Diverse Diets require Diverse Environments
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Policies & Strategies
2. Nutrition Coordination & Programmes
3. Synergies between Nutrition & Climate Change
4. Opportunities
POLICIES & STRATEGIES

➡ Malawi Growth & Development Strategy II 2011-2016
   - Nutrition, Climate change, and Food Security are priority areas

➡ Nutrition Policy & Strategic Plan 2007-12 (under revision)
   - Nutrition Education and Communication Strategy
   - Nutrition Research Strategy
   - Micronutrient strategy
   - Infant and Young Child Nutrition Strategy
   - School Health and Nutrition Strategy

➡ Climate Change Policy (draft)
   - Biodiversity Strategy & Action plan being revised

➡ National Agriculture Policy (draft)
   - Agricultural Sector Wide Approach
   - Agriculture Nutrition strategy (to be developed)

Gender, HIV & Human Rights are integrated across the Policies & Strategies
## Nutrition Structure

### Coordinating Office: Office of the President

- Nutrition integrated across and down 10 sectors. Five key sectors highlighted:

### Table: Nutrition Structure

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NUTRITION PROGRAMMES

• National M & E framework rolling out harmonizing all sectors
• Budgeted plans for rolling out Nutrition in every district
• Nutrition Education & Communication Strategy
• Agricultural & Dietary diversity
• School Health & Nutrition
Synergies between Nutrition & Climate:

**BIODIVERSITY**

- For human and environmental health & resilience
- Education for Consumption & Income Generation
- Seed Banks, National Herbarium & Botanical Gardens
- Faster maturity of indigenous species (*Uapaca kirkiana*)
Synergies between Nutrition & Climate:

**SUSTAINABLE SOIL MANAGEMENT**

- Zero Tillage
- Mixed Mulch & Composting
- Animals pass-programmes
- Legumes, agro-forestry

- Increased Soil Fertility
- Reduced Chemical Fertilizer
- Improved Food Security
- High Protein Foods (minerals, B vit & fats)
Synergies between Nutrition & Climate: SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT

- Water harvesting
- Fish ponds – integrated orchards, animals, crops
- Irrigation – year round diversified food production
Opportunities

• High political will
  ✓ Malawi Growth & Development Strategy II: Nutrition, Agriculture, Climate Change
  ✓ Coordination in highest office

• Structures in place at all levels

• Existence of policies, strategies & programmes
  ✓ Nutrition - Food Security - Climate Change

“I am personally committed to champion Hunger & Climate Justice”

Malawi President Joyce Banda
at the Hunger, Nutrition & Climate Justice Conference
Dublin, April 2013
CONCLUSION

Most polices are under review which provides an opportunity for additional integration of food security, nutrition & climate change.