
LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACDI	Agricultural Cooperative Development International
ACDI/VOCA	Merger of ACDI with Volunteers in Cooperative Assistance
ACOSCA	African Cooperative Saving and Credit Association
ADC	Agribusiness Development Centers
ADMARC	Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation
ADD	Agricultural Development Division
ACMV	African Cassava Mosaic Virus
AFOs	Associations Field Officers (NASFAM)
AFSU	Audit and Financial Systems (NASFAM)
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AI	Artificial Insemination
AMC	Association Management Center
APRU	Agricultural Policy Research Unit
ARD	Associates in Rural Development
ASAP	Agricultural Sector Assistance program
BOT	Board of Trustees
CA	Cooperative Agreement
CAN	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (fertilizer)
CBO	Community Based Organization
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CfW	Cash for Work
CIDA	Canadian International Development Authority
CIP	Centro Internacional del la Papa (International Potato Center)
CP	Condition Precedent
CRLSP	Central Regional Security Livelihood Program
CFF	Central Finance Facility (MUSCCO)
CREMPA	Central Region Milk Producers' Association
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CSP	Country Strategic Plan (USAID)
CSPM	Cassava and Sweet Potato Multiplication Project
CTO	Cognitive Technical Officer (USAID)
CUNA	Credit Union National Association (USA)
DANIDA	Danish Technical Cooperation
DARTS	Department of Agricultural Research and Technical Services
DCA	Development Credit Authority (USAID/W)
DEC	Disasters Emergency Committee (UK)
DRIMP	District Road Improvement Program (established under Banda for rural road maintenance)
EBCM	Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi
ECCO-FINANCE	Excellence in Cooperative Community Financial Services
EI	Emmanuel International
EPA	Extension Planning Area
FA	Field Assistant
FT	Field Technician
FFW	Food for Work

FSN	Foreign Service National
GAC	Group Action Committee
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPM	Groundnut/Pigeon Pea Multiplication Project
GVH	Group Village Head
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GOM	Government of Malawi
GTZ	German Technical Assistance
HEA	Household Economic Survey
HPI	Heifer Project International
IB	Intermediate Buyer
IFA	Inputs for Assets (EBCM seed- and fertilizer-for-work program)
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
IITA	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
JICA	Japanese International Cooperation Agency
LOL	Land O'Lakes
MAC	Market Action Center
MAFE	Malawi Agro-Forestry Extension
MASAF	Malawi Social Action Fund
MASIP	Malawi Agricultural Sector Investment Program
MALSIP	Malawi Agricultural and Livestock Investment Plan
MBG	Milk Bulking Group
MDBDP	Malawi Dairy Business Development Program
MDFA	Mzuzu Dairy Farmers Association
MDI	Malawi Dairy Industries
MDSA	Malawi Dairy Stakeholders Association
MEPC	Malawi Export Promotion Council
MK	Malawi Kwacha: MK 1 = US\$0.0125 (= 1.25 cents) in 11/02
MOAI	Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
MOALD	Ministry of Agriculture and Land Development (MOAI until 1994)
MRA	Malawi Revenue Authority
MRFC	Malawi Rural Finance Company
MSB	Malawi Savings Bank
MUSCCO	Malawi Union of Savings and Credit Cooperatives
NEC	National Economic Council
NFRA	National Food Reserve Authority
NASDEC	NASFAM (Holdings) Development Corporation
NASCOMEX	NASFAM Commodity Marketing Exchange
NASCENT	NASFAM Center for Development Support
NCES	National Crop Estimate Survey
NGO	Non-governmental organization
NLDMP	National Livestock Development Master Plan
NORAD	Norwegian Technical Assistance Program
NPA	Non-Project Assistance
NRC	Natural Resource College
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NSO	National Statistics Office

NSP	NASFAM Strengthening Project
OFDA	Office of Foreign Disaster Agency
OPV	Open pollinated varieties (of maize, i.e. not hybrid)
PA	Project Assistance
PAC	Policy, Advocacy and Communications Unit (NASFAM)
PACD	Project Assistance Completion Date
PEAC	Promotion, Education and Advisory Committee (antecessor to MUSCCO)
PEARLS	Cooperative Union Financial Monitoring System
PIL	Project Implementation Letter
PPU	Policy and Programs Unit (NASFAM)
PROSCARP	Promotion of Soil Conservation and Rural Production (EU)
PVO	Private Voluntary Organization
RCO	Regional Contracting Officer (USAID)
RCSA	Regional Center for Southern Africa
RDP	Rural Development Precinct
SACCO	Savings and Credit Cooperative Organization
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SADP	Smallholder Agricultural Development Project
SARRNET	Southern Africa Regional Crops Research Network
SCF	Save the Children (UK)
SDP	Strategic Development Program
SHMPA	Shire Highlands Milk Producers Association
S&L	Savings and Loan
SSDP	Smallholder SACCO Development Project
SSLPP	Small Scale Livestock Promotion Program
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats Analysis
TAMA	Tobacco Association of Malawi
TA	Traditional Authority
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
US\$	Malawi Kwacha (MK80 = US\$1 in November 2002, official rate)
VAC	Vulnerability Assessment Committee
VAM	Vulnerability Assessment Monitoring
VDC	Village Development Committee
VCBO	Village Community-Based Organizations
VOCA	Volunteers in Overseas Cooperation Assistance
VS&L	Village Savings and Loan
VSO	Volunteer Service Organisation (UK)
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UTIP	Universally Targeted Inputs Program
WOCCU	World Council of Credit Unions
WWS	World Wide Sires