

# TI Malawi Partners Conduct Decentralized Dissemination of the Food Systems Synthesis Report



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The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Local Government and the National Planning Commission of Malawi, in collaboration with the Food Systems Transformation Initiative Project (comprising GIZ Malawi, MwAPATA Institute, Civil Society Organization Nutrition Alliance (CSONA) and Civil Society Agriculture Network (CISANET)), conducted regional meetings with district council representatives in all the four regions of Malawi: Southern, Eastern, Central and Northern regions. The objectives of the regional meetings included disseminating the Food Systems Synthesis report and consolidating feedback on the Food Systems Strategy and Investment Plan from the district stakeholders.

On 16 October 2024, the first regional meeting which was for the Southern Region took place at Amaryllis Hotel in Blantyre City. District council representatives from Nsanje, Chikwawa, Mulanje, Chiradzulu, Blantyre, Neno and Mwanza participated in the meeting. The second one was the Eastern Region meeting on 18 October 2024 held at T&G Conference Centre in Zomba. District council representatives from Zomba, Phalombe, Machinga, Balaka, Mangochi and Ntcheu participated in the meeting. This was followed by the Northern Region Meeting on 21 October 2024, held at Mzuzu Sunbird Hotel, where participants from Nkhatabay, Mzimba, Rumphu and Likoma converged.

Lastly, the Central Region meeting was conducted on 25 October 2024 at Sigelege Hotel in Salima, bringing together the district council representatives from Dedza, Lilongwe, Salima, Mchinji, Kasungu, Dowa, Ntchisi and Nkhotakota. All Agriculture Development Division (ADD) project managers also participated in the regional meetings. In all the regional meetings, the councils presented the progress made in their respective districts so far in operationalizing the Food Systems action tracks and reported the key challenges encountered.