



Malawi VAC Presentation at SADC-RVAA Dissemination Meeting



Food Security Outlook: April 2010 to March 2011

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This year's field assessment

- Conducted in March 2010 – early than other years
 - some districts affected again hence required information to continue with the humanitarian support
- Used HEA methods and concentrated on transient vulnerability
- Visited 18 out of 28 districts (13 in South, 3 in Centre, 2 in North), covered 12 LZ out of 18
- A minimum of 2 EPAs visited per district
- Primary data collected through FGD with farmers
- Analysis done in April
- **Institutions** : Ministries & Depart.(DP&C, Agric & FS, LG&RD,DoDMA), FewsNet, IPRSE, WVI, FAO, WFP.

National Overview

- Macroeconomic conditions
 - Inflation – projected to be at 8.1 %
 - GDP – projected to grow at 6.5 %
 - Popn below poverty line 40 %
 - Kwacha projected to remain stable
 - Other issues
 - Nutrition – survey has been planned

This year's Problems...

- Poor Agricultural Season
 - Late on set of rains in some parts – affected transplanting of key crops (tobacco, rice etc)
 - Dry spells in December, January and February in most parts of the country – affected most crops.
 - More severe dry spells affected the Southern part of the Country.
 - Cotton market problems last year – most farmers pulled out this year.
 - Problems expected to lead to shortfalls in hh income and food availability in affected areas.

National Production Estimates and Food Requirements (3rd round estimates)

- Total maize production 3.42 million mt (down by 8% from last year's 3.7 million mt)
- National requirement from the Food Balance Sheet - 2.5 million mt.
- Projected surplus 900,000 mt, compared to 1.2 million mt last year).
- Other crops: rice down by 20% (110,106 vs 137,130), s.potatoes increased by 6% and cassava by 3%.
- Cash crops also affected: tobacco -16.9%, cotton -59.9%

Forecasting & Early Warning



Some Assumptions

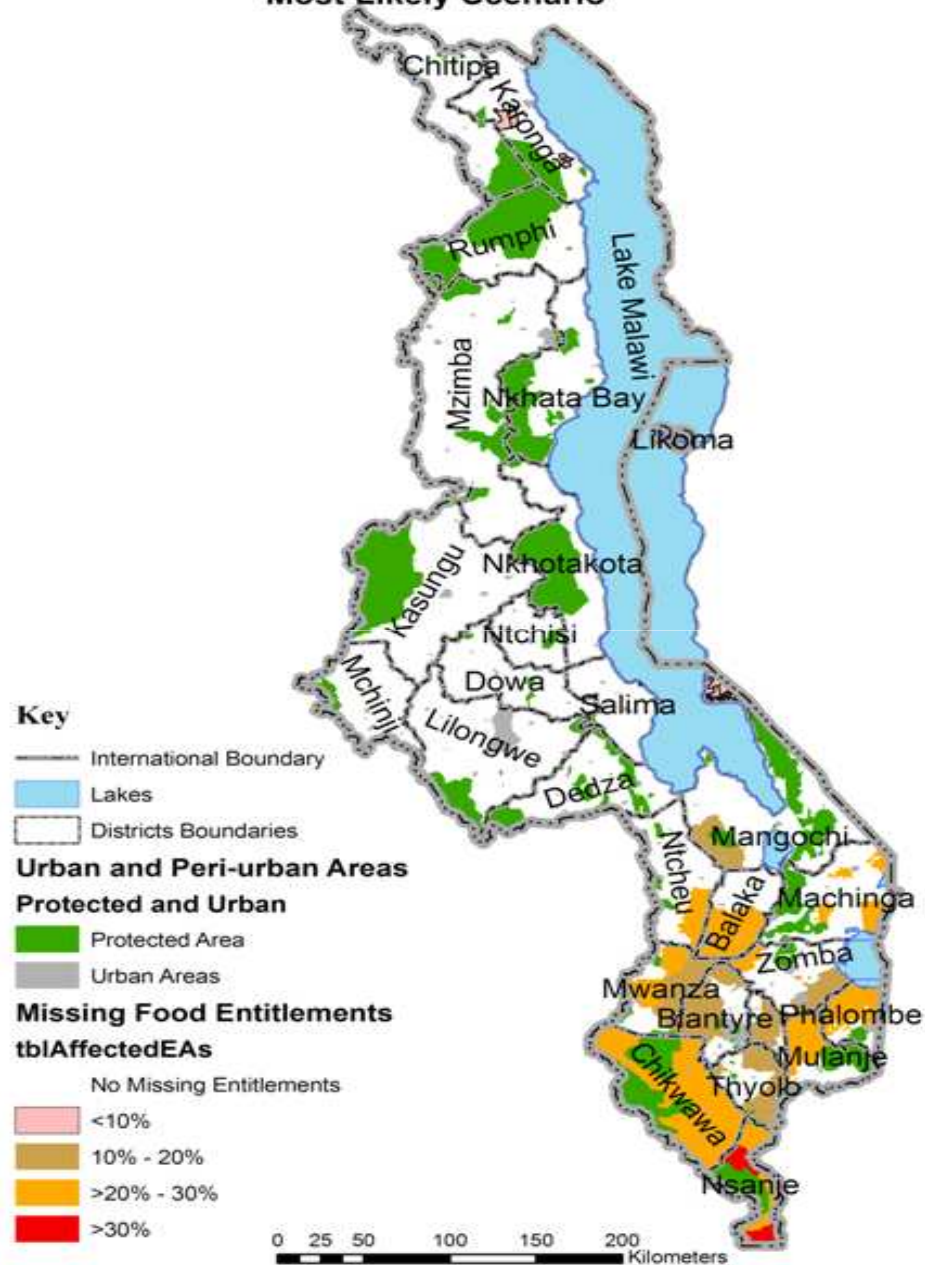
- Commodity selling prices – inflation-adjusted
- Cereal available in the country, no imports
- Maize purchase price:
 - At parity with present inflation (current average MK50/kg but could move to between MK60 and MK70 in the last two quarters).
- Ganyu availability – assumed normal, ie next season normal
- H/holds maximise opportunities to get food
- Excludes planned interventions

What are the Humanitarian Food Needs

- 15 out of 18 visited districts have some areas with Populations at Risk
- All the 13 districts of the south are affected. One from centre and the other one from north.

Population At Risk	1,061,625(8% of popn)
MFE : Maize Eq Cash Eq (\$1 = MK152)	45,363 MT MK2,268 Million U\$14.9 Million

Affected Areas in Malawi
Poorest Households: Forecast for April 2010 to March 2011
Most Likely Scenario



Conclusion

- Results presented to the Humanitarian Response Committee on 25th May for programming
- Recommended that vulnerable people will require support in terms of food or cash to access the staple
- No need to import the cereal since there is a surplus
- Nutrition survey planned for July in selected vulnerable areas.
- Expecting an update in Sept. depending on price changes.

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