

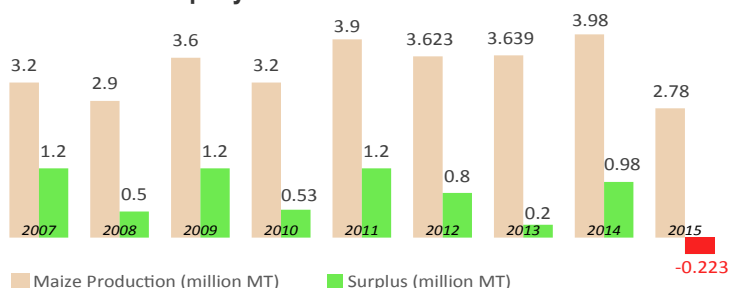
Regional Socio - Economic Context

Population	16,3 million people
Life expectancy	49 years
Population Growth Rate	2.8%
Human Development Index	0.414 (2013)
Adult Literacy	74.8% (2012)
Employment Rate	92.0% (2013)
Average GDP Growth	5.40% (2013)
Under 5 Mortality Rate	112 per 1,000 live births
Inflation	18.4% (2015 expected)
HIV and AIDS	12.0%

Summary Results / Findings

- The affected population that will require humanitarian assistance is estimated at 2,833,212 people for a period of 3 to 8 months from October 2015 to March 2016.
- The estimated requirement for intervention for the 3 to 8 months period is 124,183 MT of maize equivalent or USD 33,300,000 (out of the total 886,204 were in hard hit flooded areas and 1,947,008 were in areas largely affected by dry-spells).
- Twenty five (25) districts (4 in the north; 8 in the centre and 13 in the south) have been affected.

Maize Production per year

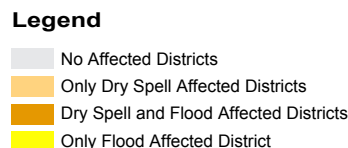


Crop Production Season Overview 2014/15

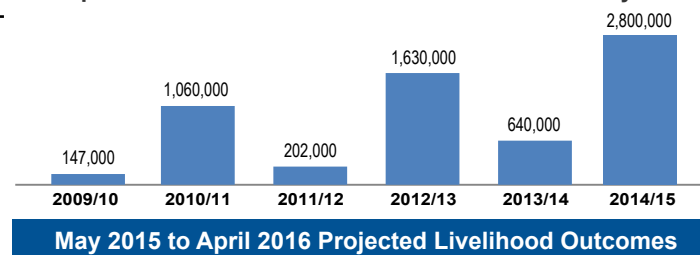
- The production season delayed by between 30 to 40 days due to late onset of rains.
- The country then received heavy and continuous rains between end December and first two weeks of January, 2015; resulting in widespread floods and wash-aways. (The head of State declared a national disaster covering 15 of 28 districts; on 13th January, 2015.)
- The Floods were followed by dry-spells between February & March, 2015; destroying crops before maturity.



Figure 1: Flooded Crop Land, Malawi
(Source: RVAC)



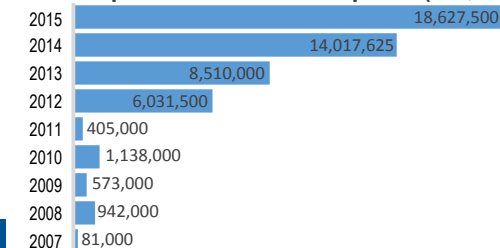
Population at risk of food and livelihoods insecurity trend



May 2015 to April 2016 Projected Livelihood Outcomes



Cash Equivalent of Maize Required (MK,000)



Main Conclusions

- Main staple production forecast for 2014/2015 indicates a 30% drop compared to last season. The country has posted a deficit of 223,723 MT.
- Peak price of maize (during the lean period Oct to March) will depend on stable availability/distribution of maize on the market. This will depend on govt. and private imports and the role that ADMARC will play on the market.
- Irrigation prospects are projected to dwindle due to early cessation of rains
- Labour (Ganyu) prospects are projected to remain constant while rates are expected to drop as many people will be selling labour.
- The estimated affected population that will require humanitarian assistance is estimated at 2,833,212 people for a period of between 3 to 8 months and will need 124,183 metric tonnes of maize equivalent or USD 33.3 million.

Key Recommendations

- Government and partners should move swiftly to assist the affected 2,833,212 people to ameliorate suffering.
- ADMARC should ensure that maize is available throughout the country at affordable price to protect the vulnerable (should play its social role of cushioning people from "culture" traders).
- Irrigation needs to be promoted and supported in areas where there water bodies and residual moisture. Government and relevant stakeholders should continue championing building community resilience against effects of extreme weather events.

Population (Male & Female) Source: LandScan 2010

