



# Summary of Recommendations from the Aquaculture Policy Research Dissemination Seminar held on 20 April 2022

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# Background

- 🌅 The Aquaculture Policy Research Seminar was organized by MwAPATA Institute, Department of Fisheries and GIZ
- 🌅 Purpose was to explore strategies to grow aquaculture sub-sector and to improve profitability of aquaculture in Malawi

# Outputs from the Seminar

-  Shared lessons and experiences on how we can develop the aquaculture sector in Malawi
-  Discussed strategies and policy thrusts for addressing challenges that are hindering growth of the aquaculture sub-sector
-  Discussed and agreed on opportunities in the aquaculture sub-sector that investors can tap into

# Key Take Aways (1)

- 🌅 Fisheries is an important sector as it contributes to the countries as well as the regional economic growth

*“.....but fish catches are dwindling, and aquaculture is the way to go.”*

- 🌅 Fish farmers are facing various challenges:

- Poor quality feed and fingerlings
- Limited extension and credit facilities
- Climate change and fish diseases

# Key Take Aways (2)

## Opportunities:

- High demand for quality feed and fingerlings
- Readily available markets for fish
- Abundance of natural resources
- Potential for value addition

# Where do we go from here?

- 🌅 Growth in the aquaculture sub-sector will come from medium- to large- scale aquaculture
  - Support small scale farmers to graduate to higher levels of production
- 🌅 Address barriers/incentives to private sector engagement in the aquaculture sub-sector
- 🌅 Invest in quality feed production and fingerling production
- 🌅 Increase aquaculture financing
  - Explore loans from private sector, NGOs, or government financing

# Where do we go from here?

- ☀ Promote information sharing
  - Lessons from other countries
  - Closing knowledge gap among policy and decision makers
- ☀ Promote new aquaculture production systems
  - Tanks and cages
- ☀ Coordinate efforts in the aquaculture sector
- ☀ Develop technical skills in aquaculture farm management and business



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