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STRENGTHENING CAPACITY WHILE INCREASING FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE IN MALAWI

The Flexible Voluntary Contribution dedicated USD 3 million to a four-year initiative in Malawi to address community resilience to climate change in the Mwanza and Neno districts through the subprogramme “Promoting coherence between disaster risk reduction, climate action and social protection in sub-Saharan Africa (Malawi)”.

Implementation was carried out in partnership with the Government of Malawi and the subprogramme received technical support from different technical units from FAO headquarters. At district level, the implementation focused on the districts of Mwanza and Neno.

The subprogramme aimed at strengthening capacities of national government institutions, local authorities and farming communities to cope with impacts of climate change while increasing food and nutrition security and the resilience of poor and vulnerable farmers in Malawi.



WHAT DID THE PROJECT DO?

The subprogramme focused on enhancing the capacity of national government institutions, local authorities, and farming communities to manage the impacts of climate change, while also improving food and nutrition security and boosting the resilience amongst poor and vulnerable farmers in Malawi.

Overall, the combination of diversified income sources, the adoption of climate-smart agriculture (CSA) practices, active participation in regular additional income generating activities (IGAs), as well as the cultivation of a savings and investment culture significantly strengthened the resilience of the subprogramme's beneficiaries to external shocks.

Key achievements included the establishment of 80 Farmer Field Schools (FFS), reaching out to a total of 2 400 beneficiary households, and the implementation of activities in integrated watershed management, livestock production, entrepreneurial skills, and group savings and loans.

KEY FACTS

Latest Approved Budget
USD 3 000 000

Duration
April 2020-December 2023

Resource Partners
Multilateral (Donors of the Flexible Voluntary Contribution [FVC])

Partners
Machinga Agriculture Development Division (ADD) and International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF)

Beneficiaries
Poor and vulnerable farmers in Malawi, particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change

IMPACT

Implementation of this subprogramme resulted in increased engagement in income generating activities, diversified livelihood sources, increased household incomes and improved food security among beneficiary households and communities, thus directly contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 1 and 2, which focus on eliminating poverty and reaching zero hunger by 2030, respectively.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ACTIVITIES

- Capacity building of 44 government extension workers (FFS Master Trainers).
- Capacity building of and 80 Community-based Facilitators (CBFs) in the FFS methodology and a range of CSA practices.
- Improved delivery of agricultural extension services.
- Engagement of 2 400 subprogramme beneficiary households.
- Implementation of regular additional income generating activities with 1 886 beneficiary households.
- Rehabilitation of 19 micro-watersheds and construction/rehabilitation of 25 water harvesting structures.
- Development of anticipatory action plans and disaster risk management plans for two target districts.



Project Title

Promoting Coherence Between Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Action and Social Protection in Sub-Saharan Africa (Malawi)

Project Code

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