



Agriculture Sector Wide Approach (ASWAp)

Brief

What is ASWAp?

ASWAp is a prioritized and harmonized agricultural investment framework towards the achievement of the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MDGS). The framework provides a platform for donor support harmonization in the agricultural sector. In particular, it provides a process through which growth and wealth creation, an objective of the MDGS will be achieved.

Goal

The main goal of ASWAp is to improve food security and nutrition, increase agricultural incomes and ensure sustainable use of natural resources. It seeks to:

- ensure food self sufficiency promote food diversification for nutrition at household level
- ensure sustainable food availability at national level promote agricultural exports for improved balance of trade
- promote commercial production and agro-processing for market development
- promote sustainable agricultural land management
- promote sustainable agricultural water

management and irrigation development

ASWAp Priority Areas

The ASWAp has three main focal areas :

Food Security and Risk Management

- Maize self-sufficiency through increased maize productivity and reduced post harvest losses
- Diversification of food production and dietary diversification for improved nutrition at household level with focus on Crops, Livestock, and Fisheries
- Risk management for food stability at national level

Commercial Agriculture, Agro-processing and Market Development

- Agricultural exports of different high value commodities
- Agro-processing mainly for value addition and import substitution
- Market development for inputs and outputs through Public/private sector partnerships

Sustainable Agricultural Land and Water Management

- Sustainable agricultural land management
- Sustainable agricultural

water management and irrigation development through the GreenBelt initiative

-Climate smart agriculture

Support services include Technology Generation and Dissemination and Institutional strengthening and Capacity Building. Crosscutting issues include gender and HIV & AIDS.

ASWAp Strategies

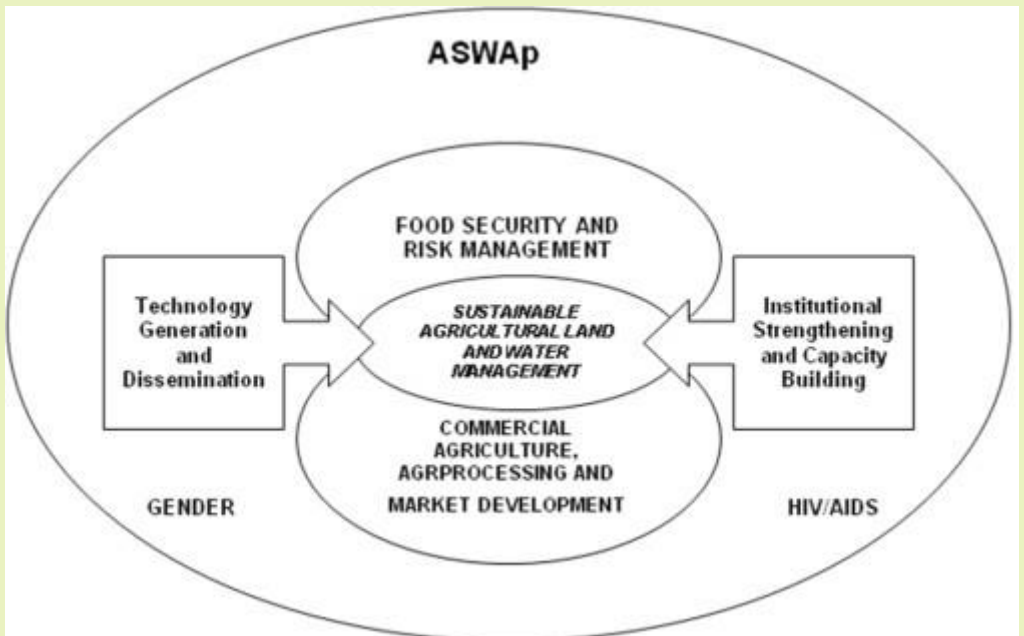
Based on recommendations from the stakeholders, the ASWAp has adopted high

impact strategies to achieve the laid down objectives.

Food Security:

This is being achieved by increasing maize productivity, reducing post-harvest losses, diversifying food production, managing risks associated with food reserves at national level. Malnutrition will be reduced by agricultural diversification that includes legumes, vegetables, fruits, small stock (Goat meat and milk), pigs, rabbits, chicken and guinea fowl meat and eggs, and fish.

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What is New about ASWAp

-A prioritized investment programme

Result-oriented and focused on -MGDS targets for the agricultural sector.

-Gradual harmonization and alignment of Government and donor support

-ASWAp to support capacity building and strengthening of institutions for effective delivery of services

-Linked to regional and international policy frameworks

ASWAp operates within the Paris Declaration:

Ownership: Partner countries exercise effective leadership over their development policies and strategies, and coordinate development actions.

Alignment: Donors base their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions, and procedures.

Harmonization: Donors' actions are more harmonized, transparent, and collectively effective.

Managing for results: Managing resources and improving decision making for development results.

Mutual accountability: Donors and partners are accountable for development results.

Implementation Modalities

Implementation divided into Central and District levels. The national level comprises of policy level, technical level, partnership forum, and

At district level, implementation will secretariat.

utilize existing governance structures such as the District Executive Committee which comprises of multidisciplinary directorates. Formal responsibility for delivery rests with the District Commissioner (DC).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is the lead ministry but will be working in close collaboration with

Executive Management

Committee: provides strategic direction and inter-ministerial coordination, oversees implementation of policy decisions, endorses annual work plans, and monitors progress.

ASWAp Secretariat: consolidates work plans, liaises with development partners; convenes meetings of the Management Working Group, the Technical Working Group, the Partnership Forum and the Executive Management Committee; ensures timely reporting; monitors adherence to the Malawi CAADP Compact; coordinates the annual progress review; and prepares proposals for the Executive Management Committee's endorsement.

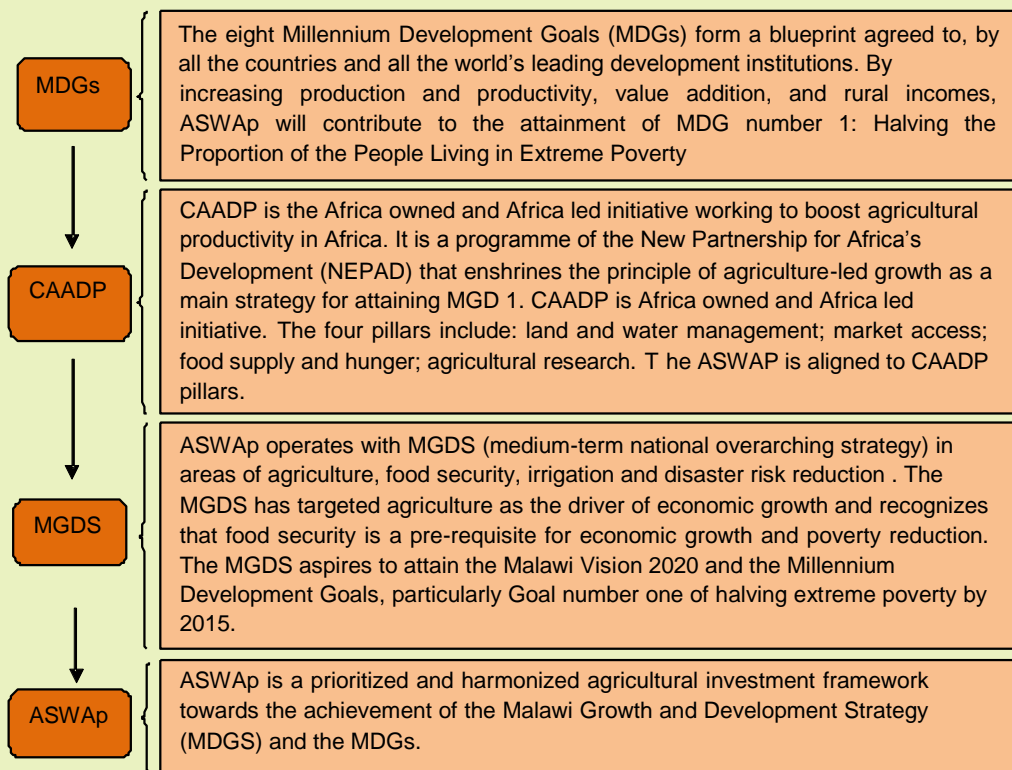
Sector Working Groups : provides for dialogue between government and development partners on financial management, planning, and monitoring & evaluation; and supports line departments in these areas.

Technical Working Group: supports line departments on technical issues and methodologies for implementation of activities; advise the Principal

Secretary, MoAFS on broad policy issues; and reflect informal feedback from stakeholders.

District Executive Committee: reviews progress in implementation and represents stakeholders' views at district level.

ASWAp Policy Framework



ASWAp financing

The ASWAp will be implemented using various funding modalities that will be mutually agreed upon between the Government of Malawi, Collaborating Development Partners, and other key stakeholders.

The intention is to capture as many funding sources as possible. It is,

therefore, intended that different funding modalities be adopted that will neither exclude nor restrict contributions to the ASWAp. Three major funding modalities will be used for ASWAp implementation as below:

- (i) Pool funding or basket funding
- (ii) Earmarked funding and
- (iii) Discrete funding

Opportunities for key stakeholders in ASWAp

STAKEHOLDER	AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES
Development Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harmonized sector support - Easy monitoring of agricultural sector investments - Clear investment priorities
Farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integration of smallholder farmers into high value chains - Access to new technologies - Demand driven extension services - Transition from subsistence to commercial farming - Access to credit - Increased profitability through value addition and agro-processing - Adaptation to impacts of climate change through conservation farming
NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunity for growth of cooperatives and associations - ASWAp is creating a space for enhanced partnership among NGO,s and other players - Opportunity for capacity building for - Visibility - Alignment of programs to ASWAp enhances reputation of NGOs to government and donors - Mutual accountability
Civil Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased scope of work in advocacy - Use of ASWAp as a resource mobilization tool - Increased ability to influence sector policies

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ASWAp management structures create platforms for dialogue
Private Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Investments in production- Investments in agro-processing- Investments in input distribution- Investment in research and development- Provision of services to address capacity needs of ASWAp- Private sector can benefit from capacity building plan from ASWAp- Creating markets for agricultural commodities- Import substitution through value adding and agro-processing
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Harmonized approach to program implementation, monitoring and reporting- Prioritized and focused investment plan- Enhance synergy and complementarity in implementation- Mobilization of resources for implementing sector development plan- Improves accountability- Increased production and productivity
Academia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Curriculum development to suit the current and future sector demands- Capacity building- Demand driven research and development- Advocacy



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