



Cassava field in Mitundu EPA, Lilongwe.



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COMMERCIALISATION CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN THROUGH ALTERNATIVE USES IN MALAWI

The project aims at increasing rural household incomes and improve livelihood through promoting cassava as income earner and poverty eradicator in Malawi contrary to the perception that cassava is a poor man's food. The primary objectives of the project as follows:

- Objective 1 ○ To increase productivity of cassava among 20,000 smallholder farmers for central region of Malawi:
- Objective 2 ○ To increase quantity of cassava and byproducts marketed by farmer groups:
- Objective 3 ○ To build the capacity of SMEs to increase production of good quality cassava starch:
- Objective 4 ○ To promote the use of by-products from cassava starch production and other cassava plant components as animal feeds:

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

Outputs fully achieved

- 127 seed multiplication centers of 0.5ha each established by Jan 2012 against a plan for 2069 TOTS and 175 lead farmers trained on Agronomic and integrated soil fertility management practices by Dec 2011 against a planned 40Tots
- 681 demonstration plots have been established against a plan for 670 in year 2
- 156 cassava clubs in 4 cooperatives re-(organized) and trained in group management and governance structures against 20 farmer groups.
- Market analysis for potential demand for cassava based feed conducted
- Critical quality control points and interventions for 5 SMEs determined by December 2011. Starch and cassava flour (HQCF) have picked since then.
- 6 SMEs trained on quality cassava starch and high quality cassava flour production principles and practices by February, 2012
- 6 SMEs trained on Business skills, and 3 business plans were developed and submitted to Opportunity International Bank of Malawi.
- Market study for cassava based livestock feed conducted by Dec 2011.
- 3 formula for cassava based livestock feed for poultry adopted from IITA/SAENET by Year 1.
- 3 purchase orders for cassava starch and 1 for HQCF attained to date as compared to 3 supply contracts by end of project .
- Outputs in progress
- 11,491 farmers have been trained in agronomic and integrated soil fertility management practices to date against a target of 20,000 farmers for the entire project life. However additional 2691 (1402 boys and 1289 girls) pupils (from standard 5 to standard 8 where cassava agronomy is taught.
- 229,769.12 MT of cassava produced to date against 410,000 MT of cassava produced by end of project.
- 7471 farmer trained in cassava harvesting practices by end of year 2 as compared to 20,000 farmers
- 1900 bundles of cassava produced from seed multiplication against 4,000 bundles of clean cassava cuttings produced each year. This is because year one seed multiplication centres were faced with dry spells and hence termite attacks.
- 2 farmer cooperatives aggregate cassava and supply on contract to SMEs by end of year 2 compared with 15 groups by the end of the project.
- 133.21 MT of cassava sold on contract by farmers groups to SMEs for processing as compared to the set target of 300,000MT by project end.
- 2 SME fully rehabilitated and operational at fully capacity. 1 SME is having leadership problems so installation waiting for settlement of dispute.
- 200 poultry farmers were on cassava based feed trials. 1 piggery is still using cassava based feed. This is against a set target of 9000 farmers by project end.

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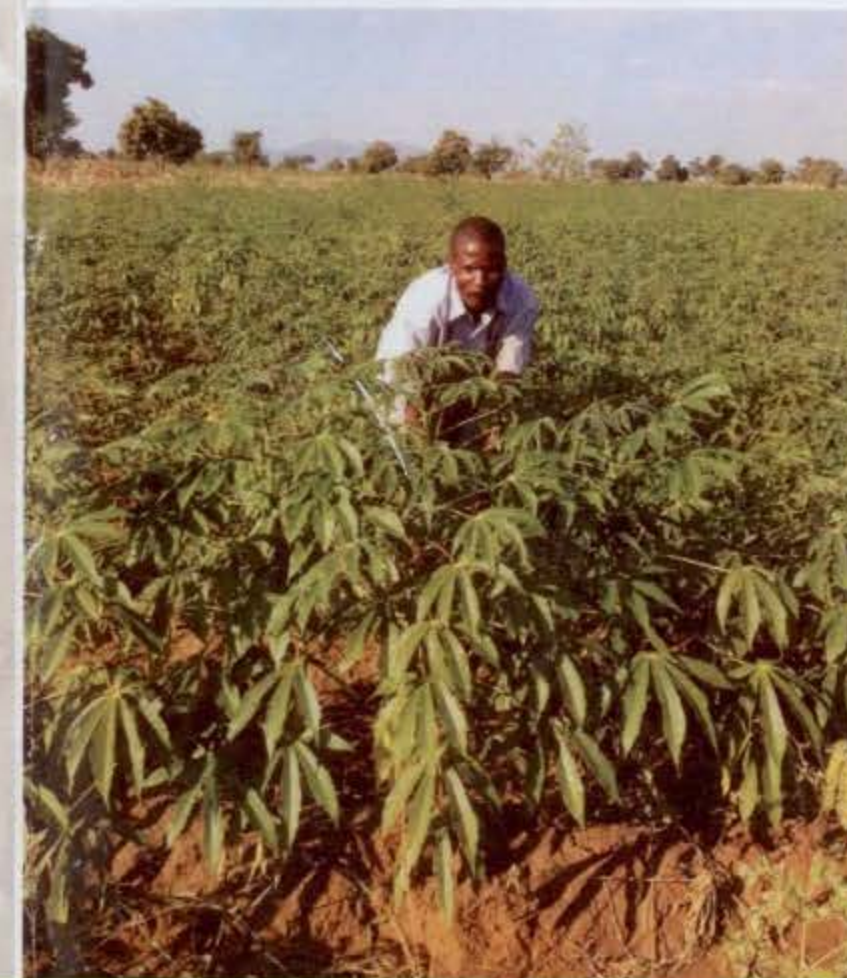


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