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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 in 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 is a quarterly report for the period covering January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018. The progress is reported for each of the project components. This is the second quarter of the costed extension of the NAPAS:Malawi activity.

Component 1: Technical Support for Policy Formulation

National Fertilizer Policy (NFP)

The draft National Fertilizer Policy (NFP) was internally validated with senior management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development (MoAIWD) on 19th February 2018. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development. The Minister was very excited to see that the process of developing the National Fertilizer Policy is moving at a good pace. He urged the team developing the policy to validate it by mid-March 2018. Some of the most notable comments from the senior management meeting were the idea of creating a buffer stock of fertilizer within SFFRFM, costing the policy document, and considering the amalgamation of the National Fertilizer Commission proposed in the draft NFP and the Seed Services unit proposed in the Seed Policy. The Minister also wanted the NAPAS team to start working on the Fertilizer Bill so that the policy and the Bill can be submitted to Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) for approval at the same time. However, the Director of Research Services who is overseeing the process of developing the Policy thought that it would not make sense to start drafting the Bill before the Policy is approved as changes are anticipated at the many stages the Policy passes through (at OPC) before a policy document is approved.

The NAPAS team held a meeting with the Director of Agricultural Research Services to address comments made by senior management of the ministry. After the comments were incorporated in the draft, an external validation workshop was held on 28th March, 2018 at Ufulu Gardens in Lilongwe. A total of 91 (17 female) participants attended the consultation workshop. The policy development team will incorporate comments made during the validation workshop and submit the policy to the Office of President and Cabinet by end-May, 2018.

Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy (ASFNS)

The NAPAS:Malawi activity worked closely with the Department of Agricultural Extension Service (DAES), who are overseeing the process of developing the Strategy, to finalize the Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy. A meeting was convened on 21st and 22nd March, 2018 at NAPAS' offices where the NAPAS team and representatives from the DAES worked on several sections of the Strategy document. The updated document was shared with other members of the drafting team, particularly Stacia Nordin of the USAID SANE activity. SANE and members of DAES worked on the document further in April 2018. However, there is still work to be done on the M&E section and costing of the strategy. The draft is expected to be presented to Senior Management of the Ministry of Agriculture by end of May 2018.

Farmer Organizations Development Strategy (FODS)

A national consultation workshop on the Farmer Organization Development Strategy (FODS) was held on 27th February, 2018 at Lilongwe hotel. The conference was well received by participant from civil society, private sector, government, development partners, research institutions/the academia, youth representatives, CSOs, farmers and farmer organizations. A total of 76 (19 female) participants attended the consultation. 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.

Input from the consultation workshop has been consolidated and will be incorporated in the FODS draft during a writeshop that is scheduled to take place at La-Riviera Hotel in Mangochi from 3rd to 6th April, 2018. The draft strategy is expected to be submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development for approval in June, 2018.

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

The NAPAS:Malawi activity was requested by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development to review the Special Crops Act and the Agriculture General Purposes Act. In the quarter, the team developed an inception report that was presented to key stakeholders on 14th March, 2018 at Wamkulu Palace in Lilongwe. A total of 21 (4 female) stakeholders participated in the meeting. Among many issues raised in the meeting, stakeholders suggested the need for involving a legal expert right from the beginning of the process and to be mindful of the review of the Control of Goods Act that is in the process.

In relation to development of Contract Farming legislation, the NAPAS team held a meeting with the Competition and Fair Trade Commission (CFTC) on 22nd 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, the MoAIWD delayed to push the process forward to the extent that the CFTC went ahead to amend the CFTA without incorporating contract farming legislation, and the amended CFTA is already at an advanced stage in the approval process. The CFTC indicated that it is difficult to retract the CFTA at this stage. Hence, the Executive Director for CFTC advised the NAPAS team that the alternative way to address contract farming legislation was to incorporate it in the amendment to the Agriculture General Purposes Act since it is within the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture. The CFTC will be in a position to enforce that legislation even through it will be in an Agricultural Act rather than the CFTA.

A survey to inform the review will be conducted in April, 2018 by the NAPAS team assisted by Dr. Milu Muyanga of Michigan State University and Mr. Andrew Comstock of IFPRI.

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

During the quarter, the NAPAS:Malawi activity collected additional information on macadamia, mango, banana and tomato value chains between January and February, 2018. Furthermore, information was collected from hotels and restaurants for the tomato and banana value chains, in March, 2018. This information will be used to beef up the value chain studies and also to inform development of a Horticulture Policy and Strategy that the Ministry has asked the NAPAS team to support.

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 and shared with them preliminary results of the value chains that NAPAS has conducted. The Ag-Div team was strongly interested in the report of the Macadamia value chain as this is a crop they are interested in supporting. The Ag-Div team shared with the NAPAS team their groundnuts, soya and Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potato value chain studies, while the NAPASS team shared their pigeon pea value chain study and promised to send finalized reports of the other value chains as soon as possible.

The COP also met a person from FAO (Ms. Alethia Cameron) who was interested in the value chain studies NAPAS has been conducting. She shared the Pigeon pea value chain study report and will be sending the rest of the reports as they get finalized. In return FAO shared their report on tea.

The NAPAS team (Dr. Flora Nankhuni, Mr Zephania Nyirenda, Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka and Ms. Paida Mpasu) also had a meeting with Vikramjeet Sharma and Sally Mansour from Technoserve who are working on the value chains promoted by MSIKA Project (a US Department of Agriculture supported project). MSIKA is aimed at improving post-harvest handling (PHH), storage, and processing of seven commodities: Tomatoes, Onions, Potatoes (Irish), Chillies (Bird's Eye, Paprika), Mangoes, Guava, and Citrus (Lemon, Oranges, and Tangerines). They too are interested in any value chain reports on any of these commodities.

Joseph Kanyamuka of the NAPAS project also met 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. These demands indicate that the studies will be used by a wide number of stakeholders. It is expected that by end of May, all the reports of the other 11 value chain studies (groundnuts, roots and tubers including cassava, sweet potato, Irish potato and yams, mangoes, tomatoes, bananas, coffee, tea, macadamia nuts) will be completed and disseminated to the Ministry and other stakeholders.

Component 2: Policy Communication

National Fertilizer Policy

The Communications Specialist for the NAPAS Project, Ms. Paida Mpasu 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 21st 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?

In addition, the Zodiak Television aired/reported about the National Fertilizer Policy Validation workshop on their evening news.

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 12th February, 2018. The students are 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 February 8 and 9 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

NAPAS:Malawi Newsletter

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 on:

<https://mailchi.mp/668e57fd1cc4/napas-malawi-happenings-newsletter>

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 8th 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.

Value Chain Analyses

The NAPAS:Malawi activity 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. In January 2018, seven abstracts from preliminary results of the value chain studies were submitted to the 2018 International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research Conference on “*Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development*” that will be held at the World Bank in Washington DC, from June 12-15, 2018. Seven of the abstracts were accepted for presentation (three as research papers and four as posters):

- 1) Me-Nsope, N.M., & Nankhuni, F. J., (2018). Is the future of Malawi’s pigeon pea industry at the mercy of India? -- accepted for oral presentation as a research paper.
- 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. -- accepted for oral presentation as a research paper.
- 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 -- accepted for oral presentation as a research paper.
- 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. -- accepted for presentation as a poster.
- 5) Du Toit, J.P., Nankhuni, F. J., & Kanyamuka, J.S., (2018). Revitalizing Malawi’s Coffee Industry: Value Chain Opportunities and Threats. -- accepted for presentation as a poster.
- 6) 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. -- accepted for presentation as a poster.
- 7) 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. -- accepted for presentation as a poster.

The value chain studies are expected to be disseminated to the Ministry of Agriculture’s senior management, Donor Committee on Agriculture and Food Security (DCAFS) and USAID in May, 2018.

Component 3: Capacity Strengthening

There was no planned capacity strengthening activity for the quarter. However, 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 is using 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. The young director approached the Director of Planning in MoAIWD, who referred him to the COP for guidance on proposal writing. The organization has since been included on policy consultations that NAPAS:Malawi is supporting, to enable increased youth participation in the policy processes.

II. International Travel

There was no international travel during the reporting period

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 are holding the documents that have been developed and the Ministry is waiting for resumption of ASWAp (or NAIP) to finish the policy processes.

IV. Lessons, Best Practices and Recommendations

During the reporting period, the COP of the NAPAS:Malawi activity 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, will 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.

V. Success stories

There is 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:Malawi activity has embraced and encouraged.

The NAPAS:Malawi activity successfully held internal validation of the National Fertilizer Policy with senior management in MoAIWD in February 2018, and an external validation workshop with stakeholders in March 2018. The National Fertilizer Draft was well received by private sector, government officials, development partners, civil society and farmers. The Minister of Agriculture, who presided over the internal validation of the National Fertilizer Policy draft also made good comments about the quality of the document, saying that he has all confidence that the Policy will not have any problems getting approved in Parliament, when it goes to that stage.

Having 7 of the value chain studies that the Project conducted accepted for presentation at an international conference also signals high quality of outputs produced by the Project, for the international development community. In fact none of the abstracts that were submitted were rejected.

VI. Management Issues

There has not been any management issue during this reporting period.

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 some progress on 4 policy reform areas this quarter.

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	5 cumulative, 1 added in this quarter -but currently working on all 5 (Enabling environment for private sector investment: Review of Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act/Contract Farming Legislation; Value Chain analyses to support effective implementation of the NAP and NAIP; Agriculture Inputs Policy: National Fertilizer Policy; Agriculture Trade Policy: Farmer Organization Development Strategy; Nutrition Policy: Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy.

Result Area	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Data Source	Method of Data Collection	Frequency of Data Collection	Result & Description
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.	6 cumulative, 4 this quarter 1) The Land in NAP and NAIP PPT presentation informed the Land Policy Initiative (An African Union Project) on extent of mainstreaming land governance issues in the agriculture sector. 2)The PPT presentations on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition Policy Processes to the Japanese Embassy helped them design their Agriculture AID to Malawi strategy. The presentations to students at LUANAR and visiting students from the USA also helped them understand the policy environment and its role in agriculture development in Malawi. 3) Several value chain researchers (Ms. Alethia Cameron from FAO, MAFAP Project; Vikramjeet Sharma and Sally Mansour from Technoserve who are working on the value chains promoted by MSIKA Project (a US Department of Agriculture supported project); and Carl Larkins and Elizabeth Sibale of Ag-Div Project also supported by USAID, among others, all benefited from interviews with the NAPAS team, to understand the status of some of the value chains that NAPAS conducted. 4)The 2018 International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research Conference on “ <i>Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development</i> ” that will be held at the World Bank in Washington DC, from June 12-15, 2018 used 7 of the value chains that the Project conducted as research papers and posters to be presented at the conference— providing/contributing to global knowledge in international development field.

Result Area	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Data Source	Method of Data Collection	Frequency of Data Collection	Result & Description
4	Index (or scorecard) of quality of the institutional architecture for agriculture and food security policy processes in Malawi	Index of quality of institutional architecture	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	1.80. (To be updated in May, 2018 from analysis of end-line survey)
5	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	1.80 (To be updated in May, 2018 from analysis of end-line survey)
Output:						
1	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	1 cumulative, 0 this quarter
2	Number of stakeholder learning forums on agriculture and food security policy issues supported.	Number of learning forums			Annually and quarterly	10 cumulative, 7 this quarter (FODS National Consultation Workshop: 27 February, 2018; National Fertilizer Policy Internal Validation: 19 February, 2018; National Fertilizer Policy External Validation: 28 th March, 2018; Mainstreaming Land Governance in the NAIP, March 8 2018; 3 presentations on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition Policy Processes in Malawi -- to the Japanese Embassy staff, LUANAR students and USA students visiting Malawi)

Result Area	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Data Source	Method of Data Collection	Frequency of Data Collection	Result & Description
3	Number of people receiving short-term training in policy analysis, planning, formulation, advocacy, monitoring, and evaluation.	Number of trainees			Annually and quarterly	17 cumulative; 1 this quarter (on proposal writing to FAYE)
4	Number of institutions where trained individuals are applying new practices	Number of institutions			Annually and quarterly	4 cumulative, 1 this quarter (FAYE)
5	Number of private sector and civil society organizations assisted to participate in policy formulation processes.	Number of firms & CSOs assisted			Annually and quarterly	180 cumulative, 155 this quarter (from FODS National consultations, National Fertilizer Policy validation workshop, Value chain studies, and Review of Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act Inception report presentation)—The numbers are high due to individual traders that were consulted for the value chain studies—these are being considered private sector companies.
Input:						

Result Area	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Data Source	Method of Data Collection	Frequency of Data Collection	Result & Description
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 – 44 man-week on Technical support (Flora 7, Todd 2, Christone 11, Zephania 12; Joseph 12); 16.5 on policy communication (Paida 12.5, Flora 1, Christone 1, Joseph 1) 1 man week on Capacity Strengthening (Flora), and 17 weeks on Administration (Flora 2, Charles 12.5, Christone 1, Zephania 1, Paida 0.5)	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping	Annually and quarterly	156.5 man weeks Cumulative; 78.5 man weeks (this quarter).
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	\$52,991.84 Cumulative; \$27,557.50 (for this quarter) -for the following activities: Fertilizer Policy Validation Workshop; FODS National Consultation workshop and Value chains follow up surveys, Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy; and Review of Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act Inception Report presentation)

VII. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

The following activities shown in Table 2 are planned for the 3rd quarter of FY 2018 (April 2018-June, 2018) for the NAPAS activity:

Table 2. Planned NAPAS activities for April 1st to June 30th, 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)	April, 2018-June, 2018	Supporting finalization of the drafting of the ASFNS (in collaboration with the SANE activity and DAES). Presenting the completed draft to the Senior Management of MoAIWD before submitting it for approval and adoption.	Dr Flora Nankhuni Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Finalizing drafting of the National Fertilizer Policy	April, 2018-May, 2018.	NAPAS to work in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS) and the Department of Planning Services in MoAIWD to finalize and submit the National Fertilizer Policy document to the Office of President and Cabinet.	Dr Flora Nankhuni and Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Drafting of the Farmer Organization Development Strategy (FODS) and validation	April, 2018-June, 2018	NAPAS to work in collaboration with key stakeholders to draft the Farmer Organization Development Strategy and validate the document before submitting to the Minister of Agriculture for approval.	Dr. Christone Nyondo
Support MoAIWD in development of their Strategic Plan	April, 2018-June 2018	Support the ministry to finalize and submit the strategic plan to Office of the President and Cabinet	Dr Todd Benson and Dr Christone Nyondo
NAPAS Endline Survey	May-June, 2018	NAPAS to analyze data and produce an endline survey report	Dr Todd Benson and Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Analysis to inform strategy for capacity strengthening for MoAIWD	June, 2018	Capacity gap analysis report to support MoAIWD in developing M&E training modules	Mr. Zephania Nyirenda Dr Flora Nankhuni
Review of the Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act	April, 2018-June 2018	NAPAS to hire a consultant to work on the two reviews. NAPAS to conduct a survey to inform the reviews	Dr Flora Nankhuni, Dr Todd Benson Dr Milu Muyanga Mr Andrew Comstock Mr Zerphania Nyirenda Mr Christone Nyondo Mr Joseph Kanyamuka Legal expert (to be employed)

Activity Description	Month or Date	Description of NAPAS contribution or efforts	Staff responsible
Provide support for the amendment of the Competition and Fair Trade Act	April, 2018- June 2018	NAPAS to hold consultative meetings with CFTC, MoJCA, and MoAIWD to draft legislation for contract farming in Malawi. The legislation will be amended in the Agriculture General Purposes Act and submitted to Ministry of Justice.	Dr Flora Nankhuni Dr Todd Benson Dr Milu Muyanga Mr Andrew Comstock Mr Zerphania Nyirenda Mr Christone Nyondo Mr Joseph Kanyamuka Legal expert (to be employed)
Draft Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy	April 2018- June 2018	NAPAS to support validation workshop of the draft Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy and submission to Minister of MoAIWD—if requested.	Dr Flora Nankhuni Mr Joseph Kanyamuka
Secondary legislation for the revised Control of Goods Act	April, 2018- June 2018	NAPAS to comment on drafted Control of Goods Act to be submitted to Ministry of Justice/OPC for approval – if requested	Dr Flora Nankhuni Dr Todd Benson Dr Milu Muyanga Mr Andrew Comstock
Value chain dissemination workshops	May - June, 2018	NAPAS to hold dissemination workshops for value chain studies jointly with partner institutions, particularly the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) that co-funded some of the studies. NAPAS to present value chain studies that were accepted by the 2018 International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research Conference on “ <i>Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development</i> ” that will be held at the World Bank in Washington DC, from June 12-15, 2018 – if funds are made available through the Project or from conference organizers or from other sources.	Dr Flora Nankhuni Dr Christone Nyondo Mr Joseph Kanyamuka Dr Joseph Dzanja (Consultant) Mr. Justin Du Toit (Consultant)