



THE MILLENNIUM VILLAGES PROJECT

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1. Targeted area of implementation:

Implementation of the programme was in all the 7 sections of MVP, thus Nambande, Makoka, Dindi, Mwandama, Mswaswa, Msamba and Katete. In almost all these clusters, farmers relied on wet lands (dambos) and to a smaller extent using irrigated areas.

2. Targeted number of beneficiaries

- ✓ In 2011/12: The number of beneficiaries targeted in 2011/12 was 6,000 beneficiaries
- ✓ In 2012/13 (This rainy season): At least for this season, 25 farmers and 4 irrigation sites have been earmarked for vine multiplication for more than 4,000 beneficiaries that have been identified.

3. Achievements of 2012 (This year):

- ✓ 8,400 beneficiaries received vines for multiplication
- ✓ Participated at the 9th Annual Agriculture Trade Fair in Blantyre where the MVP stand attracted a lot of attention and it was one the stand that was visited by the Vice president Honorable Khumbo Kachali
- ✓ Participated at the World Food Day commemoration in Balaka District where 8 women 3 men participated
- ✓ Conducted trainings where 5 staffs from Agriculture and 12 staffs from Millennium Village Project, farmers and Chancellor College Home Economics students participated on OFSP processing
- ✓ Prepared various OFSP products for 8 groups of visitors that came on educational visits to Mwandama Millennium Village Project during the season that included Village Development Committee groups and their chiefs.
- ✓ Conduct tours to Phalombe and Chikhwawa districts where 24 farmers participated in this activity and the learned among other thing to water sweet potato nurseries using drip irrigation

- ✓ Conduct OFSP products awareness campaigns where recipes were prepared and displayed for viewing and tasting by Sunbird Hotels at Ku Chawe where the hotel owners were really impressed and they said they will use orange flesh recipes on their menu list

4. Plan for Year 4:

- ✓ Participate at the World Food Day commemoration
- ✓ Participate at the National Agriculture Fair
- ✓ Conduct 2 Field Days on sweet potato activities
- ✓ Conduct OFSP trainings for MVP staff, Government and NGOs Stakeholders and farmers on processing
- ✓ Facilitate the establishment of OFSP nurseries especially in the irrigation sites
- ✓ Distribute CIP OFSP coupons for vines collection.
- ✓ Facilitate the establishment of OFSP products' markets

5. Success stories

5.1 At the National Trade Fair:

- ✓ Women who displayed OFSP flour managed to raise MK 225,000 from an estimated 450kg of flour. Below is a client admiring the flour from OFSP and MVP Team Leader briefing the Minister of Agriculture on MVP activities.



- ✓ These women also managed to make contacts with the potential traders for their OFSP flour.

5.2 At the Farmer Market Day in Zomba

- ✓ Cooperatives and Women displays won them a trophy and certificates which made them proud

5.3 At the World Food Day Commemoration in Balaka

- ✓ Farmers and staff interacted and were able to learn from each other on various products that could be produced for human survival as food and financially. Below are participants at the World Food Day displaying OFSP products and in a Tag of War exercise.



6. Challenges during the implementation period

- ✓ Some farmers did not receive their money for the vines they sold last time to 400 household beneficiaries. MVP only requested the vouchers to CIP for 8000 beneficiaries.
- ✓ Vines were not adequate for the demands
- ✓ Establishment of vines was not as fast because of poor preparation of the nursery beds
- ✓ Availability of vines was restricted in areas where transport was a big problem
- ✓ Some vines were attacked by virus diseases and could not be delivered to other farmers. Those diseased plants were roughing and buried them.