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Update on Agricultural, Nutrition and Food Security Policies in Malawi

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Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Policy issues affecting the rice sector
- Update on Policies, Strategies and Regulations
- How should NRDP position itself

Introduction

- The MoAIWD has embarked on a reform program (of its policies, strategies, and legislation), since December 2013 when Malawi joined the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition
- Most of the reforms in the sector have been done with support of the New Alliance Policy Acceleration Support, Malawi Project (NAPAS: Malawi)
- NAPAS:Malawi is funded by USAID and implemented by Michigan State University (MSU) in collaboration with IFPRI and University of Pretoria

Policy Issues Affecting the Rice Sector

- Low production and productivity
 - Access to inputs: fertilizer and quality seed
 - Research and extension;
 - adoption of improved varieties and agronomic practices
- Marketing
 - Limited access to reliable/lucrative markets
 - Quality aspect for export
 - Limited/poor market structures
 - Poor functioning Farmer Organisations (FOs)-associations/cooperatives

Policy Issues Affecting the Rice Sector Cont'd

- Limited value addition-inadequate storage and milling facilities
- Uncoordinated policies
- Enforcement of policies and regulations
 - Rice standards
 - AGPA-Minimum farm-gate prices
 - Exports/imports ban
 - Contract Farming-no regulatory framework

Status of Policies, Strategies and Legislations

Policy	Status/Update
National Agricultural Policies (NAP)	Approved and launched in 2016
National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP)	Launched in June 2018. NAPAS conducted 12 value chain studies to inform NAIP development and implementation.
National Irrigation Policy (NIP)	Approved and launched in 2016
Contract Farming Strategy (CFS)	Approved in 2016. Currently NAPAS supporting development of regulatory framework
National Seed Policy (NSP) and Seed Act	Approved and launched in May 2018. Seed Act to be developed accordingly
National Fertilizer Policy (NFP) and Fertilizer Bill	Validated. Awaiting for the PSs' committee meeting before being submitted to OPC in August 2018. Draft Bill to be aligned to the Policy once approved.
Cooperative Development Policy	Reviewed and validated

Status of Policies, Strategies & Legislations Cont'd

Policy	Status/Update
Farmer Organisation Development Strategy	In draft form awaiting for validation
Agriculture Sector Food and Nutrition Strategy	Validated. To be submitted to the Minister of Agriculture for approval and adoption in August 2018
National Agriculture Extension Policy	Reviewed and validated.
Agricultural, Extension and Advisory Services Strategy	Draft to be validated and submitted to the Minister of Agriculture for approval and adoption before December 2018
Control of Goods Act (COGA)	Approved in Parliament in May 2018. Currently follow-on new COGA being drafted
Review of Special Crops Act, Agricultural General Purposes Act and CF legislation	Currently in progress. To be completed by August 2018. Revised/follow-on legislation after August 2018

How should NRDP Align Itself

- Being part of the processes
 - Review of the SCA and AGPA: Rice as a special crop??
 - Minimum farm-gate prices, export bans etc.
 - FODS, etc.
- Forum for dialogue on the issues
- Lobbying for various policy issues
 - Inclusion of rice under FISP??

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Many Thanks!