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Activity Brief

The Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) Training of Trainers was organised by the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS), in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES), with financial support from DAI Global. The training took place at Nalipiri Eco Tourist Lodge in Mulanje from 24th February to 1st March 2025. It brought together extension workers and key stakeholders from seven districts—Phalombe, Zomba, Neno, Chikwawa, Karonga, Salima, and Machinga. PICSA experts from DAES under the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development and from DCCMS facilitated the sessions, aiming to build capacity for delivering climate-informed agricultural advisory services.

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Title of the Activity

Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) – Training of Trainers

Objective of the Activity

The main objective of the training was to strengthen the capacity of frontline agricultural workers and lead farmers to effectively implement and extend the Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) approach, enabling the delivery of climate-informed agricultural advice and improving farmers' ability to make resilient, evidence-based livelihood decisions.

Key Activities Conducted

- The training involved a range of interactive and practical learning activities designed to enhance understanding and application of the PICSA approach. These included detailed presentations by experts on various aspects of climate services and agricultural planning, plenary sessions that encouraged open discussion and knowledge sharing among participants, and group discussions to foster peer learning and collaborative problem-solving. Additionally, field-based practical exercises were conducted, allowing participants to apply the PICSA tools and techniques in real-world settings. These hands-on sessions helped to reinforce the concepts covered in the classroom and provided valuable experience in engaging with farmers using participatory methods.

Partners/Stakeholders

- [Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) and DAI Global]



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Key Takeaways / Outcomes

- District teams, extension officers, and lead farmers were equipped with the skills and knowledge to train others using the PICSA approach.
- Participants were capacitated in the interpretation and application of climate information products for agricultural decision-making.
- Frontline workers gained practical strategies to effectively engage and support farmers through participatory methods.
- Clear and actionable implementation plans were developed to guide the roll-out of PICSA training at community level.
- Extension workers enhanced their skills in analysing climate data and using it to inform context-specific agricultural advice.

Photo Highlight



Participants during a practical session.

DCCMS Officers Involved

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