

Enhancing Commercial Farming in the Shire Valley

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CONTEXT

The development objective of the Shire Valley Transformation Programme for Malawi is to increase agricultural productivity and commercialisation for targeted households in the Shire Valley; and to improve the sustainable management and utilisation of natural resources.

The programme aims to provide large-scale irrigation infrastructure and to develop human capital.

OBJECTIVE



The Enhancing Commercial Farming in the Shire Valley project focusses on establishing and piloting a framework for developing skilled human resources to

support agricultural commercialisation through the Shire Valley Transformation Programme.

The project is establishing a dialogue mechanism between employers, training providers and government and using this to inform the development of needs-based, practical training on an ongoing basis. The project is being delivered in the Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts of Southern Malawi.

STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES

Enhancing Commercial Farming in the Shire Valley is delivering a wide range of integrated activities including:

- Developing a dialogue mechanism to help facilitate demand-driven training
- Curriculum enhancement, design and delivery of associated training programmes
- Capacity building of trainers and other relevant actors
- Defining work placement models and establishing work placements
- Promoting policy dialogue to help inform national approaches to skills development



EXPECTED MAIN OUTCOMES

The action will create the conditions to deliver:

400+

people trained in practical placements

280+

people in decent jobs

4

VET Centres with increased capacity with increased capacity to deliver fit-for-purpose agricultural-skills development

20

VET trainers trained

IMPLEMENTATION ACTORS

- 1 British Council
- 2 SVTP management committee
- 3 Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational and Educational Training Authority (TEVETA)
- 4 European Union Delegation (EUD)



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