

# LEAP4YOUTH Project Conducts District Youth Engagement Meetings



*LEAP4YOUTH project staff from MwAPATA and NYCOM during the Agri-Skills Lab in Zomba*

As part of the process of institutionalizing youth-led agri-food systems platforms in the LEAP4YOUTH Project, MwAPATA, in partnership with the **National Youth Council of Malawi** (NYCOM), with support from **AGRA**, conducted a district policy clinic with youth networks in Mchinji and an Agri-Skills Lab for youths in Zomba. The Mchinji Policy Clinic was held at Mchinji Community Hall from 2nd to 3rd February 2026, while the Zomba Agri-Skills Lab was held at Zomba Community Stadium Hall from 6th to 7th February 2026.

The aim of the Policy Clinic was to strengthen youth engagement in agri-food policymaking by generating evidence and establishing institutionalized feedback mechanisms. Through the policy clinics, the project raised awareness of agricultural and youth-related policies as well as implementation mechanisms. The Policy Clinic also exposed the youths to vital knowledge about the available youth opportunities in the agri-food systems. MwAPATA research findings on available youth opportunities and the agricultural incentive booklet were also shared during the Policy Clinic.

On the other hand, the Agri-Skills Lab for youths in Zomba equipped young farmers, agripreneurs, and innovators with the critical skills necessary for mindset change towards effective engagement in agriculture policy-making processes and an understanding of agricultural and youth-related policies, strategies, and implementation mechanisms. The youths were also introduced to Policy Advocacy as well as Policy Formulation and Implementation Processes to enhance their understanding of their role in the process in order to strengthen their active participation in agri-food systems policymaking.

**Read more** in the [Policy Clinic Report](#) and the [Agri-Skills Lab Report](#).