



NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND WATER
DEVELOPMENT**

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Background

 **Average agricultural growth has been around 3.5 % per annum since 1964 against a target of 6% per annum;**

Incoherent policies among the contributing factors

 **Agricultural growth has been volatile over the years, suggesting structural weaknesses and lack of resilience in the sector.**

Notable evidences are the food crises induced by erratic rainfall in 1992, 1994, 2002, 2004, 2015 and 2016

Overall Policy Goal

To achieve **sustainable agricultural transformation** that will result in significant growth of the agricultural sector, expanded incomes for farm households, improved food and nutrition security for all Malawians, and increased agricultural exports.

Policy Outcomes

There are 7 expected policy outcomes:

- 1. Increased agricultural production and productivity;**
- 2. Increased diversification of agricultural production and marketed surpluses;**
- 3. Increased use of irrigation in crop and livestock production;**
- 4. Increased mechanization of farming and agro-processing activities;**

Policy Outcomes ----- Cont'd

- 5. Increased agro-processing and value addition of agricultural products, particularly by women and youth;**
- 6. Increased access by producers and consumers to well-functioning agricultural markets – input, output, and consumer retail markets; and**
- 7. Increased engagement by women, youth and vulnerable groups in agriculture policy processes and programs.**

Specific Policy Objectives

The 10 specific objectives of the policy are to:

- 1. Consistently attain an agriculture gross domestic product growth rate of at least 6 % per year;**
- 2. Double the contribution of legume and oilseed crops to overall agricultural production and to Malawi's agricultural exports, particularly in processed form;**
- 3. Increase yields of major crops by 100 %;**

Specific Policy Objectives -----

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- 4. Increase sustainably the production and consumption of livestock, aquaculture and capture fisheries by 50%;**
- 5. Increase by 60 % the number of new agricultural technologies under development and being demonstrated to farmers;**
- 6. Increase the amount of agricultural land area under irrigation by 20,000 ha;**

Specific Policy Objectives -----

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- 7. Increase the use of machinery in farming and agro-processing activities by 50%;**
- 8. Increase the volume of processed output from agricultural raw materials by 20% per year;**
- 9. Increase the value of agricultural exports by 50%; and**
- 10. Increase women's and youth's access to, ownership of, and control of productive agricultural assets by 50%.**

Policy Priority Areas

The Policy has 8 priority areas:



1. Sustainable Agricultural Production and Productivity



2. Sustainable Irrigation Development



3. Mechanization of Agriculture



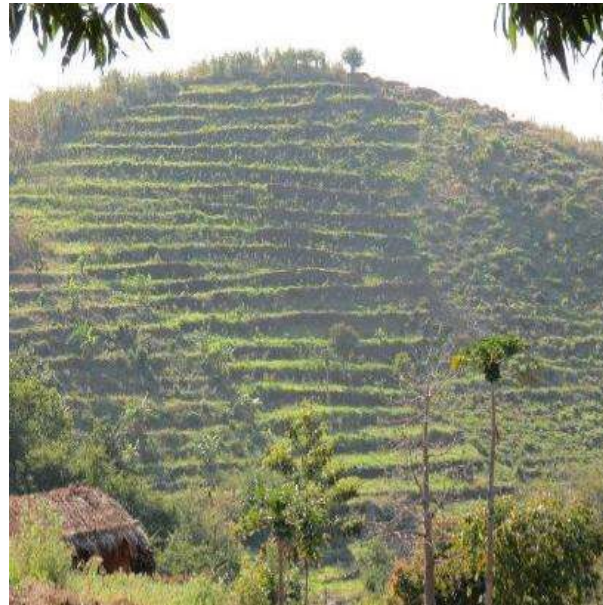
4. Agricultural Market Development, Agro-processing & Value Addition



5. Food and Nutrition Security



6. Agricultural Risk Management



7. Empowerment of Youth, Women & Vulnerable Groups



8. Institutional Development, Coordination and Capacity Strengthening



Implementation Arrangements

Will require active engagement by all stakeholders:

- **Government, through coordinated implementation of NAP by all ministries, departments and agencies;**
- **Development partners;**
- **Farmers and fishing communities;**
- **Private Sector, including MCCCI and international investors;**
- **Credit and financial institutions;**
- **Agricultural input and output traders and agricultural service providers;**
- **Civil society and NGOs; and**
- **Statutory corporations, including ADMARC, NFRA, SFFRFM, MBS, and MITC.**

Monitoring and Evaluation

57 Indicators

- **Goal is to have practical M&E framework**

Will use Joint Sector Review (JSR) for reporting

- **Requires joint contribution from all the stakeholders to provide data for analysis, reporting and mutual accountability**





**END OF THE PRESENTATION:
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