

Malawi

VISION 2020 - ROAD WATER MANAGEMENT IN MALAWI

“Malawi a regional focal point in RWM and
Watershed Development”

“A nation that completely harnesses water
from its roads”

“A nation where RWM practice is fully
scaled up with success stories documented
and disseminated

Advocacy and awareness

- Publicize RWM in various forums e.g. workshops, meetings, seminars (one-one discussions)
- Produce IEC materials Newsletters, leaflets, Posters, Briefs
- Use of various forms of Media (TV, Print and online)
- Put RWM on the FBLN - Malawi Chapter Website

Capacity Building

- Identify and train Trainers of Trainers (TOT)
- Produce training materials
- conduct Field days, Exchange visits and Demonstrations

Implementation on the Ground

- Community mobilization (opportunities exist with the local leaders)
- Identification of Watersheds and Development of Work-plans (30 – 50 days) – Rapid Results Approach
- Build upon existing initiatives (RWH, flood based farming)
- Mainstream RWM in the trophy scheme by local leaders
- Support establishment of Scaling Up Sites (SUPs) on RWM
- Support communities with tools for implementation
- Conduct review of work progress
- Conduct a Field Day at the end of the agreed period

Projects on the Ground

- Develop and submit proposals targeting specific sensitive catchments (watershed)
- Forge strategic partnerships with NGOs working in NRM
- Incorporate RWM and Watershed Management in Water Education Programmes for schools
- Initiate a Schools projects Competition

Research and Development

- Mainstream RWM in the research agenda (DARs and Academic Institutions)
- Conduct a seminar on RWM in academic institutions (conduct a lecture)
- Identify research areas
- RHAM host students conducting research on RWM
- Publish and disseminate research results
- Produce policy brief based on research results

Visibility

- Roadside demonstrations
- Put signage of existing projects and demonstration centers

Policy – Guidelines – Budget

- Integration of sectors – bringing different people together
- Publicize existing guidelines
- Review of existing policies and propose strategic actions to translate policies into action
- Sensitize and get the commitment of Parliamentary committees (Agriculture, Environment, Public Works)
- Lobby district councils to mainstream RWM in district plans
- Incorporate RWM in existing programmes and budgets
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Steps by Organization

- Back to Office – Director/PS/Minister
- Concept Note/Position paper on RWM
- Bilateral and Multi lateral discussions with relevant stakeholders (NRA, Public works, Environment)
- Conduct a meeting of relevant stakeholders to agree on way forward
- Capacity building of staff on RWM
- Mainstreaming RWM in existing projects and programmes