

Farmer Awareness and Participation

Country: Malawi

	Profile Element	Response
1	Focus staple crops for assessment (Production)	Maize (3,691,866 MT) Groundnuts (350,000 MT) Soybeans (180,000 MT) Beans (233,678 MT)
2	Number of farming HHs in the country, by category if known (i.e., small scale, medium scale, large scale)	4,000,000 (IFPRI 2021)
3	Authorized seed classes in the country	Breeder, Pre-basic, Basic, Certified and QDS
4	Estimated sources of seed by focus crops, e.g., home saved, artisanal market, agrodealer, seed company, government, relief / project, etc. (% of total planted)	Own stock (15%) Friend/Neighbor/Relatives (11%) Local market (21%) Agrodealer (42%) Government (5%) Seed company local agent (4%) Other (2%) Source: KIT (2016)
5	Estimated percentage of land for focus crops cultivated using certified seed or up to 3rd generation of recycled certified seed	Maize (25%) Groundnuts (17%) Soybeans (66%) Beans (12%)
6	Average age of varieties accounting for 80% of crop volume produced locally by farmers, by focus crop	Maize (8 years) Groundnuts (1 years) Soybeans (15 years) Beans (13 years)
7	Names and brief description of national government entities responsible for delivering extension and advisory services to farmers (include all entities)	Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) in the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) coordinating service delivery by different service providers; Agriculture Research and Extension Trust (ARET) coordinating tobacco related extension and service delivery.
8	Description of sub-national government entities responsible for delivering extension and advisory services to farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension Planning Areas. There are 203 EPAs across the country, each headed by an Agricultural Extension Development Coordinator. District Agricultural Extension Office headed by Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources at District level. There are 28 DADOs. Agricultural Development Division headed by Program Manager at specific agro ecological zone. There are 8 ADDs in the country.
9	Number of active government extension workers in the country	2,000
10	Number of active non-Government extension workers and/or advisory agents in the Country	400
11	National ratio of all extension workers and advisory agents to small holder farmers	1:2,007

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12	Regional ratios of all extension workers and advisory agents to small-holder farmers	Unknown
13	Number of private sector seed production entities providing extension services to farmers	35 seed companies
14	Total # of farmer associations in the country	256 farmer organizations
15	Five largest farmer associations (# of members)	Farmers Union of Malawi (1,024,193) National Smallholder Farmers Association (130,000)
16	Estimated farmer sources of seed information (%), i.e., government extension agents, private sector extension agents, radio, farmer groups, neighbors, TV, seed companies, distributors, etc.	Unknown
17	Estimated farmer sources of information relating to Good Agronomic Practices (%), i.e., Government Extension Agents, Private sector Extension Agents (e.g., VBAs), radio, farmer group, neighbours, TV, seed companies, distributors, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Extension Agents (56%) • Private sector Extension Agents (e.g., VBAs) (33%) • Radio (40%) • Farmer group and neighbours (24%) • TV (2%) <p>Source: IFPRI 2019</p>
18	Top broadcast, media, or meeting platforms for getting seed information to farmers (% reach)	Radio Mobile phones Video/TV
19	Top functional digital platforms used by farmers with seed-related information (# of users)	Unknown
20	Status of farmer participation in variety assessment and release processes	The release of a new variety is contingent upon data that show farmer participation including through on farm trials and clear farmer participatory research