



Gender Inclusive Financing for Scaling up Improved Fish Processing Technologies in Malawi

Project brief

October 2018 to September 2019

Project Summary

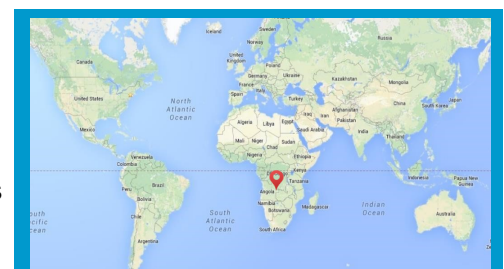
The project aims at addressing gender inequalities in the fish value chain by designing and promoting an innovative business model that can be used to scale-out adoption of improved fish processing technologies (IFPTs) among men, women, and the youth. The business model is comprised of a gender inclusive financing mechanism, the improved fish processing technologies (IFPTs) and their supply chains, and marketing of the products from the IFPTs including their certification by the Malawi Bureau of Standards.

The financing product together with other elements such as marketing, capacity building initiatives, gender transformative approaches, and certification of fish products by the Malawi Bureau of Standards defines the business model that is being promoted as a package to promote adoption of IFPTs.

To date, the project has successfully developed the innovative gender-sensitive financing mechanism, and negotiations have been conducted with the bank to define the attributes of the gender inclusive financing mechanism suitable for fishing communities.

The scaling strategy has been developed based on a combination of gender, communication and scaling strategies. Consultative meetings with various stakeholders and community members were made in the development of the Scaling Strategy. The strategy will promote scaling of improved technologies as a package.

The project developed also the standards for fish dried products for three small pelagic fish species of Lake Malawi. A draft on fish standard for dried small fish has been submitted with positive response from the Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS). In addition, MBS has requested the project to review other fish standards.



Research country
Malawi

Donor
University of Malawi : Chancellor College

Project duration
2018 – 2020

Budget
USD 0.069 million

Partners

- Malawi Department of Fisheries
- FDH Bank Limited

Contribution to Outcomes



309 people trained of which 28% women

Topics:

Gender Transformative Approaches (GTA) ; sensitization meetings for scaling out IFPTs; business management, marketing, and financial literacy .



1 Innovation

Gender-sensitive financing mechanism for the fisheries sector in Malawi ([Read more](#))



1 Policy contribution

Development of Dried Small Pelagic Standards to be adopted by the Malawi Bureau of Standards ([Read more](#))

References

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