

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