workshop in November, 2018 and the NAPAS activity will support validation workshop and submission of the draft Strategy to MoAIWD. However, responsibility for holding the validation workshop remains with the Director of DAES who has to pay the consultants that were hired to produce the draft Strategy before the validation meeting can take place.

### **Component 2: Policy Communication**

#### ***Policy Dissemination Events***

The NAPAS Activity participated in four key agricultural events across the country where key policy outputs were disseminated. These were:

- 1) The 15<sup>th</sup> National Agriculture Fair, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, in Blantyre.
- 2) The 1<sup>st</sup> Farmers' Conference, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at LUANAR.
- 3) The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA6) from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in Mangochi.
- 4) The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mzuzu Trade Fair from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

The NAPAS activity disseminated a total of 780 policy documents including policy briefs mainly on value chain studies that NAPAS conducted on behalf of the Ministry, National Agriculture Policy documents, National Agriculture Investment Plan documents and the Contract Farming Strategy document.

#### ***The 15<sup>th</sup> National Agriculture Fair, September 12-15, in Blantyre***

The 15<sup>th</sup> National Agriculture Fair, under the theme: "Access to finance, value addition and markets- key to agri-based industrialization," was officially opened by the State President, Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika. The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Joseph Mwanamvekha, Principal Secretary, Mr. Gray Nyandule Phiri, 12 directors from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development and other Cabinet Members participated in the event. The aim of the Fair was to expose farmers, farmer groups and stakeholders within the agricultural sector to new developments in technology, policies, markets, financial arrangements and other services that are available to them.





NAPAS Communications Specialist displaying policy documents and policy briefs at the fair

The Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCCI) in collaboration with MoAIWD organized this year's Fair which attracted 136 exhibitors. The NAPAS activity distributed 350 policy briefs, 18 copies of the National Investment Plan and 20 copies of the Contract Farming Strategy.

In addition to disseminating documents, NAPAS Research and Policy Analyst, Joseph Kanyamuka made a presentation on policies in the agriculture sector at a panel discussion titled "Agro-Industrialization: Is there Hope for Malawi?" (See blog post on this [here](#)).

### ***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mzuzu Trade Fair from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018***

The Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCCI) organized the 3rd Mzuzu International Fair. Mzuzu University Vice Chancellor Professor Fred Msiska officially opened the International Fair. Sixteen exhibitors participated in the fair under the theme; Industrialization: Basis for Trade Competitiveness. The NAPAS exhibition took forth position while the pavilion decoration took second position. More importantly, however, the Project managed to disseminate 54 policy briefs, 7 copies of the National Agriculture Policy document (NAP), 15 copies of the NAP abridged Chichewa version, 8 copies of the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP), and 15 copies of the Contract Farming Strategy.

Malawi Broadcasting Station interviewed the Chief of Party, Dr. Flora Nankhuni on the economic importance of the value chain studies that were disseminated

### **The 1st Farmers' Conference, September 18-19, Lilongwe**

The NAPAS activity also took part in the first Farmers' Conference that the Malawi Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (MaFAAS) and the Commercial Agricultural Advisory Services (CAAS) organized from 18-19 September 2018 at the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR). The event was designed to enable farmers and other stakeholders in the agriculture sector from Malawi and beyond to share experiences and lessons learned, and to network. Discussions and action plans to address particular agricultural development issues were also addressed.



Prof. Kanyama Phiri (Vice Chancellor-LUANAR) making remarks at the 1<sup>st</sup> farmers' conference

The Conference's theme was "Hear farmers' voices for agricultural transformation," with the aim to reposition farmers and advisory service providers to take their rightful role in achieving the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy III (MDGSIII).

Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) Assistant Chief Agribusiness Officer, Mr Pierson Soko presented the draft [Farmer Organization Development Strategy](#) to over 50 farmers who attended the conference. The NAPAS activity distributed 146 policy briefs, 1 copy of the Contract Farming Strategy, and 1 copy of the NAIP.

### **The 6th International Conference of the Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA6), September 24- 28, Mangochi**

The NAPAS activity participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA6), from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Sun and Sand Holiday Resort in Mangochi.

The Conference was organized by the Department of Fisheries and LUANAR. The theme of the PAFFA6 Exhibition was adopted from the overall conference theme: *African Fish and Fisheries: Diversity, Conservation and Sustainable Management*.

The Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) Hon. Joseph Mwanamveka officially opened the Conference. A total of 100 policy briefs, 2 copies of the NAIP and 1 copy of the Contract Farming Strategy were distributed to stakeholders at the function.

### *October 2018 Issue of NAPAS Happenings (the Project's Newsletter)*

The NAPAS activity published the second edition of the NAPAS Happenings Newsletter in on October 29, 2018. The aim of the Newsletter is to update stakeholders of the main issues facing the agriculture sector, mainly policies and the role they play in shaping the sector. The Newsletter can be found [here](#).

### *NAPAS Endline Survey*

The NAPAS activity has finalized the Endline survey report that is posted on the FSP website [here](#). The survey was meant to be a measure of the quality of the policy processes in Malawi's agriculture and food security sectors. Two indices were constructed: the first was on the quality of dialogue, coordination, cooperation, and partnership between stakeholders in the sector and government within those processes, and the second on the quality of the institutional architecture within which those processes proceed. The report found that stakeholder's perception on the quality of the policy processes had gone down, compared to 2015 when the baseline survey was conducted. The baseline indices in 2015 were both 1.8. The baseline [report](#) and [brief](#) are posted on the FSP website. However, the indices in 2017/18 showed an increase in pessimism among respondents as to the quality of the processes and the institutions involved in them. The index on the quality of the processes had fallen to 1.0, while that on the quality of the institutions had dropped to 1.3.

Explanations for this significant drop in the two indices are not obvious. Policy developments and the context around agriculture and food security in Malawi between 2015 and 2017/18 provides a mixed, but not a wholly negative, assessment. On the positive side, the National Agriculture Policy was adopted in late-2016 following extensive stakeholder consultations. More recently, a broad set of stakeholders were involved in developing the National Agricultural Investment Plan that will guide action to realize the objectives of the National Agriculture Policy. These policy processes certainly were successful. The 2017 CAADP biennial review also rated Malawi as having a strong performance on policy processes. On the negative side, Malawi has experienced recurrent widespread food insecurity crises in recent years due to floods, drought, and pest

infestations. These required significant humanitarian responses that involved considerable reliance on international assistance – the largest, the 2016/17 Food Insecurity Response Programme, targeted over six million vulnerable people in southern and central Malawi. As was repeatedly noted by respondents in their comments on specific questions in the endline survey, there is a significant disconnect between the reasonably high quality of the policy documents that are developed through the policy processes around agriculture and food security issues and the results obtained – the quality of policy implementation does not meet the aspirations of those policies and strategies. This is nowhere made more evident than when millions of Malawians persistently, almost routinely, are at risk of hunger. It is difficult to be self-congratulatory on the quality of the agriculture and food security policy processes with which one is involved in developing in such an enduring situation.

This disconnect between policy and strategy formulation and implementation also points to a deficiency in the premise of the survey. We assumed that the quality of policy processes and the effectiveness of the institutions involved in the formulation of policies and strategies on agriculture and food security could be assessed independently of the implementation of the policies and strategies. However, the analysis here shows that it is very difficult for stakeholders to separate the two in a comprehensive assessment of the type done here.

#### ***Agricultural Commercialization Project's Value Chain Prioritization Workshop***

The NAPAS activity was approached by the Agricultural Commercialization (AgCom) Project National Coordinator Dr Teddie Nakhumwa to have the NAPAS team present value chain studies at a Value Chain Prioritization workshop for the AgCom project. The AgCom project will support development of a number of value chains in the agriculture sector and the workshop has been organized to facilitate prioritization and selection of value chains based on empirical evidence. The workshop will be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at La Riviera Hotel in Mangochi. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development in Collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism and the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC). The NAPAS activity played a significant role in helping the AgCoM project with information on value chains that NAPAS conducted. The National Coordinator informed NAPAS that the success of their project depends on availability of research evidence from value chains which the NAPAS activity has. The NAPAS activity presented 11 value chain studies at the workshop among which, groundnuts, banana, macadamia, were selected as some of the high priority value chains the AgCoM will be concentrating on.

#### ***African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Strategy Regional Dissemination Workshops***

The NAPAS activity was requested by USAID to provide technical and financial support towards dissemination of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Strategy. The Strategy was developed by the Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism with technical support from a USAID supported Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub implemented by DAI and the Malawi Investment and Trade Center (MITC). The regional workshops were organized to disseminate a

National Response Strategy for increasing Malawian exports to the USA under the AGOA program. The First workshop took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at Mzuzu Hotel in Mzuzu. Subsequent workshops are planned to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 in Lilongwe and 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 in Blantyre. The NAPAS activity presented 3 value chain studies of crops that have been identified as AGOA targeted crops including macadamia, tea and mangoes. The NAPAS activity also distributed 26 policy briefs on the value chains, 4 copies of the NAP, 3 copies of the Contract Farming Strategy, one copy of the NAIP document and 8 copies of the Chichewa abridged version of the National Agriculture Policy to workshop participants.

### **Component 3: Capacity Strengthening**

#### ***2017 Inaugural Biennial Review Report (BRR) of the African Union Commission on the Implementation of the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods***

The Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Water Development Organized a BR Post-mortem meeting to craft strategies on recommendations from the 2017 Malabo Bi-Annual Report that the Government of Malawi will implement before the next BR in 2020. The workshop was organized as a preparatory meeting for the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) in September 2018 where ministers of Agriculture in various African countries would discuss results of the 2017 Biennial Review Report and present strategies on what the governments will do to improve on the areas that the 2017 BR highlighted as needing improvement.

The working session was facilitated by FANARPAN through CISANET which is FANARPAN's node in Malawi. The aim of the working session was to come up with an action plan and talking points for the Minister of Agriculture to be used for lobbying with donors during the September AGRF meeting. Generally, the action points were meant to be used as a selling tool for the NAIP.

The Meeting was attended by representatives from CISANET, MoAIWD, MoITT, and NAPAS. NAPAS provided technical expertise in development of the Minister's action plan and talking points.

#### ***DevResults Refresher Training***

The NAPAS activity participated in a DevResults Management Information System (MIS) workshop organized by USAID Malawi from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. The objective of the training was to provide Mission and implementing partner staff with knowledge on additional system capabilities to assist in their work and fully leverage the System. Dr Christone Nyondo

and Zephania Nyirenda from the NAPAS: Malawi project attended the workshop on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

## **II. International Travel**

Dr Flora Nankhuni travelled to Vancouver, Canada where she attended the 30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists from July 28 to August 2, 2018. She participated in a panel discussion on “Agricultural input subsidy programs in Sub-Saharan Africa: Are recent program innovations improving program performance? Evidence from Malawi, Nigeria and Zambia.” She was also one of the keynote speakers on a plenary session titled “New landscapes and challenges amidst Africa’s rapidly transforming food systems”.



Dr. Flora Nankhuni and other members of MSU after the plenary session on “New landscapes and challenges amidst Africa’s rapidly transforming food systems”.

From Vancouver, she travelled to Washington DC where she held a meeting with Todd Benson and Andrew Comstock regarding the legislative reviews that NAPAS is carrying out in Malawi. She also had a meeting with the Foundation for a Smoke Free World on possible funding for the NAPAS activity, following closure of the USAID – funded NAPAS activity.

From 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 the COP of NAPAS attended the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) that took place in Kigali Rwanda.

### **III. Challenges, Solutions and Actions Taken**

There has been slow progress on the part of government to fast track approval of the National Fertiliser Policy. As mentioned earlier, the policy was officially submitted to the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development in July 2018. The NAPAS activity has been following progress on it with keen interest. The draft policy needs to be validated by a committee of Principal Secretaries (PS’) before the Minister can present it to the Cabinet for approval. However, the policy is still in the office of the Secretary for Agriculture. At one point, the policy was in the office of the Chief Director in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water

Development. The COP of NAPAS made contact with the Chief Director to make sure she reads the document and submit it back to the PS' office. The COP of NAPAS also met the PS for Agriculture and the Minister to make sure the policy is submitted to OPC. The NAPAS activity also involved the Director of Agricultural Research Services to follow up with the PS for Agriculture on the status of the policy. However, by October 25, 2018, the policy had not yet been submitted to OPC.

There has also been slow progress on development of the Agricultural Extension Strategy because of closure of the ASWAp-SP project that delayed payment for consultants that produced the draft Strategy. As a result, the Ministry could not call for a validation workshop of the draft Strategy before the consultants were paid. It is hoped that work on the Strategy will resume now that funds for the NAIP (the follow-on to the ASWAp I) have started flowing.

#### **IV. Lessons, Best Practices and Recommendations**

The NAPAS: Malawi activity has learned to be responsive to demands from various Ministries and technical departments in government for technical and financial support. The Ministry has also learned through the NAPAS project that policy documents and strategies are best delivered when formulated from within the Ministry with technical support from the project than giving such assignments to short-term consultants. Such documents are produced with least cost and efficiently when done from within the Ministry. Some good examples include the Horticulture Policy and Strategy, the 2009-2011 draft National Agriculture Policy (NAP) that failed to be approved, and the Contract Farming Strategy (CFS). All these documents were first given to consultants who did not do a good job. It is not clear how much was paid to the consultants. These policies later became responsibilities of the NAPAS activity. The NAP and CFS have been successfully completed. NAPAS was asked to work on the Horticulture Strategy during the third quarter of the costed extension phase. This process is still ongoing.

Another policy and strategy where the NAPAS team asked the Ministry to forgo hiring an external consultant and rely on the services of the NAPAS team, was the extension policy review and the extension strategy. The Ministry insisted on hiring external consultants and spent over \$160,000 on the consultant's fees (excluding costs of consultations). However, as of October 25, 2018 only the extension policy review was completed while the Strategy whose process was started before December 2014 is still not yet validated by stakeholders. Most likely, both processes could have been completed with technical expertise of the NAPAS team and involvement of the Ministry staff, with a total expenditure of about \$60,000 on the consultations. This demonstrates the effectiveness of using Ministry embedded technical assistance compared to relying on external consultants.

#### **V. Success stories**

There is continued growing appreciation of the work NAPAS is doing particularly on value chain studies. The NAPAS activity was approached by the Agricultural Commercialization (AgCom) Project National Coordinator Dr Teddie Nakhumwa to have the NAPAS team present value chain studies at a Value Chain Prioritization workshop for the AgCom project. The project is



implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development in Collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism. The workshop was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at La Riviera Hotel in Mangochi (see [blog](#) on it). Several of the value chains that were presented were identified to be among priority crops that the AgCom project will be supporting.

Considering the important role the NAPAS activity plays in the Ministry, the project continues to receive requests from departments to provide technical support in the formulation of various policies and strategies. In particular, the project was requested to support development of the Horticulture Policy and Strategy in the Department of Crop Development, and the Livestock Policy in the Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development. Furthermore, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism (MoITT) asked the Project to provide technical support during dissemination of the AGOA strategy. NAPAS presented on the macadamia, mango, and tea value chain studies during the AGOA Strategy dissemination workshops that was held in Mzuzu on October 29, 2018. Lilongwe and Blantyre workshops will be held on October 31 and November 2, 2018. Following dissemination of the draft review of the Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act, the MoITT has also asked the NAPAS team to conduct a scoping study on development of structured markets for most of the crops produced in Malawi. The NAPAS activity has also been asked to conduct a Fish value chain study to inform development on an upcoming AfDB project on fish and aquaculture development.

The NAPAS activity was also requested to make a presentation at the National Rice Development Platform meeting that took place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at Riverside Hotel in Lilongwe. Mr Joseph Kanyamuka made a presentation on government policies supporting the rice sub-sector. Mr Kanyamuka also made a presentation at the 2018 Agriculture Fair organized conference on “Agro-Industrialization: Is there Hope for Malawi?” following a request by the African Institute of Corporate Citizenship (AICC).

## **VI. Management Issues**

The COP with support of the Malawi USAID Mission team, has been looking for a new development partner to continue supporting the NAPAS: Malawi activities beyond November 27, 2018. A new donor (new donors) have committed financial resources to enable the NAPAS team continue providing technical support to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, at least for the next 3 years. It is also the NAPAS teams’ wish to have USAID remain connected to the follow-on NAPAS activity in some form.

## **Part II: Progress for the 2018 Fiscal Year (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018) and for October 2018.**

### **Component 1: Technical Support for Policy Formulation**

#### ***National Fertilizer Policy (NFP)***

In FY18 the NAPAS activity held a number of writeshops to draft the National Fertiliser Policy. Two drafting sessions were convened during the first quarter; one session held at Bayview Lodge

in Salima from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and the second was held at Lilongwe hotel from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The draft National Fertilizer Policy (NFP) was internally validated with senior management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018. After the comments were incorporated in the draft, an external validation workshop was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at Ufulu Gardens in Lilongwe. During the third quarter, the NAPAS team together with the Department of Agricultural Research Services held a writeshop in Salima from 16<sup>st</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 to incorporate comments made during the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 validation workshop and those that came from various stakeholders through emails. The Secretary for Agriculture, irrigation and Water Development requested another validation of the policy with senior management of the Ministry. The validation took place on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. The draft policy was then submitted to the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development on 24 July, 2018 by the Director of Agricultural Research Services. The policy is now undergoing approval processes in which it will be submitted to the Office of President and Cabinet (OPC). A total of 145 (27 female) stakeholders were involved in drafting and validating the NFP in FY18.

### ***Fertiliser Bill***

The NAPAS activity started working on the Fertiliser Bill in the fourth quarter of the FY18. The NAPAS team held a meeting with the Director of Agricultural Research Services to map the way forward for developing the Fertiliser Bill on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2018. Consequently, the NAPAS activity organized a writeshop to align the draft Fertiliser Bill to the Policy at Mount Soche Hotel from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 where 18 (2 female) stakeholders were involved. The next step will be to develop regulations in the Fertiliser Bill and will involve engaging subject matter specialists and the Malawi Bureau of Standards to craft those regulations.

### ***Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy (ASFNS)***

The NAPAS activity worked closely with the Department of Agricultural Extension Service (DAES), who are overseeing the process of developing the Strategy, and the SANE activity to finalize the Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy. A writeshop was organized by the DAES and the SANE activity on October 10, 2017 at the Malawi Institute of Management in Lilongwe where the NAPAS team provided technical support in improving the M&E section of the strategy. A total of 16 (3 female) participants attended the writeshop. Another meeting was convened on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 at NAPAS' offices where the NAPAS team and representatives from the DAES worked on several sections of the Strategy. Additional meetings were convened in April and May where the task team worked on several sections of the document. The draft document was internally validated by senior management of MoAIWD on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2018. A total of 23 (5 female) participants attended the internal validation workshop. The draft Strategy will be submitted to the Ministry for adoption in November, 2018.

### ***Farmer Organizations Development Strategy (FODS)***

A consultation workshop for the Farmer Organization Development Strategy was held on October 11 and 12, 2017. A survey was also conducted with organizations that deal with farmer organizations to solicit more input for development of the FODS. Representatives of 29

organizations contributed to the survey. The input was consolidated and analyzed and a zero draft of the FODS was developed. Internal consultations on the zero draft (with the task force overseeing development of the FODS) were also conducted. A national consultation workshop on the FODS was held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 at Lilongwe hotel. The workshop was officially opened by the Controller of Agricultural Extension and Technical Services (CAETS) Dr. Albert Changaya. Among the high profile participants was the President of the Farmers Union of Malawi, Mr Kapichira Banda.

Two writeshops were organized; the first from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and the second from 24<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 both at La-Riviera Hotel in Mangochi. The writeshops were attended by participants from NASFAM, MUSCO, Malawi Microfinance Network, DCAFS, DAES, and CISANET. In the fourth quarter, the NAPAS activity internally validated the Strategy with senior management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018. The NAPAS activity also organized a national validation workshop for the Strategy at Sunbird Capital Hotel in Lilongwe on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. A total of 244 (62 female) provided input in the draft FODS through consultations and drafting in FY18. The Strategy will be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development for adoption in November, 2018.

***Value Chain Analyses to inform implementation of the National Agriculture Policy (NAP) and the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP)***

NAPAS conducted 12 value chain studies: groundnuts, pigeon peas, roots and tubers (cassava, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and yams), tea, coffee, macadamia nuts, bananas, tomatoes, and mangoes. These were demanded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development to provide information that would help in designing and implementing the NAIP that is also the implementation plan for the NAP. However, it was noted that data collection for some of the value chains especially mango, banana and tomato was done when the crops were out of season and the information was scanty. As a result, the NAPAS team conducted a follow-up survey of producers and traders of these crops in Lilongwe between 15 and 17 November, 2017. Additional information on macadamia, mango, banana and tomato value chains was also collected between January and February, 2018. Furthermore, information was collected from hotels and restaurants in March, 2018. A total of 257 (135 female) stakeholders participated in value chain follow up surveys in FY18.

Demand for the value chains is coming from different stakeholders, apart from the Ministry of Agriculture that requested them. For example, the COP met with staff of the USAID supported Agricultural Diversification (Ag-Div) Project to report on preliminary findings of the value chains. The COP also discussed the value chains with a person from FAO (Ms. Alethia Cameron). The NAPAS team also (Dr. Flora Nankhuni, Mr. Zephania Nyirenda, Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka and Ms. Paida Mpaso also had discussions on the value chains with Vikramjeet Sharma and Sally Mansour from Technoserve who are working on value chains promoted by MSIKA Project (a US Department of Agriculture supported project). Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka of the NAPAS project also discussed the value chains with a person from the Pride project who told him that they are conducting value chain studies and they would like to use NAPAS' value chain studies as input into their value chain studies. Most recently, the COP discussed the value chain studies with a

consultant for the Agriculture Technology Institute of the Foundation for the Smoke Free World to inform the Institute/Foundation's value chain development strategies/activities. The NAPAS activity conducted several dissemination workshops on these value chains, including the AGOA strategy awareness workshops that are taking place to guide Malawi investors on how they can take advantage of the AGOA to export the USA, duty free.

### ***Review of the Special Crops Act (SPA), Agriculture General Purposes Act (AGPA) and Development of Contract Farming (CF) Legislation***

The NAPAS activity was requested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development to review the Special Crops Act and the Agriculture General Purposes Act. The reviews would also explore the possibility of developing the CF legislation. In relation to development of CF legislation, the NAPAS team held a meeting with the Competition and Fair Trade Commission (CFTC) on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. The Contract Farming Strategy that was adopted in September 2016 had proposed that the Competition and Fair Trading Act (CFTA) should be amended to address contract farming issues in Malawi. However, in consultation with the Competition and Fair Trading Commission (CFTC) the decision was changed to incorporate contract farming legislation in the amendment to the Agriculture General Purposes Act. The NAPAS team with support IFPRI colleagues (Todd Benson and Andrew Comstock) developed an inception report that was presented to key stakeholders on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at Wamkulu Palace in Lilongwe. After the inception report presentation, the NAPAS activity hired a legal consultant and engaged two legal experts from the Ministry of justice and Constitutional Affairs (MoJCA) to provide input into the review process. The NAPAS team then conducted a survey to solicit stakeholder input. The team was joined by Dr. Milu Muyanga of MSU and Mr Andrew Comstock of IFPRI. The survey was conducted between April and July 2018. The survey informed drafting of a review report that was externally validated with stakeholders on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Ufulu Gardens Hotel in Lilongwe. The workshop revealed that more information needs to be collected to inform development of contract farming legislation. The plan is to finalize review of the two Acts by November 2018 but to do more consultations on contract farming arrangements. A total of 411 (113 female) stakeholders provided input in the review process.

### ***Horticulture Policy and Strategy***

The Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development requested for technical support from the NAPAS: Malawi activity to assist in the development of a Horticulture Policy and Strategy. The Deputy Director in the Department of Crop Development engaged the CoP of NAPAS to guide the development process. Initially, the Department engaged a consultant to produce a draft Strategy with support from the Land O' Lakes' MSIKA project. A writeshop was organized by the Department of Crop Development with financial support from the MSIKA project to review the draft Horticulture Strategy that was produced by the consultant. The writeshop was held at Mpatsa Lodge in Salima from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, under the CoP's technical guidance. The NAPAS activity participated in a planning meetings for development of the Horticulture Policy and Strategy that was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 in Dr Nyalugwe's office. The aim of the meeting was to map the way forward for developing the Horticulture Policy and

Strategy. A second writeshop on the Horticulture Policy and Strategy was held at La Riviera hotel in Mangochi from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The writeshop involved subject matter specialists from selected districts and horticulture farmers. A third workshop is organized for November 19-21, 2018. The Policy and Strategy are planned to be finalized by April 2019.

### ***MoAIWD Strategic Plan***

The NAPAS: Malawi activity was requested by the Department of Agricultural Planning Services to support finalization of MoAIWD's Strategic Plan. A drafting session was held at La-Riviera Hotel in Mangochi, from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2018. Dr. Flora Nankhuni and Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka joined officials of MoAIWD to finalize the document. . Another working session was organized at La Riviera Hotel in Mangochi from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018. These writeshops involved a total of 23 (9 female) stakeholders in FY18. The Strategic plan is currently undergoing proof reading in readiness for submission to senior management of the Ministry.

### ***National Agriculture Investment Plan***

The NAPAS: Malawi activity supported finalization of the National Agriculture Investment Plan that took place at La-Riviera Hotel in Mangochi from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. This writeshop was organized for MoAIWD senior staff members to take a final look at the investment plan before it could be approved and launched. The writeshop involved 7 officers from MoAIWD. The investment plan was launched on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 by the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development at the Bingu International Convention Center in Lilongwe. A [blog](#) and a [video](#) was on the launch were produced by the Communications Specialist of the NAPAS Activity.

### ***Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy***

There was slow progress made on the Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy in the in FY18 because of the closure of the ASWAp-SP project which led to non-payment to consultants that the Ministry hired to develop the document. The NAPAS activity contacted the Director of Agriculture and Advisory Services (DAES) to map the way forward for validating the draft strategy. The plan is to hold a validation workshop in November, 2018 and the NAPAS activity will support validation workshop and submission of the draft Strategy to MoAIWD.

## **Component 2: Policy Communication**

### ***Presentation at the Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub meeting on Malawi's Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS)***

The COP of NAPAS:Malawi was invited by the Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub to lead a discussion on the status of the Malawi Agricultural Marketing Information System at a meeting that was held in Cape Town on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 on the verge of the ReNAPRI 2017 meeting. The meeting also identified challenges and opportunities with the AMIS that could shape

the Hub's interventions in supporting existing and on-going efforts that fall within the ambit of AMIS activities. The potential for private-public partnerships (PPPs) in leveraging expertise and resources to strengthen the AMIS was also explored.

### ***The Compact 2025***

The COP of NAPAS was asked by the IFPRI Malawi Team Leader to support organization of the Compact 2025, which she did.

### ***Meeting with the EU on potential collaboration***

The COP for NAPAS had a meeting with staff of the EU Delegation to Malawi in November 2017 to introduce the activities of the Project to the new leader of the Sustainable Agriculture Department at the EU (Ms. Beatrice Neri) and also the new leader of the New Alliance initiative at the EU, Mr Joost Bakkeren. The person in charge of land issues (Mrs Mutemwe Kavalo) also attended the meeting. Potential areas for future collaboration were identified, including continued support for the land symposium should one be demanded in the future. The EU expressed interest to fund the Department of Land Resources Conservation for land profiling work to update the data that was used to produce the crop suitability maps by the NAPAS Project.

### ***National Fertilizer Policy***

The Communications Specialist for the NAPAS Project, Ms. Paida Mpasso produced an article in the Nations Newspaper to make people aware of the process of developing the National Fertilizer Policy. The article titled "On Course to National Fertilizer Policy" was published in the Nations Newspaper of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The same article was also posted as a blog on the Michigan State University Food Security Policy Innovation Lab (FSP) website:

[http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/countries/malawi/progress\\_on\\_development\\_of\\_the\\_national\\_fertilizer\\_policy/](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/countries/malawi/progress_on_development_of_the_national_fertilizer_policy/)? In addition, the Zodiak Television aired/reported about the National Fertilizer Policy Validation workshop on their evening news.

### ***National Symposium on Fertilizer***

A National Symposium on the role of policies and regulations in stimulating private sector investment in the fertiliser value chain was organized by LUANAR in collaboration with the Alliance of African Partnership at Michigan State University (MSU/AAP), the International Fertiliser Development Center (IFDC), the African Fertiliser and Agribusiness Partnership (AFAP), the Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI) and the New Markets Lab on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel. The NAPAS team co-organized the meeting and presented the draft National Fertiliser Policy at the function. The NAPAS COP also invited the Malawi Fertiliser Company (MFC) to present the innovations that the Farmer Services Unit of the company has developed to promote soil testing, soil mapping and blending of fertilizers.

### ***Presentations of the Agricultural, Food Security and Nutrition Policy Processes in Malawi***

The COP of the NAPAS Project delivered a lecture to postgraduate students pursuing Masters and PhD degrees in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science at the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The students were taking a course on Policy Analysis and Project Planning, taught by Professor Emmanuel Kaunda. The lecture titled, [Agricultural, Nutrition and Food Security Policy Processes in Malawi](#) was delivered to acquaint the students with knowledge on policy development processes both at national and international levels.

On 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 the COP also delivered two other presentations on Malawi's Policies in Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition to the Japanese Ambassador to Malawi and her team, at the Japanese Embassy and to a group of 25 students from the United States of America (USA) that visited Malawi to learn about agricultural policy making, food security and agricultural decision making. For more information on the policy processes presentations, please see:

[http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/countries/malawi/napas\\_malawi\\_cop\\_engages\\_luanar\\_usa\\_students\\_and\\_a\\_development\\_partner\\_on\\_a](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/countries/malawi/napas_malawi_cop_engages_luanar_usa_students_and_a_development_partner_on_a)

### ***NAPAS: Malawi Newsletters***

The NAPAS: Malawi activity produced a Newsletter in March 2018 that was sent to 1496 stakeholders and was received by 1161 stakeholders. About half of them read the newsletter and several clicked on the links that were provided in the newsletter. The Newsletter has increased awareness of the Project's activities to stakeholders in Malawi and in other countries. The Newsletter is accessible [here](#).

The NAPAS activity produced a second Newsletter in October, 2018 that basically covered some of the most important activities that were done by the project between April and October, 2018. The Newsletter can be found [here](#).

### ***Mainstreaming Land in the National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP) validation workshop***

The COP presented a PowerPoint on "Land in the NAP and NAIP" at a stakeholder validation workshop that was organized by the Land Policy Initiative, an African Union Project that is monitoring land governance issues in several African countries. The workshop was held in Lilongwe at the Golden Peacock Hotel on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. NAPAS was requested to support the Ministry of Agriculture prepare this presentation because of the role that the Project played in helping the Ministry of Lands incorporate their interventions in the NAIP. This turns out to be one outcome of the Project's activities, namely the two Malawi Land Symposiums that were held in 2016 and 2017 that initiated closer working relationship between the Ministry of Lands and Ministry of Agriculture.

### ***14<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform/Policy Learning Event***

The CoP for the NAPAS activity, Dr Flora Nankhuni, the Director and Deputy Director of Agricultural Planning Services, Mr Alex Namaona and Mr Readwell Musopole and the NAPAS:

Malawi AOR at USAID, Mrs Eluphy Nyirenda participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform/Policy Learning event in Gabon from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The event provided an opportunity to meet with and learn from other countries on how they are performing on CAADP indicators. The work that the NAPAS: Malawi activity did in helping the Ministry to produce the CAADP Malabo Bi-ennial Report was recognized at the conference.

### ***Launch of National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP)***

On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) launched the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP), which is the medium-term investment framework for the agricultural sector covering a five-year period (FY2017/2018 - FY2022/2023). The NAIP is the main implementation vehicle for the National Agriculture Policy (NAP). It provides a framework to coordinate and prioritise investments by various government agencies, Development Partners (DPs) and Non-State Actors (NSA) in the sector. The project disseminated several policy briefs and documents.

Paida Mpasu, Communications Specialist for the Project produced a blog on the launch which can be accessed on the fsp [website](#).

### ***Value Chain Dissemination***

The first dissemination workshop for value chain studies was conducted at a brownbag seminar at IFPRI Lilongwe office on November 21, 2017. Groundnuts, pigeon peas, roots and tubers (cassava, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and yams), macadamia nuts value chain studies were presented. A total of 22 (9 female) stakeholders attended the dissemination workshop.

In January 2018, seven abstracts from results of the value chain studies were submitted and all were accepted for presentation at the 2018 International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research Conference on “*Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development*” that was held at the World Bank in Washington DC, from June 12-15, 2018. These include:

- 1) Me-Nsope, N.M., & Nankhuni, F. J., (2018). Is the future of Malawi’s pigeon pea industry at the mercy of India?  
([http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/is\\_the\\_future\\_of\\_malawis\\_pigeon\\_pea\\_industry\\_at\\_the\\_mercy\\_of\\_india](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/is_the_future_of_malawis_pigeon_pea_industry_at_the_mercy_of_india))
- 2) Kanyamuka, J.S., Dzanja, J.K., & Nankhuni, F. J., (2018). Analysis of the Value Chains for Root and Tuber Crops in Malawi: The Case of Cassava. -- presented as a research paper.  
([http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/analysis\\_of\\_the\\_value\\_chains\\_for\\_root\\_and\\_tuber\\_crops\\_in\\_malawi\\_the\\_case\\_of](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/analysis_of_the_value_chains_for_root_and_tuber_crops_in_malawi_the_case_of))
- 3) Du Toit, J.P., Nankhuni, F. J., & Kanyamuka, J.S., (2018). Opportunities to Enhance the Competitiveness of Malawi’s Tea Industry: Evidence from an Analysis of the Tea Value Chain --presented as a research paper.  
([http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/opportunities\\_to\\_enhance\\_the\\_competitiveness\\_of\\_malawis\\_tea\\_industry](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/opportunities_to_enhance_the_competitiveness_of_malawis_tea_industry))
- 4) Dzanja, J.K., Kanyamuka, J.S., & Nankhuni, F. J., (2018). Analysis of the Value Chains for Root and Tuber Crops in Malawi: The Case of Irish Potato. --presented as a poster.



[http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/malawi\\_potato\\_value\\_chain\\_poster](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/malawi_potato_value_chain_poster))

- 5) Du Toit, J.P., Nankhuni, F. J., & Kanyamuka, J.S., (2018). Can Malawi Increase its Share of the Global Macadamia Market? Opportunities and Threats for the Expansion of Malawi's Macadamia Industry. -- presented as a poster.  
[http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/can\\_malawi\\_increase\\_its\\_share\\_of\\_the\\_global\\_macadamia](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/resources/can_malawi_increase_its_share_of_the_global_macadamia))
- 6) Nyondo, C.J., & Nankhuni, F. J., (2018). Is there scope for commercial upscaling of the Malawian groundnut value chain? A systematic analysis of production, processing and marketing of groundnuts in Malawi. -- presented as a poster.  
[http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/systematic\\_analysis\\_of\\_groundnut\\_products\\_on\\_processing\\_and\\_ma](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/systematic_analysis_of_groundnut_products_on_processing_and_ma)) and
- 7) A coffee value chain study that was not ready for presenting at the time of the conference

Furthermore, the NAPAS: Malawi team presented several value chain studies to USAID on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018. The objective of the value chain presentations was to inform USAID on results coming out of the value chain studies. 6 USAID staff attended the meeting, including the Deputy Mission Director, Mr Peter Trenchard.

### ***The National Rice Development Platform***

Mr. Josepha Kanyamuka of the NAPAS: Malawi activity attended the National Rice Development Platform stakeholder meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 2018 at ICCO in Lilongwe. He made a presentation on an Update on Agricultural, Nutrition and Food Security Policies in Malawi and how these are related to development of the rice sub-sector

### ***Policy Dissemination Events***

The NAPAS Activity participated in three key agricultural events across the country where key policy outputs were disseminated. These were:

- 1) The 15<sup>th</sup> National Agriculture Fair, from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018, in Blantyre.
- 2) The 1<sup>st</sup> Farmers' Conference, from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at LUANAR.
- 3) The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA6) from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in Mangochi.
- 4) The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Trade Fair, October 5–7, Mzuzu

Value chain study reports and policy documents that have been developed over the years were disseminated including

- About 600 value chain study policy briefs
- 39 copies of the National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP)
- 35 copies of the National Agriculture Policy (NAP)
- 35 copies of the Contract Farming Strategy
- 21 copies of the Chichewa (local language) abridged version of the NAP.

### ***NAPAS Endline Survey***

The NAPAS activity conducted a baseline survey in 2015 as a way of monitoring progress towards policy processes in agriculture and food security policy arena. Results of the baseline report can be accessed [here](#). The NAPAS activity implemented the endline survey of the project between October 2017 and March 2018. The report has been finalized and can be found [here](#).

### ***Agricultural Commercialization Project's Value Chain Prioritization Workshop***

The NAPAS activity was approached by the Agricultural Commercialization (AgCom) Project National Coordinator Dr Teddie Nakhumwa to present value chain studies at a Value Chain Prioritization workshop for the AgCom project. The AgCom project will support development of a number of value chains in the agriculture sector. The workshop was organized to facilitate prioritization and selection of value chains based on empirical evidence. The workshop was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at La Riviera Hotel in Mangochi. The project is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development in Collaboration with the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism and the Malawi Investment and Trade Centre (MITC). The NAPAS activity played a significant role in helping the AgCoM project with information on value chains that NAPAS conducted. The NAPAS activity presented 11 value chain studies at the workshop among which, groundnuts, banana, macadamia, were selected as some of the high priority value chains the AgCoM will be concentrating on.

### ***African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Strategy Regional Dissemination Workshops***

The NAPAS activity was requested by USAID to provide technical and financial support towards dissemination of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Strategy. The Strategy was developed by the Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism with technical support from a USAID supported Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub implemented by DAI and the Malawi Investment and Trade Center (MITC). The regional workshops were organized to disseminate a National Response Strategy for increasing Malawian exports to the USA under the AGOA program. The first workshop took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at Mzuzu Hotel in Mzuzu. The NAPAS activity presented 3 value chain studies of crops that have been identified at AGOA targeted crops including macadamia, tea and mangoes. The NAPAS activity also distributed 26 policy briefs on the value chains, 4 copies of the NAP, 3 copies of the Contract Farming Strategy, one copy of the NAIP document and 8 copies of the Chichewa abridged version of the National Agriculture Policy to workshop participants.. Subsequent workshops are planned to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 in Lilongwe and 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 in Blantyre.

## **Component 3: Capacity Strengthening**

### ***M&E Training***

NAPAS organized a Monitoring and Evaluation workshop at Linde Motel in Mponela from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. 16 (3 female) stakeholders attended the training representing government and the civil society organizations. The aim of the training was to equip participants with knowledge on developing a comprehensive monitoring system for the agriculture sector. Several reports including review of the ASWAp, and development of the AU-Malabo Bi-annual review for Malawi indicated gaps in the sector data systems. It was noted that the ministry spends a lot of time preparing various reports at the national and local level and data was a challenge. To address these challenges, the ministry proposed developing a comprehensive management information system which would encompass all data that are required for the various reports and various levels. The training aimed at kick-starting the process by allowing stakeholders to brainstorm the data needs and identifying data that is readily available and data that is important but not readily available, and finding means of capturing such data.

The training also gave participants hands-on-experience in developing the 2016/17 agriculture sector performance report. It was noted that most of the times, sector performance reports are developed by consultants and the quality is at times questionable. It was therefore necessary to transfer technical writing skills to the stakeholders that participated in the training, the majority of which were officers in the Department of Agricultural Planning Services. The draft sector performance report that the Ministry produced after the workshop was presented during the Agriculture Joint Sector Review meeting that was held on 15 November 2017 at Ufulu Gardens in Lilongwe. The report was relatively more analytical than previous reports. Another result of the training was development of the Ministry's National Agriculture Management Information System (NAMIS) that has attracted funding in the tune of US\$1million to enable the Ministry develop and implement the system.

In February, 2018, the COP helped the Director of Foundation for Agribusiness and Youth Empowerment (FAYE), Mr. Aubrey Mchonkhwe, to develop a concept note that he used to solicit funds for the organization's activities. Mr Mchonkhwe is himself a youth who graduated from Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) with Bachelors in Agribusiness Management in August, 2016 and established the organization to support youths to join agribusiness as a career.

## **II. International Travel**

The Senior Policy Analyst, Dr. Athur Mabiso left the Project in November 2018 to look for employment in the Washington DC area where his spouse found a new job. The CoP travelled to Michigan State University the week of December 2017 to report on the Project's costed extension that USAID had granted MSU and to discuss the draft FY 2018 workplan. During the visit, the COP presented the 7 value chain studies that were also presented at the IFPRI seminar in November 2017. This was for information to members of the Agricultural Food and Resource Economics Department and to get feedback/comments on the results.

During the third quarter of FY18, Dr Christone Nyondo, Mr Joseph Kanyamuka, Dr. Joseph Dzanja of LUANAR, and Mr Justin Du Toit (from South Africa) travelled to Washington DC to present value chain studies at the World Bank's ICABR Conference from June 10-16, 2018. They were sponsored by organizers of the conference and made positive impressions to the organizers,

to the extent that they decided to include several African researchers in the plenary section of their next conference.

Dr Flora Nankhuni travelled to Vancouver where she attended the 30<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Agricultural Economists from July 28 to August 2, 2018. She was one of the keynote speakers of the conference. The COP also travelled to Washington DC where she held a meeting with Todd Benson and Andrew Comstock of IFPRI regarding the legislative reviews that NAPAS is carrying out in Malawi. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018 the COP of NAPAS also travelled to Kigali Rwanda where she attended the 2018 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) that took place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

### **III. Challenges, Solutions and Actions Taken**

There has been slow progress on the Agricultural Extension Policy Review and development of the Agricultural Extension Strategy because of closure of the ASWAp-SP project. Closure of the ASWAp led to the Ministry's failure to pay consultants working on the two documents. As a result, the consultants were holding the documents that have been developed and the Ministry was waiting for resumption of ASWAp (or NAIP) to finish the policy processes. The NAPAS activity will coordinate with the Department of Agricultural Extension Services to finalize the process with the aim of submitting the Agricultural Extension Strategy to the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development for adoption in November, 2018.

There has been slow progress on the part of government to fast track approval of the National Fertiliser Policy. The policy has been submitted to the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development from where it will be submitted to the Office of President and Cabinet for approval in November, 2018.

### **IV. Lessons, Best Practices and Recommendations**

During the quarter, the COP was involved in applying for a costed extension of the Project that ended up being awarded. In the process, the Project learned that the Ministry actually appreciated the support that the Project has been providing since November 2014 and would appreciate such support being continued. This was expressed by the then Principal Secretary Mrs Erica Maganga in a letter to the USAID Mission Director in July 2017 and in the consultations that the COP had with several Directors of different departments. Such appreciation is rarely acknowledged to Project staff members. The lesson learned was that, regardless of lack of appreciation or negative comments that specific individuals may make about an individual's performance, if good work is done, it will be appreciated by someone who matters. The recommendation being that, it is important to remain focused on what you are working on as a Project and doing the best that you can do.

During the year, the COP of the NAPAS activity also noted that sometimes it is easy to push things quickly if she directly meets the Secretary for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (PS) than having to go through Directors. This was noticed during preparations for the validation workshop of the National Fertilizer Policy in that the Director was taking time to request the PS to put internal validation of the policy on the Senior Management meeting agenda. The COP went directly to the PS' office on February 16, 2018 to figure out what the issue was, and the PS

organized that the internal validation take place three days later, on February 19 2018. Because of this, the Project was able to conduct an external validation in March 2018. This suggests that for any future policy project, having the CoP interact and relate to the PS (and report to the PS) rather than to the Director of Planning or any Director, may increase the efficiency of the Project. Since Directors are usually at the same level and they all report to the PS, it has also been difficult, in the past, for the COP to work with other Directors in the Ministry when she is reporting to/working hand in hand with the Director of Planning. Removing this layer of bureaucracy will improve efficiency of project implementation.

The NAPAS: Malawi activity has learned that good collaboration with technical departments is critical for achievement of results. The Project has also learned that close interaction with the Principal Secretary can result in fast tracking of some activities that would otherwise take much longer if left to the Directors' pace. For example, the National Fertilizer Policy writeshop was fast-tracked after the Principal Secretary's directive (this despite the current hold-up of the policy before submission to the OPC). Internal validation meetings for the draft National Fertilizer Policy and the draft Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy were also fast-tracked to take place on July 17, 2018 following the PS's directive.

## **V. Success stories**

Flexibility of the NAPAS project to respond to demands from the government has improved working relationships with line ministries and departments. In particular, the NAPAS project was requested by the Deputy Director responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation in the Department of Agricultural Planning Services to help the ministry produce an Agriculture Sector Performance Report. This emanated from the support that NAPAS provided to MoAIWD in preparation of the AU-Malabo Bi-annual review report for Malawi. As a result, the NAPAS project organized a training session that was also meant to transfer technical skills to officers working in the Department of Agricultural Planning Services in preparation of such reports. The report was developed to reflect the priorities in the NAP and NAIP and has formed a baseline for future reporting on the NAP and NAIP progress. The training also resulted in one of the trainees developing the Ministry's National Agriculture Management Information System (NAMIS) which has now been adopted by the Ministry and has attracted US\$1million from development partners, including the World Bank.

There is also growing appreciation of the work NAPAS is doing in promoting agricultural reforms in the sector. A number of stakeholders including Prof. Ephraim Chirwa, Prof. David Kamchacha, Mr. Charles Govati, private sector firms, and the civil society have expressed gratitude towards the consultative policy reform process that the NAPAS activity has embraced and encouraged. In particular, the NAPAS activity interviewed 237 stakeholders to provide their input on the review of the Special Crops Act, Agriculture General Purposes Act and Contract Farming Legislation. Most stakeholder expressed gratitude that government through the project consults them on policy reform processes. Most stakeholders were happy that there is now a channel through which their views can be taken on-board to inform policy decision making.

The NAPAS activity also received recognition at the World Bank's International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR) conference. The conference organizers highlighted the value chain presentation made by Dr. Nyondo on the groundnut value chain indicating that it was

very well received and provided huge visibility at the poster sessions. The organisers hope that more African researchers will contribute substantially to future ICABR conferences.

The NAPAS activity was also recognized at the 14<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform/Policy Learning Event in Gabon for the work it did in supporting MoAIWD to produce the Malawi CAADP Malabo Bi-ennial report.

In capacity strengthening, one of the journalists that was trained by the NAPAS activity Ms. Eunice Ndhlovu, who is also the President of the Association of Agricultural Journalists (an association formed at the NAPAS: Malawi Journalist Training in June 2017) was awarded a Scholarship to the 2018 International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ)/Corteva Agriscience Master Class. Eunice was awarded the scholarship after she had submitted an article that she developed during a journalist training that the Project organized. Development of the Association and excellence from the trained journalist are some of the positive outcomes/success stories of the Project.

## **VI. Management Issues**

The NAPAS activity lost the services of the Senior Policy Analyst (Dr Athur Mabiso) whose contract ended with the International Food Policy Research Institute in September, 2017. Besides him, the Project also lost the strong collaboration it had with Dr Chance Mwabutwa, a Budget and Policy Analyst for the Malawi Strategy Support Program of the International Food Policy Research Institute in the same month, following non-renewal of his contract. In addition, the NAPAS team transitioned from using the IFPRI financial system for managing its resources due to reduced IFPRI role on the project. Subsequently, an IMPREST account has been established. Three bank accounts have been opened, one in the USA where resources are deposited when they are needed, and two in Malawi: a dollar-dominated account where the Project's resources are transferred to, from the US bank account, and a Malawi kwacha account where day to day financial activities of the Project take place. The Malawi accounts have been opened with National Bank of Malawi and the US account, with Michigan State University Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU). The MSUFCU account has David Tschirley and Eric Crawford, co-Directors of the Food Security Group at MSU, where the Project is managed, as co-owners together with the COP.

Mr Charles Mwenda who was working as Finance and Administration Officer resigned from the project in April 2018. The person who was assisting him with administration duties, Ms Doris Eliza Likwenga took over his responsibilities, with increased supervision of Dr Christone Nyondo. Since this was a costed extension phase of the project, there were no plans to hire another Finance and Administration Officer, until a future donor is identified to support continuation of the NAPAS-type of activities.

## **VII. Update of the PMP**

Indicators tracked to measure progress of the NAPAS: Malawi activity are presented in the Table below. In general the NAPAS activity has made progress on 12 policy reforms this fiscal year. Although the New Alliance policy reform commitments that were identified to be fulfilled by the Ministry of Agriculture in 2015 were eight, the Project ended up working on more policies,

strategies and reviews following requests by the Ministry. In addition, the Project also conducted 12 value chain studies to support development and implementation of the NAIP, following the Ministry's request. These were not part of the deliverables in the project's original workplan.

**Table 1. Indicators for Monitoring Progress of the NAPAS activity**

Result Area	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Data Source	Method of Data Collection	Frequency of Data Collection	Result & Description
2	Number of policy reform commitments the government of Malawi made under the Country Cooperation Framework to support the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Malawi for which MoAIWD is responsible that have been completed or are in progress.	Number of New Alliance policy reform commitments	Twenty-six policy reforms were made in the New Alliance Country Cooperation Framework for Malawi that are the responsibility of MoAIWD to implement. In December 2015, the government of Malawi approved a revised set of policy commitments under the New Alliance, with the number of policy commitments being reduced to 15 and those under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture being reduced to eight. Records on progress on these policy reforms will be updated on a regular basis by NAPAS: Malawi staff.	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping; contact: New Alliance secretariat	Quarterly and annually	<b>12 cumulative, 1 added in this quarter (Fertiliser Bill) and 1 completed (National Agriculture Investment Plan) -but currently working on all 11 (Enabling environment for private sector investment:</b> Fertiliser Bill; Horticulture Policy and Strategy, Review of Special Crops Act, Review of Agriculture General Purposes Act; Development of Contract Farming Legislation, Value Chain analyses to support effective implementation of the NAP and NAIP; MoAIWD Strategic Plan; <b>Agriculture Inputs Policy:</b> National Fertilizer Policy, Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy; <b>Agriculture Trade Policy:</b> Farmer Organization Development Strategy; <b>Nutrition Policy:</b> Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy.
3	Number of demonstrated uses by policy makers of evidence (analyses and policy papers) generated or presented through NAPAS:Malawi.	Number of demonstrated uses	Annual NAPAS:Malawi records will be used. NAPAS:Malawi will maintain records of use by policy makers of evidence supplied by the project	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping	Quarterly and annually.	<b>13 cumulative, 5 this quarter:</b> 1) draft National Fertilizer Policy used to inform development of the Fertilizer Bill; 2) Results of value chain studies informing prioritization of value chains to be developed under the World-Bank funded AgCom Project; 3) NAPAS presentation on policies informing the rice subsector at the National Rice Development Platform; 4) NAPAS presentation at the 2018 Agriculture Fair 5) NAPAS CoP's participation as one of the keynote speakers at the 2018 International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) in Vancouver, Canada and as one of the discussants of a session on Farm Input Subsidy Programs in SSA
4	Index (or scorecard) of quality of the	Index of quality of	Measured by stakeholder evaluation survey to capture level of satisfaction and	Stakeholder survey implementation and analysis	Twice over life of project	<b>1.8 baseline, 1.0 endline</b> <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes">http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes</a>



	institutional architecture for agriculture and food security policy processes in Malawi	institutional architecture	confidence. Baseline survey in April 2015; endline survey in end November-2017			See also Baseline <a href="#">report</a> and policy <a href="#">brief</a>
<b>5</b>	Index (or scorecard) of quality of agriculture and food security policy processes in Malawi.	Index of quality of policy processes	Measured by stakeholder evaluation survey to capture level of satisfaction and confidence. Baseline survey in April 2015; endline survey in end November-2017	Stakeholder survey implementation and analysis	Twice over life of project	<b>1.8 baseline; 1.3 endline</b> <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes">http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes</a>  See also Baseline <a href="#">report</a> and policy <a href="#">brief</a>
<b>Output:</b>						
<b>1</b>	Number of policy research and best policy practice papers generated.	Number of papers produced	NAPAS:Malawi records will be used. Activity staff will maintain records on all policy research and best policy practice papers generated; all training sessions held, with sex-and sector-disaggregated information on participants; and all engagements with private sector and civil society organizations to work with them on how their engagement in policy formulation processes might be strengthened	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping	Annually and quarterly	<b>12 cumulative, 3 this quarter</b> (Tea value chain study ( <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/opportunities-to-enhance-the-competitiveness-of-malawi-s-tea-industry-policy-brief">http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/opportunities-to-enhance-the-competitiveness-of-malawi-s-tea-industry-policy-brief</a> ); 2) NAPAS Endline Survey report ( <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes">http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/the-quality-of-agriculture-and-food-security-policy-processes</a> ); 3) Sweet potato value chain policy brief ( <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/analysis-of-the-value-chains-for-root-and-tuber-crops-in-malawi">http://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/analysis-of-the-value-chains-for-root-and-tuber-crops-in-malawi</a> ))
<b>2</b>	Number of stakeholder learning forums on agriculture and food security policy issues supported.	Number of learning forums			Annually and quarterly	<b>26 cumulative, 17 this quarter</b> 1) Strategic Plan Finalization Workshop from 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018; 2) Senior Management Validation workshop of Fertilizer Policy and Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy on 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018; 3) Fertilizer Bill Writeshop from 10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018; 4) FODS Internal Validation Workshop on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2018; 5) FODS External Validation Workshop on 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018; 6) Validation Workshop on Review of SCA, AGPA and Contract Farming Legislation on 27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018 7) First Horticulture Policy and Strategy Writeshop from 18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2018;

					<p>8) Second Horticulture Policy and Strategy Writeshop from 16th to 19th October, 2018</p> <p>9) Policy documents dissemination/exhibition at the 2018 Agriculture Fair in Blantyre –from 12th to 15th September 2018; 10) Policy documents dissemination/exhibition at the first Farmers’ conference at LUANAR from 18th to 19th September 2018</p> <p>; 11) Policy documents dissemination/exhibition at the Mzuzu Trade Fair from 5th to 7th October, 2018; 12) Policy documents dissemination/exhibition at the PAFFA6 in Mangochi from 24th to 28th September, 2018; 13) NAPAS presentation at the Stakeholders’ workshop to inform design of an upcoming FAO/MSU/LUANAR/MoAIWD value chain project</p> <p>14) NAPAS value chain study presentations at the Value Chain Prioritization Workshop held in Mangochi (3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 )</p> <p>15) NAPAS value chain presentations at the AGOA Strategy Dissemination Workshop in Mzuzu (October 29, 2018)</p> <p>16) NAPAS value chain presentations at the AGOA Strategy Dissemination Workshop in Lilongwe planned for October 31, 2018</p> <p>17) NAPAS value chain presentations at the AGOA Strategy Dissemination Workshop in Blantyre planned for November 2, 2018)</p>
3	Number of people receiving short-term training in policy analysis, planning, formulation, advocacy, monitoring, and evaluation.	Number of trainees			<p>Annually and quarterly</p> <p><b>17 cumulative; 0 this quarter</b></p>

4	Number of institutions where trained individuals are applying new practices	Number of institutions			Annually and quarterly	<b>6 cumulative, 2 this quarter</b> (the work MoAIWD M&E specialists are doing under NAMIS and development of Sector performance reports and the exercise that the MSIKA project is undertaking to develop the Horticulture Policy and Strategy)
5	Number of private sector and civil society organizations assisted to participate in policy formulation processes.	Number of firms & CSOs assisted			Annually and quarterly	<b>302 cumulative, 78 this quarter</b> (from Fertiliser Bill Writeshop; FODS External Validation Workshop; consultations on Review of SCA, AGPA and Contract Farming Legislation , and Validation Workshop on Review of SCA, AGPA and Contract Farming Legislation)
<b>Input:</b>						
1	Labor allocations to activity, disaggregated by level of expertise and type of activity – technical support, communications, capacity strengthening.	Person-weeks allocated	Annual and quarterly NAPAS:Malawi reports to USAID/Malawi – 49.5 man-weeks on Technical support (Flora 7, Todd 2, Andrew 6, Christone 10.5, Zephania 12; Joseph 12); 14 man weeks on policy communication (Paida 12, Flora 2) and 20.5 man weeks on Administration (Flora 2, Doris 13, Christone 2.5, Zephania 1, Paida 1, Joseph 1)	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping	Annually and quarterly	<b>324.5 man weeks Cumulative; 84 man weeks (this quarter).</b>
2	Financial resources directly expended by NAPAS: Malawi on policy process strengthening activities.	US dollars expended	Annual, Quarterly and Monthly Financial Reports	NAPAS: Malawi record keeping	Annually and quarterly	<b>\$163,606.62 Cumulative; \$61, 740.10 (for this quarter)</b> -for the following activities: MoAIWD Strategic Plan Finalization; Senior Management Validation of National Fertiliser Policy and Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy; Farmer Organization Development Strategy Validation; Review of SPA and AGPA/Contract Farming Legislation Consultations; Review of SPA and AGPA/Contract Farming Legislation Validation workshop; Fertilizer Bill Writeshop; National Fertilizer Policy External Validation

						Outstanding payment to Platinum hotel; Production of Documentaries; Value Chains Dissemination at National Agriculture Fair in Blantyr and Mzuzu; Value Chains Dissemination at MAFAAS Week; Dissemination of Policy documents in support of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Horticulture Policy and Strategy Writeshop, Agricultural Commercialization Project's value chain prioritization workshop; and AGOA Strategy dissemination workshops
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## VII. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

The following activities shown in Table 2 are planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of FY 2018 (October 2018-November, 2018) for the NAPAS activity:

**Table 2. Planned NAPAS activities for October 29 to November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Activity Description	Month or Date	Description of NAPAS contribution or efforts	Staff responsible
Completion of drafting of the Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy (ASFNS) and submission to the Ministry for adoption	October, 2018- November, 2018	Supporting finalization and submission of draft ASFNS (in collaboration with the SANE activity and DAES).	Dr Flora Nankhuni Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Finalizing development of the National Fertilizer Policy and drafting of Fertiliser Bill	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to work in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS) and the Department of Planning Services in MoAIWD to ensure submission of the National Fertilizer Policy document to the Office of the President and Cabinet for approval. The project will also facilitate Principal Secretaries' meeting to review and adopt the National Fertiliser Policy. The project will also support the Department of Agricultural Research Services to develop the draft Fertiliser Bill.	Dr Flora Nankhuni and Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Drafting of the Farmer Organization Development Strategy (FODS) and validation	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to finalize drafting of the Farmer Organization Development Strategy and facilitating adoption of the Strategy by the Minister and Secretary of Agriculture.	Dr. Christone Nyondo, Dr. Flora Nankhuni
Support MoAIWD in finalizing their Strategic Plan	October, 2018- November, 2018	Support the Ministry to finalize and submit the Strategic Plan to Office of the President and Cabinet	Dr. Flora Nankhuni, Dr. Christone Nyondo, Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka
NAPAS Endline Survey	November, 2018	NAPAS to disseminate endline survey report	Dr. Todd Benson, Dr. Flora Nankhuni and Mr. Zephania Nyirenda
Analysis to inform Strategy for capacity strengthening for MoAIWD	August, 2018	Capacity gap analysis report to support MoAIWD in developing M&E training modules	Mr. Zephania Nyirenda Dr. Flora Nankhuni

<b>Activity Description</b>	<b>Month or Date</b>	<b>Description of NAPAS contribution or efforts</b>	<b>Staff responsible</b>
Review of the Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to finalize soliciting input from stakeholders, analyze the data and produce a report.	Dr. Flora Nankhuni, Dr. Todd Benson Dr. Milu Muyanga Mr. Andrew Comstock Mr. Zerphania Nyirenda Mr. Christone Nyondo Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka Legal experts from MoJCA
Provide support for the amendment of the Competition and Fair Trade Act	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to support a study to investigate the current contract farming systems to better inform development of legislation for contract farming in Malawi. The legislation will be amended in the Agriculture General Purposes Act and submitted to Ministry of Justice. This work will most likely go beyond closure of the USAID-funded NAPAS activity.	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Dr. Todd Benson Dr. Milu Muyanga Mr. Andrew Comstock Mr. Zerphania Nyirenda Mr. Christone Nyondo Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka Legal experts from MoJCA
Finalize Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to support validation workshop of the draft Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy and submission to Minister of MoAIWD	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka
Value chain dissemination workshops	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to continue holding dissemination workshops for value chain studies jointly with partner institutions, e.g. at the rest of the AGOA dissemination workshops. More disseminations could be done with the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) that co-funded some of the studies	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Dr. Christone Nyondo Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka Mr. Zephania Nyirenda Dr. Joseph Dzanja (Consultant) Mr. Justin Du Toit (Consultant)
Horticulture Development Policy and Strategy	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to provide technical support in a workshop to finalize drafting of the Horticulture Policy and Strategy.	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Dr. Christone Nyondo Mr. Zephania Nyirenda
Fish Value Chain study	October, 2018- November, 2018	NAPAS to support data collection for a Fish Value Chain Study. Report will most likely be written after closure of the USAID-funded NAPAS activity	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka