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Extension Services in Malawi; USAID/Malawi Support





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Malawi's Extension Landscape

A pluralistic system that includes government, private sector, NGO, other actors.





Challenges & Constraints

- DAES is under-resourced.
- DAES is under-staffed.
- Multiple responsibilities and ad hoc requests.
- Strain on DAES resources from other actors.
- Limited extension training opportunities.



USAID Support

Integrating Nutrition in Value Chains (INVC)

Subpartners:

- Farmers Union of Malawi (FUM)
- National Association of Smallholder Farmers (NASFAM)
- Catholic Development Commission (CADECOM)
- Malawi Dairy Development Alliance (MDDA)

- Esoko SMS component (market information)
- Support to establish warehouse receipts system



USAID Support (cont.)

- Trilateral partnership between Bunda College, US and India.
 - Short-term extension training programs in India
- Agreement with MSU offers M.Sc. and Ph.Ds in ag research.



USAID Leadership

- ASWAp (agriculture sector) working group
 - Technical Working Group on Technology Generation (research) and Dissemination (extension)
- ASWAp MDTF (World Bank managed)
- ASWAp Support Program (new, also WB)



Thank you

Resources:

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