

Inception Meeting for the LEAP4YOUTH Project



NYCOM and MwAPATA teams during the LEAP4YOUTH Inception meeting

The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) awarded a grant of USD 400,000 to the MwAPATA Institute and the National Youth Council of Malawi (NYCOM) to implement a two-year initiative titled “Enhancing Inclusive Youth-Led Platforms for Evidence-Based Agricultural Policy Making and Implementation in Malawi (LEAP4YOUTH).” Running from 1 November 2025 to 31 October 2027, the LEAP4YOUTH project seeks to strengthen youth participation in Malawi’s agricultural policy processes by establishing institutionalized platforms that empower young people to shape, monitor, and implement policies driving agricultural transformation.

Following the award, MwAPATA and NYCOM conducted an inception meeting for the project on 20 November 2025 at the MwAPATA Office. Representing MwPATA at the meeting were the Research Fellow Dr. Maggie Munthali as well as Research Analysts, Mr Bonface Nankwenya and Mr Lemekezani Chilora. During the inception meeting, the LEAP4YOUTH project team discussed and refined the project plans, including the proposed interventions, expected outcomes, indicators of success and monitoring plans.

Under the project, MwAPATA Institute will lead evidence generation and the development of policy knowledge products, while NYCOM will coordinate youth engagement, advocacy, and capacity-building activities. The project is expected to directly reach 10,000 youths, with at least half of them being young women across priority value chains, including maize, soybean, groundnuts, poultry, horticulture, and beekeeping.