



SHIRE VALLEY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME-1

The Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Agriculture is implementing the Shire Valley Transformation Programme with the aim of increasing agricultural productivity and commercialization for targeted households in Chikwawa and Nsanje

Districts. Approximately 43,370 hectares is expected to be irrigated through gravity-fed canals which will benefit 223,000 smallholder farmers. This brief provides pictorial highlights from the Programme.

BRIEF ON PROGRESS:

a. Construction

- 46kms canal route cleared
- 19kms canal excavated (Main Canals 1 and 2)
- 4.09kms of canal concrete paved-completed
- 14 drainage works completed
- 3 bridges completed
- 3 siphons under construction
- Fish barrier structure under construction
- Design of secondary pipelines completed
- Intake being re-designed following Cyclone Ana
- 19 cultural heritage sites identified and excavated along the canal route

b. Land tenure security

- 45,833 land parcels covering 22,299 hectares have been adjudicated and demarcated in Chikwawa belonging to 48,175 landowners (24,628 women and 22,547 men).

c. Agriculture development and commercialization

- 5 Cooperatives comprised of 7052 members registered with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies

d. Natural Resources Management

- 1 community conservation area established in the Elephant Marsh
- IUCN Red List for Malawi updated- 86 species assessed
- 4 management plans completed
- So far, 133,049 ha of the 6 protected areas in under improved management



tiger fish barrier structure under construction



Part of the 409kms paved canal



Siphon 2 under construction



A bridge on the canal



Construction works



A cooperative meeting in Chikwawa



Mulambe Cooperative meeting in session



TA Kasisi addressing Kambadwe Cooperative members at Njeleza



Map verification exercise in Chikwawa



Community consultation on maps



Excavation of cultural heritage sites on the canal route by the Department of Museums and Antiquities



Assessment of species in progress



Development of a map of the community conservation area in the Elephant Marsh



Member of Mwanda Thabalaba Group selling colombo roots at an event- this is part of Access Benefit Sharing Guidelines implementation