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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 April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. The progress is reported for each of the project components. This is the third quarter of the costed extension of the NAPAS: Malawi activity.

Component 1: Technical Support for Policy Formulation

National Fertilizer Policy (NFP)

During the third quarter, the NAPAS team together with the Department of Agricultural Research Services held a writeshop in Salima from 16st to 19th May, 2018 to incorporate comments made during the 28th March 2018 validation workshop and those that came from various stakeholders through emails. The writeshop was attended by participants from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MoJCA), Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS), MoAIWD, MoITT, OPC, and NAPAS:Malawi. A total of 12 (4 female) participants attended the writeshop. The policy proposed establishment of a National Fertiliser Commission to regulate the fertiliser industry. The estimated cost for establishing the commission is MK5billion. The writeshop resulted in a revised draft policy that was submitted to the Director of Agricultural Research (DARS). The plan is to have it internally validated by the senior management of the Ministry in July 2018 and submitted to the Office of the President and Cabinet for approval process in July 2018. NAPAS will support the OPC in convening a committee of Principal Secretaries to review and approve the National Fertiliser Policy. NAPAS has also been asked to support the process of developing a Fertilizer Bill to operationalize the National Fertilizer Policy. Dates for the PS' committee meeting will be determined in consultation with the OPC but are likely to be in late August or September 2018. The NAPAS: Malawi activity together with the Department of Agricultural Research Services will also draw a roadmap for developing the draft Fertiliser Bill.

Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy (ASFNS)

The NAPAS: Malawi activity worked closely with the SANE activity and the Department of Agricultural Extension Services to improve and strengthen the Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy between April and May, 2018. The draft document will be validated by senior management of MoAIWD together with the National Fertiliser Policy on 17th July, 2018. The Minister of Agriculture will then adopt the Strategy for implementation.

Farmer Organizations Development Strategy (FODS)

Two writeshops were organized during the reporting period; first from 3rd to 6th April, 2018 and second from 24th to 30th 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. At total of 13 (3 female) participants attended the first writeshop and 9 (4 female) attended the second writeshop. Internal validation of the FODS (by senior management of MoAIWD) is expected end of August and external validation in September 2018 before the strategy gets adopted by the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development for implementation.

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

The NAPAS: Malawi activity advertised for services of a legal consultant in the local press through AMG Global to work on the review of Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act. Mr. Madalitso M'meta was the successful candidate. He has been employed as a legal consultant on the reviews and produced a draft literature review. The NAPAS commented on the literature review and the Consultant will provide a revised draft by August 2018. In Addition, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MoJCA) has assigned two legal experts (Mr. Rumbani Jere and Mr. Chiyembekezo Banda) to support the MoAIWD in conducting the reviews.

A Survey to solicit stakeholder input on the review of the Acts started on the 18th of April, 2018. Dr. Milu Muyanga of MSU and Mr. Andrew Comstock of IFPRI visited Malawi from 15th and 16th April, 2018 respectively to assist with the survey implementation. They left on 28th April 2018 and 3rd May, 2018 respectively. A total of 50 interviews were conducted from which 69 (14 female) individuals were interviewed for their input in the review. Further consultations will be held in July 2018. The notes from stakeholder consultations are being transcribed and analysis of the input will be done by Mr. Andrew Comstock. A report on the review is expected to be completed in August, 2018 and disseminated to stakeholders in September 2018.

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 Mpatza Lodge in Salima from 18th to 20th June, 2018, under the CoP's technical guidance. The drafting team will meet again to finalize the drafting in August, 2018.

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 sessions was held at La-Riviera Hotel in Mangochi, from 29th May 2018 to 2nd June, 2018. Dr. Flora Nankhuni and Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka joined officials of MoAIWD to finalize the document. The writeshop was attended by 11 (4 female). The strategy is expected to be approved and adopted by the Ministry in August, 2018.

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 3rd to 6th 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. A total of 7 (0 Female) participants attended the writeshop.

Component 2: Policy Communication

Value Chain Study Dissemination Meeting at USAID/Malawi Offices

The NAPAS: Malawi team presented several value chain studies to USAID on 23rd May, 2018. The objective of the value chain presentations was to inform USAID on results coming out of the value chain studies.

Launch of National Agriculture Investment Plan

On 13th 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 NAPAS: Malawi activity was among 24 stakeholders that were given a stand to display their activities during the launch of the NAIP. NAPAS: Malawi displayed policies, strategies and value chain studies that it has produced to support the Ministry over the last three and half years. In particular, the Project produced posters on two of the 12 value chain studies that the Project conducted to guide agricultural investments during the NAIP development and implementation: [“Is There Scope for Commercially Upscaling the Groundnut Value Chain in Malawi? A Systematic Analysis of Groundnut Production, Processing and Marketing in Malawi”](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/malawi_groundnuts_value_chain_poster) (http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/malawi_groundnuts_value_chain_poster) and [“Analysis of the Value Chains for Root and Tuber Crops in Malawi: The Case of Irish Potatoes.”](http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/malawi_potato_value_chain_poster) (http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/resources/malawi_potato_value_chain_poster)

Paida Mpasu, Communications Specialist for the Project produced a blog on the launch which can be accessed on:

http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/news/launch_of_the_malawi_national_agriculture_investment_plan.

2018 World Bank’s International Consortium on Applied Bio-economy Research (ICABR) Conference on “Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development” – June 12-15, 2018

Six of the value chain studies that the NAPAS team produced were accepted for presentation at the 2018 ICABR conference in Washington DC. 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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_production_processing_and_marketing)

Four Consultants that NAPAS used to produce the studies travelled to Washington DC to present the studies. These were: Dr Christone Nyondo and Mr Joseph Kanyamuka of NAPAS: Malawi, Dr Joseph Dzanja of LUANAR and Mr. Justine du Toit of Vuna Agribusiness. Their travel was made possible by the CoP's initiative in applying for funding from the Conference Organizers. An important result coming out of their participation was the organizers intention to increase African researcher's participation at the ICABR conferences in the future and to make their participation more substantial e.g. through plenary sessions. The presentations also increased the global community's awareness of the issues affecting the Malawi value chains including a Foundation that is seeking collaboration to support development of value chains in Malawi for the benefit of smallholder farmers.

Paida Mpasu, Communications Specialist for the Project produced a blog on the presentations: http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/news/napas_malawi_value_chain_studies_at_the_world_banks_icabr_conference_in_dc .

Several of these studies have been posted as research working papers and policy briefs on the Food Security Policy website. More dissemination seminars/conferences are planned between September and November 2018 to inform more Malawian stakeholders about the value chains.

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 29th May, 2018 at Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel. The NAPAS team co-organized the meeting and presented the draft National Fertiliser Policy. The NAPAS CoP 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. The company has already developed “Mwininthaka” fertiliser blends for maize, sweet potato, groundnuts and soya beans that are being promoted in areas where the company has depots. The presentation attracted most of the participant’s attention and appreciation of what the private sector can contribute to science and technology that directly results in development of productivity enhancing inputs.

14th CAADP Partnership Platform/Policy Learning Event

The CoP for the NAPAS: Malawi 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 14th CAADP Partnership Platform/Policy Learning event in Gabon from 24th to 28th 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. Malawi was ranked among the top 10 African countries performing well on CAADP indicators especially on creating a conducive policy environment for agricultural investment in the country. However, Malawi scored low on social and economic indicators, suggesting that the policies have not yet translated into action on the ground to change people’s lives.

The National Rice Development Platform

Mr. Josepha Kanyamuka of the NAPAS: Malawi activity attended the National Rice Development Platform stakeholder meeting on the 6th of June, 2018 at ICCO in Lilongwe. The aim of the meeting was to update stakeholders about various developments taking place in the rice sub-sector. Input suppliers, academia, Ministry of Agriculture Officials, Non-Governmental Organizations and processors were among the participants. Joseph Kanyamuka, Policy Analyst in NAPAS made a presentation on an Update on Agricultural, Nutrition and Food Security Policies in Malawi and how these are related to the development of the rice sub-sector. Some of the rice-related policies include the National Fertilizer Policy and the National Seed Policy, which have a direct bearing on production and productivity of rice in the country.

Component 3: Capacity Strengthening

There was no planned capacity strengthening activity for the quarter, except on-the-job learning to participants that attended the writeshops for the different policies and strategies that were being developed.

II. International Travel

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 at the World Bank's ICABR Conference from June 10-16, 2018.

III. Challenges, Solutions and Actions Taken

There has been slow progress on development of the Agricultural Extension Strategy because of closure of the ASWAp-SP project. It is hoped that work on the Strategy will resume now that funds for the NAIP have started flowing.

IV. Lessons, Best Practices and Recommendations

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. Future internal validation meetings for the draft National Fertilizer Policy and the draft Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy were also fixed to take place on July 17, 2018 following the PS's directive.

The Horticulture Policy and Strategy writeshop brought private sector participants to support development of the Policy and Strategy. The private sector actors (members of Horticulture Cooperatives) were passionate and very committed to the process, something that did not occur in development of previous policies and strategies (except through consultation and validation workshops). Identification of strategies and activities that involve private sector actors on the ground is most likely going to result in actual implementation because the strategies and activities being developed relate closely to the private sector experiences and aspirations.

V. Success stories

There is continued growing appreciation of the work NAPAS is doing in promoting agricultural reforms in the sector. The NAPAS: Malawi activity interviewed 50 stakeholders to provide their input in the review of the Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act. 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: Malawi activity also received recognition at the 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 to future ICABR conferences.

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

In capacity strengthening, one of the journalists that was trained by NAPAS: Malawi, 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

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. At the moment, there are no plans to hire another Finance and Administration Officer.

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 10 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	10 cumulative, 2 added in this quarter -but currently working on all 10 (Enabling environment for private sector investment: Horticulture Policy and Strategy, Review of Special Crops Act, Review of Agriculture General Purposes Act; Development of Contract Farming Legislation, National Agriculture Investment Plan, Value Chain analyses to support effective implementation of the NAP and NAIP, MoAIWD Strategic Plan; Agriculture Inputs Policy: National Fertilizer Policy; Agriculture Trade Policy: Farmer Organization Development Strategy; Nutrition Policy: 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.	9 cumulative, 3 this quarter: 1) presentation on the draft National Fertiliser Policy at the National Fertiliser Symposium; 2) Presentation on Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition policies at the Rice Development Platform conference; 3) Presentation of six value chain studies at the 2018 International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research Conference on “ <i>Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development</i> ” held at the World Bank in Washington DC, from June 12-15, 2018 -- 6 of the value chains that the Project conducted were presented as research papers and posters at the conference—providing/contributing to global knowledge in international development field.

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 August, 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 August, 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	9 cumulative, 8 this quarter <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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. 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. http://foodsecuritypolicy.msu.edu/S=2f8e5fa3f0abe1f6b370a7385ba86a42c9cc854b/r

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2	Number of stakeholder learning forums on agriculture and food security policy issues supported.	Number of learning forums			Annually and quarterly	10 cumulative, 0 this quarter
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; 0 this quarter
4	Number of institutions where trained individuals are applying new practices	Number of institutions			Annually and quarterly	4 cumulative, 0 this quarter
5	Number of private sector and civil society organizations assisted to participate in policy formulation processes.	Number of firms & CSOs assisted			Annually and quarterly	224 cumulative, 44 this quarter (from FODS writeshops, National Fertilizer Policy writeshop, and presentation of the inception report of the Review of Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act/Contract Farming legislation)
Input:						

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 (Paidia 12, Flora 2) and 20.5 man weeks on Administration (Flora 2, Doris 13, Christone 2.5, Zephania 1, Paidia 1, Joseph 1)	NAPAS:Malawi record keeping	Annually and quarterly	240.5 man weeks Cumulative; 84 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	\$101,866.52 Cumulative; \$48,874.67 (for this quarter) -for the following activities: National Fertilizer Policy Validation, Farmer Organization Development Strategy writeshops, 14th CAADP Partnership Platform (Libreville - Gabon), Review of SPA and AGPA/Contract Farming Legislation, MoAIWD Strategic Plan writeshop, World Bank's ICABR Workshop, Horticulture Development Strategy and launch of National Agriculture Investment Plan (NAIP).

VII. Planned Activities for Next Quarter

The following activities shown in Table 2 are planned for the 4th quarter of FY 2018 (July 2018-September, 2018) for the NAPAS activity:

Table 2. Planned NAPAS activities for July 1st to September 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)	July, 2018-September, 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 development of the National Fertilizer Policy	July, 2018-September, 2018	NAPAS to work in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Research Services (DARS) and the Department of Planning Services in MoAIWD to submit the National Fertilizer Policy document to the Office of the President and Cabinet. 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 Planning Services to develop the draft Fertiliser Bill.	Dr Flora Nankhuni and Mr Zephania Nyirenda
Drafting of the Farmer Organization Development Strategy (FODS) and validation	July, 2018-September, 2018	NAPAS to support validation meetings of the draft Farmer Organization Development Strategy before submitting to the Minister of Agriculture for approval.	Dr. Christone Nyondo, Dr. Flora Nankhuni
Support MoAIWD in finalizing their Strategic Plan	July, 2018-September, 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	July, 2018	NAPAS to analyze data analysis and produce an 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

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Review of the Special Crops Act and Agriculture General Purposes Act	July, 2018-September, 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	July, 2018-September, 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 experts from MoJCA
Finalize Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services Strategy	July 2018-September 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	September 2018 to November 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.	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Dr. Christone Nyondo Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka Dr. Joseph Dzanja (Consultant) Mr. Justin Du Toit (Consultant)
Horticulture Development Policy and Strategy	July to September 2018	NAPAS to provide technical support in a writeshop to finalize drafting of the Horticulture Policy and Strategy.	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Mr. Zephania Nyirenda
Fish Value Chain study	July to November 2018	Fish Value Chain Study conducted	Dr. Flora Nankhuni Mr. Joseph Kanyamuka