CURRENT NETWORKS

• ASSOCIATIONS
  • National Association of Smallholder Farmer (NASFARM)
  • Farmers Union of Malawi (FUM)
  • Seed Traders Association (STAM)
  • Water Users Association-Irrigation Schemes
  • Government extension through Farmer club/ FBO and Cooperatives
  • Farm Radio Trust-call centre

• PROFESSIONAL GROUPS
  • Malawi Institute of Engineers
  • Association of Surveyors
  • Rainwater Harvesting Association

COMMON INTEREST
1. Cane Growers Association
2. Rice Growers Association
3. Legume farmers Network
4. Tobacco Association of Malawi (TAMA)
5. ARET (RESEARCH)
FORMAL

• Associations – formal and registered

INFORMAL

• Local level Informal- lead farmer/innovative supported by government to network farmers
NETWORKED

• Among Networks/ Association there is an NGO regulating body (CONGOMA)
• Mostly work independently
• National Agriculture or Trade fair- Networking of NGOs Associations, Traders and farmers
ACTIVITIES

• Farmer exchange visits
• Field days
• Local or Regional or National Conferences
• Local or National Agriculture fairs.
• Mobile communication Van (Film, Puppet shows, Music, Handouts)
• WhatsApp- groups among farmers
• SMS
ESTABLISHMENT OF FBFS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Groups to work with
• Farmer club/WUA
• Lead farmer/Extension workers

How to start
• Identify sites in key Flood plain district 6-8
• Develop program and communicate
• Develop IEC materials
• Procurement of Phones for communication.
Focal point

• Lead farmer
• Extension workers (Govt and NGO)

Activities

• Develop material for training
• Create WhatsApp group
• Training of participants
• Field visit to practising farmers
• Develop a workplan
Communication activity

• Newsletter in local language.

Key messages
  • About RHAM
  • Introduction of FBFS
  • FBFS technologies
  • Activities done so far
  • Linkage between FBFS and other farming systems
  • Programme of up coming events