

## MALAWI NPC recommendations

A total of 8 key recommendations to address deficiencies and/or opportunities in the NPC area of Malawi's seed system have been developed by the assessment team and vetted with stakeholders. The recommendations are roughly, but not strictly, listed in order of importance or recommended sequencing.

### Recommendation #1: Seed planning and coordination team

#### Description

Support effort to constitute and roll out a functional unit or team under MOA to carry out seed system planning and coordination. The team should be supported to have the necessary skills, experience, structure, clear mandate or charter, and pluralistic composition required to fulfill its mandate.

#### Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs

The associated costs include hiring an expert to develop the structure, mandate, or charter for NSP&C

### Recommendation #2: Institutional support for seed planning and coordination

#### Description

Develop and implement sustainable funding and resource plans for MOA staff to carry out seed planning and coordination responsibilities effectively. These responsibilities should include inclusive stakeholder gatherings, data collection and analysis, and long-term seed system planning

#### Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs

The associated costs include 1) hiring an expert to carry out training of NSP&C staff, 2) gathering data

### Recommendation #3: Clear information for stakeholder decision-making

#### Description

Develop an online seed sector platform that brings together information on seed (e.g., seed varieties, agrodealers, agrochemicals, seed industry contacts, key downloads) and invest to keep the platform up to date and relevant

#### Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs

The associated costs include: 1) yearly hosting cost, 2) cost for industry data collection, and 3) platform maintenance cost

### Recommendation #4: Intra- and inter-Ministry communication and coordination

#### Description

Strengthen the capacities of existing units within the MOA to improve communication and coordination with each other (intra-Ministry), and to improve communication and coordination with relevant units in other Ministries (inter-Ministry, e.g., Industry and Trade, border control, treasury/payments, etc.). Increase the quality and frequency of all government interactions related to seed system development.

#### Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs

Cost of training NSP&C staff on communication skills; cost of convening meetings between intra-Ministry and inter-Ministry;

#### **Recommendation #5: A stronger enabling environment for private sector participants**

##### **Description**

Undertake training to build MOA capacity to understand and implement various approaches to improving the enabling environment for private sector investors and participants in the national seed sector. This training should include enhanced understanding and implementation of smart subsidy and relief programs.

##### **Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs**

Costs of training on how to design and implement smart subsidy

#### **Recommendation #6: A stronger enabling environment for private sector participants**

##### **Description**

Institute functional, two-way multi-stakeholder dialogue regularly to discuss industry issues and development

##### **Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs**

Costs of convening meetings with stakeholders

#### **Recommendation #7: Seed strategy**

##### **Description**

Support MOA to develop, communicate, and implement a clear and concise medium and long-term seed strategy

##### **Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs**

Cost of hiring an expert to develop a seed strategy; cost of convening a meeting with stakeholders to validate the seed strategy

#### **Recommendation #8: Seed demand forecasting**

##### **Description**

Support MOA to adopt and implement an economically robust framework for seed demand forecasting to facilitate stakeholder decision-making. Establish a baseline for seed volumes for key crops as part of this effort. Build capacity in the team responsible for carrying out the annual forecasting exercise and support communication of results.

##### **Estimated cost and/or key determinants of costs**

Cost of training; cost of data collection; cost of hiring a seed demand forecasting expert