THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, IRRIGATION AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

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MISSION
To accelerate broad based agriculture, water and irrigation development for socio economic growth and development.

MANDATE
To improve agricultural productivity and sustainably develop and manage land and water resources to achieve food, nutrition and income security for economic growth and development.

DEPARTMENTS
- Department of crops production
- Department of Agriculture Extension Services (DAES)
- Land Resources Conservation Department
- Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development (DAHLD)
- Department of Agriculture Research Services (DARS)
- Fisheries Department
- Planning Department
- Department of Irrigation

COVERAGE
The ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water development demarcated the country into 8 agro-ecological zones called Agriculture Development Division (ADDs) and all the departments are replicated at that level.

List of ADDs
- Karonga
- Mzuzu
- Kasungu
- Lilongwe
- Shire Valley
- Salima
- Machinga
- Blantyre

The ADDs provide technical services to the District Agricultural Development Offices (DADO) that are situated in all the 28 districts of Malawi. In addition, the Department of Agricultural Research Services has strategic Research Stations across the country.

List of Research Station
- Chitedze
- Makoka
- Bvumbwe
- Lunyangwa
- Kasinthula
- Chitala
- Luwu
- Mibondezi
- Mbwala
- Baka

Research in fish production is done at Fisheries research unit-Monkey Bay and National Aquaculture centre - Domasi

Key programmes and projects
- Farm Input Subsidy Program (FISP)
- Agriculture Sector Wide Approach Support Project (ASWAP-SP)
- Sustainable Agricultural Production Programme (SAPP)
- Agricultural Productivity Program for Southern Africa (APPSA)
- Smallholder Irrigation and Value Addition Project (SIVAP)
- Agriculture Infrastructure Services Project (AISP)
- Farm Incomes Diversification Programme (FIDP)
- Shire River Basin Management Programme (SRBMP)

KEY RESPONSIBILITY AREAS
- Coordinate and provide guidance on agricultural policy, programme planning, implementation and reviews; and provide quality management and support services
- Conduct research and provide agricultural regulatory services on agricultural production and processing initiatives
- Coordinate and provide guidance on agricultural policy and program planning
- Promote appropriate crop production technologies
- Provide quality management and support services
- Promote livestock production and animal health services
- Promote efficient diversified use of land resources
- Provide professional services to ensure sustainable fisheries resource utilization and enhanced aquaculture through principles of good governance
- Provide Agricultural extension services to all farmers in the country

OVERVIEW OF THE MINISTRY
The overall objective of the ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development is to improve food security among farmers in the country. This is mainly done through the provision of a conducive environment for stakeholder participation in the sector by formulating coherent sectoral policies.