



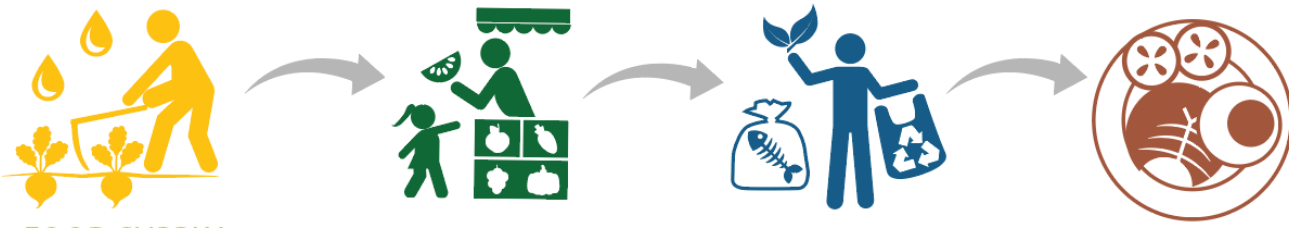
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Agrifood Systems Capacity Development in Malawi

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Process

1. Desk review of relevant documentation on nutrition & agrifood systems, capacity development initiatives and national policies & strategies
2. Rapid assessment of key Government officers at national and subnational levels
3. Adaptation of FAO tools
4. Capacity development workshops
 - a) Sub-National level
 - b) National level
5. Replication plan
6. Documentation

Desk review – Key findings

1. A wide variety of initiatives on capacity development focusing on nutrition-sensitive initiatives
 - a) Not consistent and coordinated
 - b) One done by FAO in conjunction with Government
2. Policies & strategies had gaps on agrifood systems
 - a) No priority areas on agrifood system

Rapid Assessment – Key findings

1. 44 invited to attend
 - a) 25 responded: 8 national; 17 sub-national
2. Lack of training on agrifood systems
3. Lack of availability of training materials on agrifood systems
4. Officers lack skills in agrifood systems advocacy, advisory capacity, research, training and extension
5. Inadequate staffing at all levels
6. No resource persons to organise high quality trainings

Capacity Development Workshop – Sub-national



17 district officers for 3 days

Capacity Development Workshop— National



13 district officers for 3 days

Replication Plans

1. National

a) 7

2. Sub-national

a) 17

3. Key issues

a) Coordination of agrifood systems remains problematic

b) Resource to undertake training

c) Officer would like replications to begin

Lessons learnt

1. Capacity development initiative was well organised and engaging
2. FAO materials were adaptable
3. For sustainability
 - a) Need for coordinating office
 - b) Need resources

Conclusions

1. Capacity development initiative was largely effective at national and subnational levels
2. Malawi was not able to interact with Members of Parliament because of the difficulty of meeting them

