



Trip Report: Natural Capital and Poverty Reduction

Malawi: May 29 – June 12, 2009

Traveler: Gerald Shively, Purdue University

Objective

This trip had four objectives: (1) to meet with collaborators/co-PIs (Monica Fisher, IFPRI and Charles Jumbe, University of Malawi – Bunda College) to discuss project progress; (2) to participate in a week-long research methods training workshop for Bunda College/NOMA MS students and to identify potential student-collaborators for the project; (3) to conduct a three-day policy training workshop at the University of Malawi for staff from Bunda College and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security; and (4) to launch fieldwork in Kusungu and Liwonde districts in Malawi.

- 5/29 Departed the U.S. for Lilongwe, Malawi, traveling via Amsterdam and Nairobi, staying overnight en route in Nairobi.
- 5/31 Arrived in Lilongwe and transferred to the APATU Guest House on the campus of the University of Malawi, Bunda College. The APATU guest house is basic, with worn fixtures, a basic restaurant serving a limited menu, no internet connectivity, and an unreliable electricity supply without a backup generator. Guests are provided with mosquito nets and clean bedding. The supply of bottled water is sporadic and it would be best for guests to acquire a supply in Lilongwe before arriving.
- 6/01 Began week-long efforts at the University of Malawi to finalize village and household questionnaires for a 400-household follow-up of 2002 and 2006 surveys in Kusungu and Liwonde districts. Undertook efforts to prepare for fieldwork including hiring of enumerators, vehicles, etc. Also worked with Rodney Lunduka to help finalize research topics and a questionnaire for an 800-household survey that we are collaborating on with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences.
- 6/03 Conducted an “Ethics in Research” training at Bunda College. Participants are listed in Appendix A (18 male participants; 8 female participants; 26 total participants).
- 6/08 Visited USAID and met with Mark Visocky and Patrick Wesner. We discussed the activities of the BASIS CRSP project in Malawi and general USAID concerns in the country. Mark Visocky will be leaving the mission in the near future. His replacement has not been named.

- 6/09 Began a three day training workshop for members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security staff. The title of the workshop was “Policy-Oriented Research for Improved Policy Making in Malawi.” It was conducted at the University of Malawi Center for Agricultural Research and Development (CARD). Participants are listed in Appendix B and a photo of the group is in Appendix C (26 male participants; 10 female participants; 36 total participants). The workshop agenda is provided in Appendix D.
- 6/10 Survey team (2 supervisors and 4 enumerators) departed for Kusungu.
- 6/12 Early morning meeting at the hotel with Lawrence Mapemba (Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security) to discuss data analysis issues related to the Malawi Integrated Household Survey II. Resolved some Stata programming issues and agreed to provide continuing input to help Lawrence conduct analysis of the data. Departure for return trip to US.
- 6/13 Return to duty station via Nairobi and Amsterdam.

Appendix A – List of participants in the certificate training course “Ethical Conduct of Research with Human Subjects” at the University of Malawi, June 5, 2009

Assa Maganga
Memory Malakini
Geofrey Chamdimba
Kumbukani Nzengereza
Cuthbert Lunduka
Viola Changamire
Dziwani Kambauwa
Chifunior Somanje
Solomon Chirwa
Vera Chimwala
Victor Mbamba
Loma Nyangulu
Zachariah Chimseu
Lusekelo Mwangomba
Teame Hailemariam Tedla
Thomas Assefa
Annet Adong
Fitsum Wakweya
Boja Tesfaye Garedow
Wilson Asiimwe
Isaac Jambo
Sehin Kinfu
Chiyembekezo Chafuya
Duncan Ndhlovu
Rodney Lunduka
John Mazunda

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Appendix B – List of participants in the AMA BASIS CRSP Workshop “Policy-Oriented Research for Improved Policy Making in Malawi” conducted at the University of Malawi Center for Agricultural Research and Development (CARD), June 9-11, 2009

Participant name	Affiliation	Gender
Estere Tsoka	MOAFS	F
Emmanuel Kanchewa	MOAFS	M
Goodwill Kachingwe	MOAFS	M
Powell Mponela	Bunda College	M
Mwiriha V. Masepuka	Bunda College	M
Dinala Zalinga	MOAFS	M
Cyril Komba	MOAFS	M
Hastings Chiwasa	MOAFS	M
Maurice Makirwira	MOAFS	M
Chrispin Kambani	MOAFS	M
Fred Msiska	MOAFS	M
Chriss Nyondo	MOAFS	M
George Matiya	MOAFS	M
Chance Chilimbila	MOAFS	M
Serah Gondwe	MOAFS	F
Boyd Mwafulirwa	MOAFS	M
Jane Nkhono	MOAFS	F
Nelson Mzumara	MOAFS	M
Chimwemwe Bomba	MOAFS	F
Chimwemwe Khoswe	MOAFS	M
Alice Chilenga	MOAFS	F
Dymon Gondwe	MOAFS	M
Susan Komwa	MOAFS	F
Cuthbert Chirwa	MOAFS	M
Noel Nangwale	MOAFS	M
Loma Nyangulu	Bunda College	F
Ian Kumwenda	Independent	M
Maureen Mwawa	MOAFS	F
Loyce Fatch	MOAFS	F
Lawrence Mapemba	MOAFS	M
Moses Zuze	Bunda College	M
S. Chikapusa	MOAFS	M
R. Musopole	MOAFS	F
C. J. Chinkhuntha	MOAFS	M
G. E. Alinafe	MOAFS	M
Misheck Mtaya	CARD	M

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Appendix C – photo of participants in the AMA BASIS CRSP Workshop “Policy-Oriented Research for Improved Policy Making in Malawi” conducted at the University of Malawi Center for Agricultural Research and Development (CARD), June 9-11, 2009



Appendix D Agenda for AMA BASIS CRSP WORKSHOP: POLICY-ORIENTED RESEARCH FOR IMPROVED POLICY MAKING IN MALAWI, UNIVERSITY OF MALAWI CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (CARD), JUNE 9-11, 2009

Day 1: 9 June 2009 – Official Opening

9:00	Welcome and introductions	Dr. Kenneth Wiyo, CARD
9:15	Opening remarks	Prof. Moses Kwapata, Bunda College
9:20	Official Opening	Principal Secretary, MOA
9:30	Break and photo session after official opening	

Day 1: Morning session – Policy-driven/oriented research: approaches, issue and analysis

10:00	Approaches to development and the rationale behind policy intervention	Prof. Gerald Shively, Purdue University, USA
11:00	Policy-driven research: the example of Malawi's Starter Pack Scheme	Dr. Monica Fisher, IFPRI
11:45	Brainstorming session: key issues	Group
13:00	Lunch	

Day 1: Afternoon session – Introduction to STATA and software

2:00	Basics of STATA	Dr. Charles Jumbe, CARD
3:30	Guided computer activities	Group
3:15	Break	
3:30	Guided computer activities	Group
4:45	Feedback from participants	Group
5:00	End of day 1	

Day 2: 10 June 2009 – Inputs, production, policy and supply

9:00	Microfinance and rural finance in Malawi	Dr. Valentina Hartarska, Auburn U.
10:00	Weather-based production-risk insurance	Dr. Denis Nadolnyak, Auburn Univ.
10:45	Break	
11:00	Economic assessment of index-based weather risk insurance: Research Proposal	Ms. Mwiriha Masepuka MSc Student, Bunda College
11:30	Impact of Microfinance on the Efficiency of Microenterprises	Ms. Loma Nyangulu MSc Student, Bunda College
12:00	Defining the context for policy-oriented research	Prof. Gerald Shively, Purdue
13:00	Lunch	

Day 2: Afternoon session – Quantitative policy analysis

2:00	Interpreting and conducting statistical analysis with examples from Malawi's IHS	Dr. Monica Fisher, IFPRI
2:30	Guided computer activities	Group
3:15	Break	
3:30	Guided computer activities	Group
5:00	Reception	

Day 3: 11 June 2009 – Emerging issues, bioenergy and value chain analysis

8:30	Bioenergy and rural development	Dr. Charles Jumbe/Frederick Msiska
9:45	Economics of Jatropha production in Malawi	Mr. Moses Zuze (MSc Student)
10:00	Land use change and Jatropha production	Mr. Powell Mponela (MSc Student)
10:15	Brainstorming session: bioenergy	Group
10:45	Break	
11:00	Data needs and the link to policy	Prof. Gerald Shively, Purdue
12:00	Quantitative value chain analysis with examples from Uganda's charcoal trade	Prof. Gerald Shively & Mr. Christopher Chibwana, Purdue
13:00	Lunch	

Day 3: Afternoon session – Land tenure, policy and productivity

1:30	Land tenure and productivity in Malawi	Prof. Gerald Shively, Purdue
3:15	Break	
3:30	Guided computer activities	Group
4:50	Closing remarks	Dr. Kenneth Wiyo, Director CARD Prof. Gerald Shively
5:00	Closing statement	Principal, Bunda College

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