

SCALING UP OF CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE THROUGH STRENGTHENED DISTRICT AGRICULTURE EXTENSION SERVICES

The project is helping to continue to build the enabling environment around the Concern World Wide Graduation Programme through promotion and scale up of climate smart agriculture technologies in Nsanje and Mangochi districts, the project is being implemented in the 25 VDCs in Mangochi and 12 VDCs in Nsanje that are under the CWW Graduation Programme.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the creation of an enabling environment for the Concern Worldwide Graduation Programme in Mangochi and Nsanje districts, through advocacy to support the institutionalization and scaling up of climate smart agriculture and nutrition sensitive agriculture.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) agreed to collaborate to support capacity

development activities in selected sub-Saharan African countries within the context of South-South cooperation. The Civil Society Agriculture Network (CISANET) was chosen as a collaborative partner in Malawi. Funds were provided to CISANET to administer grants to the selected women cooperatives on behalf of ACBF.

The main objective of this project is to empower women in African agriculture for viable livelihood and food security as well as to become active economic agents in Africa's agricultural transformation and sustainable development.

OPEN CONTRACTING PROCESSES IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

The project contributes to the strengthening of the procurement processes in the Ministry of Agriculture and provides space to the civil society with insights on how public procurement is done and on how they can effectively play their critical role in a movement towards more government transparency and accountability through their lobbying and advocacy role and providing access to government data and the capacity to transform it into actionable information.

The project is implemented in Mchinji and Kasungu in partnership with Hivos, with an

objective of contributing to strengthening of the procurement processes and system in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development towards a more transparent and accountable procurement of agricultural commodities.

CIVIL SOCIETY ADVOCACY ON INCREASED BUDGET ALLOCATION AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR IN MALAWI

The project directly works on advocating for the increased budget allocation and accountability of public resources in Kasungu and Mchinji district. At the national level the project facilitated a national budget analysis for agriculture to understand more on how it meets the aspirations of the youth and women in Malawi. The results of the national budget analysis will be shared with the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and the Parliamentary Committee on Budget and Finance.

The project is implemented in partnership with Oxfam with the main objective of working with the CSO Networks in Kasungu

and Mchinji district councils to advocate for the increased budget allocation and accountability of public resources in the two districts.

STRENGTHENING MALAWI'S SEED SECTOR

The project uses a collaborative and consultative approach to strengthen seed certification and quality assurance services to ensure the availability of high quality seed of improved crop varieties to small holder farmers including women and youth. The interventions are coordinated by DARS in collaboration and consultation with relevant Departments in the MoAIWD and other line ministries as well as the Seed Trade Association of Malawi (STAM), which is the main player in the seed industry.

The project is implemented with funding from USAID and in partnership with AGRA, SSU and STAM. The main objective of the project is to increase small holder farmers' incomes, food and nutrition security in Malawi. The targeted districts are Karonga, Mzuzu, Kasungu, Salima, Lilongwe, Machinga, Blantyre and Shire Valley.