







PROCEEDINGS -SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI (SoHCoM) INCEPTION WORKSHOP



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Lilongwe Sunbird Hotel

Introduction

This report is a summary of key issues that transpired at the Inception Workshop (re-launch) of the Malawi Soil Health Consortium which was held at Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel on 24th May 2013. The workshop was officially opened by a representative of the Secretary for Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MOAFS), Dr Mtukuso. After the opening session, there was a tour of the displays, several presentations and a plenary session. The participants were drawn from a wide spectrum as shown in Annex 1.

Objectives of the workshop

- 1. To review the activities of SoHCoM as per approved project document by AGRA
- 2. To have renewed commitment by members, accept new members and confirm members roles of the action groups
- 3. To give chance to members to comment / review details of the work plans in the project document.

Opening session

The opening session was presided by the Guest of Honour, representative of the Secretary for Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MOAFS). In his speech he stated that the Malawi Government Policy is to increase yield per unit area as the performance of the agriculture sector has an impact on growth of the Malawi economy. Therefore poverty can be reduced through increased agriculture production. The agriculture production constraints highlighted were diseases, pests, weed problems and access to seed especially legumes. Soil fertility management can reduce yield losses. The consortium was earlier launched in 2010, but operations were limited due to funds problem. AGRA has now funded it. It is therefore hoped that productivity would increase by ISFM. He further stated that agriculture productivity projected to increase by 15 % by 2050. Since N availability is essential the technologies developed for soil fertility improvement should be used. The consortium will facilitate information on soil fertility management to be shared among farmers. Displays on ISFM were toured after the guest of honour's speech.

The representative of the Vice Chancellor of LUANAR, Dr Lowole, presented welcome remarks before inviting the Guest of Honour to speak. In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor's representative expressed gratitude for those present. He also congratulated Dr V.H. Kabambe for securing a grant for the consortium. The background and strategies of the consortium were presented. It was stated that the goal of the consortium is to improve crop productivity through improved soil fertility via information availability made by the consortium. The consortium will disseminate profiles of ISFM technologies, policy briefs, fliers, technical briefs, etc. MOAFS is in the fore front in agricultural improvement through FISP, Presidential initiative for legumes, one cow per family. He informed members that the consortium had over 50 members registered then, including bankers, journalists, seed and commercial practitioners.

The speeches are in the Annex.

Presentations

The full presentations are attached.

Dr Wezi Mhango

The presentation by Dr Mhango informed participants of the List of ISFM promoter (Annex 2), project sites and contact addresses compiled and circulated to registered members. She further highlighted the constraints being addressed, the ISFM technologies being implemented and the sources of information and information sharing.

Ms G. Kambauwa

The presentation by Ms Kambauwa from the Land Resource Department of MOAFS highlighted the nation's vision to reduce land degradation while providing efficient and diversified services to land users. The policy goal is to promote efficient, diversified and sustainable land use. She further listed outputs and projects in the department.

Comments from the participants on the presentations by Mhango and Kambauwa

Participants commented that the consortium will take on the challenges faced by the Malawi nation. Soil health should rank as a priority area for the nation. Food levels in the community due to challenges faced are low and soil health should really address the problems.

Participants asked if there are any consortiums in SADC which have worked and can act as examples and if there is a Malawi national policy that fits in to address this. There was a further comment from participants that people working at districts were unable to provide information on various interventions by various NGOs.

The response to the question about other consortiums was that two consortiums headed by concern universal were present and the Africa consortium. People/ NGOs were expected to respond to the advert in the news to register as members of the consortium. It was further noted that technologies out there are being quoted for different objectives and therefore different technologies of ISFM. For example the CSA referred to as climate smart agriculture is the CA.

Other comments were on existing challenges on water conservation and that the nation's aim should be to get the water reservoirs working. Water harvesting should be given some priority. Also that project sites need be mapped. Policy which we want to reach ourselves is 'do we think if people concentrated in ISFM areas it would make more / better impact? There is need to incorporate a diversity of stakeholders in order to come up with a comprehensive policy.

The concluding remark on the two presentations was that the pace of consortiums is very slow and should be improved.

Plenary session

The participants were divided into three groups to observe and discuss the display material messages and see what was new and what was missing in the ISFM information displayed.

Groups observations

Goup 1

- 1. Combined organic manure was thought to be new.
- 2. Contour marker ridges were missing.
- 3. There were a lot of soil data collected on CA and this was a new revelation.
- 4. Amount of water conserved due to fertility management is missing
- 5. Priority areas to generate research on ISFM not identified.

Group 2.

- 1. ISFM programme that was new was on witch weed control
- 2. Missing details on technology on weed control and insect management
- 3. No new information
- 4. No insect pest management
- 5. no priority.

Group 3

- 1. This group did not see a new item.
- 2. Manure- livestock improvement was not there as manure gotten from livestock
- 3. Soil and water conservation is missing.

General observations on displays

- Look at recommendations for compost manure vis a vis farmyard manure.
- A lot of material but all in English, important to put some in Chichewa as the target farming population may not all understand English.
- No comparative data when comparing organic and inorganic materials.
- Training manual very all encompassing, that was fairly new and educative.
- Presence of a journal
- Only two institutions provided the displays.
- Major comment, no poster brought by participants.

- Little information on Liming. Most soils are now acidic in Malawi, therefore there is need to reverse the acidity.
- Important to share results to the consortium.
- Educational materials to be translated into material understandable by anyone.
- Improve nutrition, improve on displays
- Two organizations displayed.
- Let there be space for more displays
- Role of the participants in the consortium.

Presentation by Dr Kabambe

The overview of Soil Health Consortium, work plan and working groups were presented. This presentation stirred people to the comments and questions below.

Question : Explain how the five working groups came up.

Answer: based on profession and ability to deliver.

- Moses Munthali was DARs at that time
- Working group chairmanship need be changing and not permanent.
- Consortium members should act now.
- Consortium should not be just GOM but a mixture with NGOs and statutory bodies.

Participants suggested that members of the action groups be nominated during the inception workshop and are as below:

ACTION GROUPS

Participants nominated and volunteered to be in various action groups.

Group 1: Research and Extension and capacity building

Dr Chilimba was proposed to be the chair (i.e. convener) for this working group

The alternate chair is Mr Mahara Nyirenda –Norway organisation.

Lead Dr A Chilimba

Alternate: Mr M Nyirenda

Members:

- 1. C.D. Mwale DARS
- 2. M.E. Chigowo LRCD BT
- 3. Amos Ngwira DARS

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- 6. Wycliffe Kumwenda NASFAM
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- 8. Lester Botomani DARS

Group 2: Knowledge management/ communication and monitoring and evaluation (CDHI)

- Chair: Mr Austin Ngwira
- Altenate: Mr Kukunda
- 6 MEMBERS
 - 1. Chisomo Kamchacha (Kusamala Institute)
 - 2. Fred Nyirenda LRC
 - 3. Sann Jali Foundation for Youth Empowerment
 - 4. Trust Donga LUANAR

Group 3.

Convener: CISANET

Alternate: Stanley Chitukwi

- 1. William Chadza CEPA
- 2. Milward Tobias MEJN
- 3. Emily Thera-Luwanda

Group 4. Resource mobilisation

• Lead: Dr V Kabambe

Alternate: Mr Makhole – Malawi Youth Coalition for climate change

- 4 members
 - 1. Paul Jere (Foundation for active civic edu)

- 2. Anne Soko (Henwood foundatn)
- 3. Wezi Mhango (LUANAR)
- 4. Jim Goodman (Exagris Africa LTD)
- 5. Patson Nalivata LUANAR

Group 5. Marketing

• Convener: Ms Mwakansungula

Alternate: Dickson Mchiliko

3 members

- 1. Andrew Kanyerere (cise malawi)
- 2. Linet Chatsika (TAPP)
- 3. Stanley Chitukwi (OSSEDI Malawi)

Work plan outputs discussion

Output 3a

- 1. Mile stone: workshop, July 2013 to March 2014, coordinator
- 3. March: policy group
- 4. June 2013-May 2014

5. May 2014 coordinator

Output 3b

- 1. Organizing workshops and field days in February secretariat
- 2. Training sessions with train of trainers August to September
- 3. Adverts, November, secretariat and communication and marketing group.
- 4. Share results, website to access info, emails, publications, secretariat to liase with organisations to produce results.

Output 2 b.

	MILE-		RESPONS	COST
PLANNED ACTIVITIES	STONES	TIME FRAME	IBILITY	usd
Outputs 2:				
	News items			
2.1 Shared knowledge of ISFM	gathered Newsletter		Communic	
activities via newsletter	distributed	Year 1	ation WG	
	Flier items			
	gathered			
	Fliers			
	formulated			
	Fliers			
2.2 Shared knowledge of ISFM via	disseminate		Communic	
fliers	d	Year 1	ation WG	
2.3 Shared results, protocols and	Maating		Coordinator	
	Meeting conducted	Year 1	, Resource WG	
experiences via annual meeting	Disseminati		VVG	
	on meeting			
	conducted		Coordinator	
	Field days		, Research	
2.4 Consortium existence& products	conducted		& Research	
widely disseminated in different flora	Reports	Year 1	WGs	
			Communic	
			ation,	
	Consultant		Resource	
2.5 ISFM options exposed via website	engaged	Year 1	WGs	
	Networking Data bank		Communic	
	interconnec		Communic ation WG &	
2.6 ISFM information integrated into	tion		Coordinato	
regional perspective	established	Year 1	r	

Comments on workplan

- a) ISFM doc to be produced annually
- b) continuous time frame
- c) regional ISFM documents should be produced annually
- d) Fliers produced after 3 month
- e) Consortium can be used as a platform for formalizing papers that can be published into international publications. Thus expanding circulation. Info is not circulating enough.
- f) BSC students info in theses and computers to b published thru consortium
- g) ISFM symposium with high level presentations
- h) Posters need be prepared for effective communication especially to farmers
- i) Info packaging is important.
- j) ISFM symposium organized for dissemination of results and engaging with policy makers
- k) ISFM practitioners to produce **posters** to summarize key information for different stakeholders including farmers. Include "good" pictures about the ISFM technologies and key messages.
- 1) **Write workshop:** the consortium should organize short training on writing publication/papers for different stakeholders.
- m) Dissemination/communication:
- n) There is a lot of good materials for publications. Members should use the consortium to publish the results.
- o) Research work by BSc students should be published
- p) Training manuals/publications: Translation of information it user friendly languages

5.0 WAY FORWARD AND CLOSING REMARKS

In his remarks on way forward, the coordinator requested working groups to try and work on-line in planning their work to plan for releasing activity plans before the next rainy season. The project activities started in February instead of July. Partners with nice fields or demonstration in ISFM which you feel people can see then you communicate with us. Participants were urged to register to be on our mailing list.

Gratitude expression for commitments. The coordinator expressed happiness that members appreciated that members have understood what the consortium is about. More grants can be sought and more things done. He explained that Department of land resources and conservation is the host Department in the Ministry of Agriculture. Chairman apologized for late starting and ending late and thanked the participants for being a great group, committed, up to end. The coordinator thanked the participants for all the consortium will facilitate all the planned activities according to the budget. People were asked to feel free to communicate.





OFFICIAL OPENNING

SPEECH FOR THE INCEPTION WORKSHOP OF THE SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI (SoHCoM)

By

SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

DR. JEFF H. LUHANGA

AT

SUNBIRD LILONGWE HOTEL

24TH MAY, 2013

- Director of Ceremonies,
- The Vice Chancellor, LUANAR, Prof. George Kanyama Phiri;
- The Country Coordinator for Soil Health Consortium of Malawi, Dr. Vernon Kabambe;
- The Deputy Director of Land Resources Conservation Department, Mr. J.L. Banda;
- All Directors from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security or their representatives present here
- All Directors from Government Departments or their representatives present here;
- All Representatives from the Private Sector and NGOs involved in Soil Health present here;
- The Programme Managers, Lilongwe ADD and all staff accompanying,
- Members of the Press
- Distinguished Participants,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

I feel greatly honoured to be here with you this morning and preside over the opening ceremony of the re- launch and Inception workshop of the Soil Health Consortium of Malawi (SoHCoM) which is a grouping of stakeholders along the soil health value chain which will coordinate and harmonize the efforts to develop and promote content – specific packaging of integrated soil fertility management (ISFM)

technologies currently promoted by various research and outreach projects supported by government and development partners for sustainability and impact.

- 2. Before I go further, allow me to extend my warm welcome to all participants to Sunbird Lilongwe Hotel here in Lilongwe and wish you all fruitful deliberations. Through you, I would also like to thank your various organizations and institutions for nominating and allowing you to come and participate in this workshop.
- 3. Let me also recognize the joint coordination in implementation of the activities of the Consortium which is by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MoAFS) through the departments that have the mandate to coordinate ISFM research and dissemination (Departments of Land Resources Conservation and Agriculture Extension Services) and Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) through Bunda College which is the secretariat for the Consortium.
- 4. Director of Ceremonies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, poor and declining soil fertility is a major constraint to crop production. Other constraints include diseases, pests and weed control. To address the problem of low soil fertility, the Government of Malawi (GoM) through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MoAFS) started implementing the Farm Input Subsidy Programme (FISP) I 2005/06 season and has continued to the present time. In this programme farmers have access to fertilizer, maize and legume seed at very low prices. This policy was a follow up to extensive research findings that led to the development of area specific

fertilizer recommendations along with a range of maize and legume based cropping patterns for integrated soil fertility management. The policy of government is to increase yield per unit area in order to meet increasing demand for the growing population and release land for other food and cash crops. This is important to our country because as you all know agriculture is the single most important sector for the economy of Malawi. The sector contributes nearly 40% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employs almost 90% of the population and brings in over 80% of foreign earnings through exports. The performance of agriculture therefore has a strong influence on the rate of economic growth for the country.

- 5. The role of the sector is well recognized in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS II) which emphasizes on national economic growth through productive sectors while maintaining and improving the efficiency of spending on the social sectors. To achieve this strategy, the agriculture sector is one of the key pillars of growth because increases in agricultural productivity have been proven to result in substantial reduction in poverty. The MGDS further states that in order to attain sustainable economic growth through this pillar, there is need to ensure optimum and ecologically balanced use of land and land based resources. Promoting the integrated soil fertility management technologies is one way of attaining these objectives.
- 6. Ladies and Gentlemen, the objectives of the Consortium are to furnish current and new Integrated Soil Fertility Management (ISFM) extension service providers with information on a range of ISFM technologies, equip practioners with skills to design ISFM practices for their projects and facilitate sharing among the community. I am aware that the Soil Health

Consortium is supported by the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and that it was launched in 2010 and but operated at low level due to lack of funding but now a grant has been provided by AGRA to enable the Consortium implement its activities. I wish therefore to express my gratitude to AGRA for providing the funding and the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) for supporting coordination of the various Consortia in the region including our own.

- 7. Director of Ceremonies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am reliably informed that the focus of the Consortium will be to reach out to all extension agents promoting ISFM in the country with options that can improve the efficiency of current practices such as FISP, the Presidential Initiatives targeting the sector and others. The approach aims to harness synergy from its members. The operationalization of the Consortium is envisaged to increase productivity by among other things directly enhancing the capacity of ISFM planners to formulate and promote context specific packages; directly improve the technical efficiency of fertilizer use in the FISP; upscale isolate but important best-fit practices for problem soils or special socio-economic domains; directly influence policy decisions in composition, marketing and distribution of ISFM products at national and district levels; directly integrate regional and national research into ISFM packaging by ISFM implementing agents; integrate gender and socio-economic backgrounds into best-fit ISFM innovation and indirectly increase smallholder farmers' yields and livelihoods.
- 8. Director of Ceremonies, Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, Agriculture in developing countries needs to undergo a significant

transformation in order to meet the related challenges of achieving food security and responding to climate change. Projections based on population growth and food consumption patterns indicate that agricultural production will need to increase by at least 70 percent to meet demands by 2050 (FAO,2010). Most estimates also indicate that climate change is likely to reduce agricultural productivity, production stability and incomes in some areas that already have high levels of food insecurity. Preserving and enhancing food security requires agricultural production systems to change in the direction of higher productivity and also, essentially, lower output variability in the face of climate risk and risks of an agro-ecological and socio-economic nature.

- 9. The availability of nitrogen and other nutrients is essential to increase yields. This can be done through composting manure and crop residues, more precise matching of nutrients with plant needs, controlled release and deep placement technologies or using legumes for natural nitrogen fixation. Using methods and practices that increase organic nutrient inputs, retention and use are therefore fundamental. Management of soil fertility and organic matter, and improvement of the efficiency of nutrient inputs, enables more to be produced with proportionally less fertilizers. It also saves on energy use in farming and reduces emissions from the burning of crop residues. Moreover it helps sequester carbon in soil.
- 10. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am also informed that through this Consortium, a database or catalogue of ISFM research results, innovations in practice or on-shelf, will be assembled and synthesized to come up with harmonized

best-fit options. These will further be disseminated to partners' innovative approaches.

- 11. I would like to commend the organizers of the workshop which will be discussing issues which are in line with the priorities of government at the moment. I am pleased to note that a number of presentations have been lined up to share country wide experiences on how ISFM practices can be scaled up in the country. It is my hope that by the end of the workshop, you will develop strategies on how to scale out these practices through information generation, management and dissemination in order for farmers to maximize their benefits from the farming business.
- 12. Allow me once again to thank all of you for coming to attend this workshop. Let me also thank AGRA for funding the workshop. I would also like to thank the organizing team for work well done.
- 13. It is now my singular honour and pleasure to declare the Soil Health Consortium for Malawi officially re-launched.
- 14. I thank you for your attention and may God bless you all.

THE SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI (SoHCoM)

Hosted by Bunda College, supported by AGRA

WELCOME REMARK BY VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPERESENTATIVE ON THE RE-LAUNCH AND INCEPTION FOR THE SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI (SOHCOM)

THE DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES OR CHAIPERSON OF THE WORKSHOP, MR JL BANDA

THE GUEST OF HONOUR, THE PS FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY, DR J LUHANGA

THE DIRECTOR OF LAND RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF LUANAR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE

ALL DIRECTORS IN THE MINISTRY F AGRICULTURE OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

THE COORDINATOR OF SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI

RESPRESENTATIVE OF THE CG CENTRES

ALL NGOS RESPRESENTED HERE

REPRESENTATIVES OF PROGRAM MANAGERS

MEMBERS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

MEMBERS OF THE SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI, SoHCoM

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR, THE PS FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY, MY HUMBLE DUTY TODAY IS TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS FUNCTION FOR THE RE-LAUNCH OF THE SOIL CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI, HOSTED BY BUNDA COLLEGE, AND ALSO TO OPEN ITS INCEPTION WORKSHOP. INDEED, YOUR GUEST OF HONOUR, THE LILONGWE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE IS HAPPY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME HERE AMIDST YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE. FOR US, THIS DEMONSTRATES YOUR COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATIVE PARTNESRSHIP BETWEEN US AND THE MINISTRY, AND ALSO HELPS TO REGISTER THE MINSITRY'S RECOGNITION OF THE CONSORTIUM. THEREFORE, ON BEHALF OF BUNDA COLLEGE, THE COORDINATION UNIT, AND ALL MEMBERS, I WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR COMING.

AS A BRIEF BACKGROUND, I WISH TO REPORT TO YOU THAT BUNDA COLLEGE WAS ELECTED TO LEAD THE COORDINATION BY MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM DURING ITS FIRST MEETING IN JUNE 2010. SINCE THEN, THE COORDINATOR HAS BEEN WORKINNG WIH AGRA TO SECURE PROJECT GRANT TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONSORTIUM. THIS HAS EVENTUALLY TAKEN PLACE, HENCE THE RE-LAUNCH AND INCEPTION WORKSHOP TODAY.

THE GOAL OF THE CONSORTIUM IS TO CROP PRODUCTIVITY IN MALAWI THROUGH IMPROVED DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED SOIL MANAGEMENT (ISFM) PRACTICES, FACILITATED BY THE COHERENT EFFORTS OF THE CONSORTIUM. THE CONSORTIUM IS NOT A RESEARCH ORGANISATION, RATHER, IT IS THERE TO FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF A COMMON GOAL. SOME OF THE DELIVERABLES OF THE CONSORTUIM ARE WIDER ACCESS TO ISFM TECHNOLOGIES (ISMTS), DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE PROFILES OF ISMTS, IMPROVE CAPACITY TO DESIGN CONTEXT-SPECIFIC ISFMTS, PUBLISH CATALOGUE OF ISFM PROMOTERS, SUITABILITY MAPS, POLICY BRIEFS, TECHNICAL BRIEFS, FLIERS, TRAVEL WORKSHOPS, NEWSLETTERS, WEBSITE RADIO & TV DOCUMENTARIES, ISFM DATA BASE, ANNUAL SHARING WORKSHOP.

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THE CONSORTIUM IS PARTICULAR HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IS ALREADY IN THE FOREFRONT IN THIS REGARD, THROUGH THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES SUCH AS FARM INPUT SUBSIDY PROGRAM, THE GREEN BELT INTIATIVE, ASWAP, PRESIDENTIAL INITITIAVE ON LEGUMES. ALSO EVEN THE ONE COW A FAMILY INITIATIVE COUNTS AS AN ISFM STRATEGY. THUS, THEROLE OF THE CONSORTIUM WILL BE TO COMPLEMENT THESE EFFORT, AND HELP ITS MEMBERS TO DESIGN CONTEXT SPECIC APPROACHES TO UTILISE THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPTIMUM WATER AND FERTILIZER USE EFFIENCIES, GUIDED BY RESEARCH RESULTS AND MODELING.

THE CONSORTIUM HAS OVER 50 REGISTERED MEMBERS, WITH THE MEMBERSHIP GROWING EVERY DAY. MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSORTIUM IS CROSS CUTTING, CAPTURING ALL PLAYERS OF THE VALUE CHAIN, INCLUDING RESEARCHERS, BANKERS, FERTILIZER TRADERS, FARMER ASSOCIATIONS, JOURNALIST ASSOCIATIONS, SEED HOUSES AND COMMERCIAL PRACTITIONERS.

WITH THESE FEW REMARKS, MR PS, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ASK TO DELIVER YOUR REMARKS, AND RE-LAUNCH THE CONSORTIUM AS WELL AS OPEN THE INCEPTION WORKWHOP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

Annex 1: List of Participants

SOIL HEALTH CONSORTIUM OF MALAWI (SoHCoM) INCEPTION WORKSHOP, 24TH MAY, 2013. LILONGWE SUNBIRD HOTEL

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2	 Organic & inorganic fertilizers, Conservation Agriculture Agroforestry 	Seven districts in southern region through the Agriculture Extension System	Department of Land Resources Conservation, Blantyre ADD, P/ Bag 379, Blantyre.	mtchigowo@gmail.com
3	 Organic manures - compost manure, khola Agroforestry Crop Residue incorporation 4. Conservation agriculture 	Salima and Nkhotakota	Salima ADD, Private Bag 1, Salima.	jokanyangalazi@yahoo.c om
4	 Conservation Agriculture Maize-legume systems (intercrop, rotation) Inorganic P fertiliser and legumes Soybean inoculation 	Salima, Balaka, Ntcheu, Kasungu, Mchinji, Lilongwe and Dedza	DARS, Chitedze Research Station. P.O. Box 158. Lilongwe.	Ivyligowe@yahoo.co.uk donglad2@yahoo.co.uk
5	 Conservation agriculture Compost making Micronutrients studies 	Mzuzu	DARS, Lunyangwa Agricultural Research Station, P.O. Box 59, Mzuzu.	achilimba@gmail.com
6	 Use of organic and/or inorganic fertilizers in legume-cereal systems Intercrops, rotations of sole, doubled up legumes, cereal- legume intercrops 	Lilongwe, Kasungu, Ntcheu, Mzimba, Dedza,	LUANAR, Bunda College, P.O. Box 219, Lilongwe.	kabambev@yahoo.com wezzi2002@yahoo.com gykphiri@gmail.com

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8	 Green Manures (Pigeon Pea, Tephrosia, Cow Pea) Crop Rotation using legumes and grain crops Use of dairy manure instead of chemical fertilizer. Compost with plants and animal manures. 	Lilongwe and Dowa districts	Kusamala Institute of Agriculture and Ecology, P.O Box 30420. Lilongwe.	marie@kusamala.org/ <u>chisomo@kusamala.org</u>
9	 Conservation Agriculture Compost manure Promotion Agroforestry Permaculture Construction of physical features such contour bunds, box ridging, gully reclamation. 	Thyolo, Mulanje, Chiradzulu, Nsanje and Mchinji Districts	Churches Action in Relief and Development, P. O Box 2733, Blantyre.	card@cardmw.org melton.luhanga@cardm w.org
1 0	 CF Liming/Gypsum application Comprehensive soil testing Crop residue incorporation Compost manure Construction of contours Vetiver on contours Agroforestry (Sunhemp fallow; Faiderbia albida, pastures) 	??	EXAGRIS AFRICA LIMITED	jgoodman@exagrisafrica .com
1 2	 Legume-cereal crop rotation Conservation agriculture with fertilizer trees Use of high quality improved seed Use of inorganic fertilizers 	 Mchinji (all EPAs) Kasungu (so far Santhe EPA but plan to scale up to 	Clinton Development Initiative	angwira@clintonfoundati on.org

13	1) 2) 3)	jointly with organic fertilizers Use of liming to correct soil pH Maize-legume Intercrops Organic Fertilizer Manure Conservation Agriculture	other EPAs in 2013/14 season) • Dowa (Bowe, Mponela, Chisepo and Madisi EPAs) Lilongwe, Balaka, Neno, Mwanza, Blantyre	Sustainable Land Management Programme Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Management, P/Bag 394, Lilongwe	amonmw@yahoo.com
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1 5	2) 3) 4)	Intercropping (with legumes or fertilizers trees) Use of agroforestry Conservation Agriculture Conservation agriculture with trees Pit planting	Lilongwe	NASFAM	wkumwenda@nasfam.or g
16	1) 2)	Conservation Agriculture Agroforestry	 Lilongwe, Dowa, Salima, Kasungu and Ntcheu. Present in Southern and Northern Region of Malawi through partners 	CARE International in Malawi, Pamodzi House Off Presidential Drive, P/Bag A89, Lilongwe	< <u>henry.swira@co.care.or</u> g> < <u>caremalawi@co.care.or</u> g>
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7	species/legumes	districts.	MZUZU	i.org
	3) Use of compost manures/tea			
	manures			
	4) Conservation agriculture and			
1	the accompanying practices.	T '1	Transformer	(
1	1) Soya, ground nut and cassava integration	Lilongwe	Trustees of	
8	2) fertilizer, manure application	(Chitsime,	Agricultural	$\underline{m} \geq$
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	• Animal liquid manure,			
	plants liquid manure;			
	Pellet manure; Bokash			
	 Pit planting Agroforestry 			
	4. Crop rotation			
	5. Conservation Agriculture			
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1	2) Use of inorganic fertilizers		Research and	
	including bio-products,		Extension Trust,	
	reconstituted waste and		P/Bag 9, Lilongwe.	
	manure3) Use of various composts in			
	soil-less growth systems			
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2	fertility management empirical	Zulu and T/A	Initiative for Social	
_	knowledge into action through	Mkanda)	Empowerment	
	participatory learning and		(CISE)	
	marketing with farmers			
	marketing with furthers			
	• Enhancing awareness			

23	 and practical skills of partners such as extension workers and district agronomists in application of ISFM Compost manure Green/Liquid Manure Zero tillage Fertilizer as top dressing only (applied if animal manure is scarce). 5. Home made pesticides 	Mpamba in Nkhata Bay; Mbwatalika and Mchindiuza in Mpingu,Lilongwe ; Chitela in Chiradzulu and soon to open in Phalombe	Henwood Foundation, P O Box 750, Mzuzu, Malawi	emailannsoko@yahoo.co m fhenwood@yahoo.com
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		to ISFM technologies			
	4)	Capacity building in ISFM		00D 4 0	
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		Crop rotation			
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		Windrow, liquid manure etc).		20288	
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	3)	Biomass transfer		Lilonowa	
		(agroforestry).		Lilongwe	
	4)	Stover Incorporation.			
	5)	Mulching.			
		Cover cropping.			
		Application of organic			
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		organic fertilizers from			
		Fertilizer and Forage			
		Company and other			
		companies in Malawi).			
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