



Photo 1. A woman in a village 5 kilometers from the planned Nthenje warehouse prepares maize for storage by drying it in the sun first. Storage is a major problem in rural areas of Malawi, where pest infestation can ruin an entire harvest.



Photo 2. Aida Malamulo prepares maize for storage in the house and in traditional maize storage houses. Storage is a major problem in rural areas of Malawi, where pest infestation can ruin an entire harvest.



Photo 3. Alice Dete, NASFAM extension worker with one of her small scale group of farmers who will supply to the Nthenje warehouse, Rosemary Fusani. Alice advises small scale farmers on better, more effective methods of agriculture. Access to markets and story farmers face, she says.



Photo 4. Alice Dete, National Farmers Association of Malawi NASFAM extension worker. She advises small scale farmers on better, more effective methods of agriculture. Access to markets and storage are two major problems which farmers face, she says



Photo 5. Andrew Kachete at the Malawi Agricultural Commodity Exchange based in Lilongwe. He is the second person to have successfully used ACE warehouse receipt system and he is confident that farmers can make a profit using the system.



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Photo 7. Besta Mora at the shop which he started with profits from having traded on the Agricultural Commodity Exchange in Lilongwe. He is the first small scale trader to have used an ACE trading forum.



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Photo 10. Bickson Gangata, manager at the Nthenje Farmers Association. He welcomes the new warehouse facility due to be built at the association, which will take storage capacity to 500 tonnes.



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Photo 12. Chairman of the Chiyambi agricultural cooperative Anthony Chibweya with group secretary Maxwell Chindenga. The group outlined access to markets and storage capacity as two major limitations to their business.





Photo 13. Chairman of the Kafulu Farmers Association Alikipo Ndata center with Chief Mbingwa left and school staff. The school is where farmers currently store maize as they have no other storage options.



Photo 16 Chief Mbingwa outside the Kafulu Farmers Association where a 500 tonne warehouse facility will be built. The group is eager to embrace new storage facilities.



Photo 14. Chairman of the Kafulu Farmers Association Alikipo Ndata shows maize stored in current facilities where it is regularly infested with weevils. The group is eager to embrace new storage facilities, he said.



Photo 17. Current facilities will be revamped at the Nthenje site to include a state of the art warehouse facility with ICT hub and 500 tonnes storage capacity



Photo 15. Chairman of the Kafulu Farmers Association set to benefit from revamped warehouse benefits Alikipo Ndata right with local Chief Mbingwa. The group is eager to embrace new storage facilities, he said.



Photo 18. Maize is currently bought from farmers by small scale traders who pay low prices. The warehouse receipt system will allow farmers to get a better price for their produce by selling directly to bigger buyers and holding onto their produce until prices





Photo 19. Members of the Chiyambi agricultural cooperative grow mushrooms to supplement their agricultural income.



Photo 20. Members of the Chiyambi cooperative which will benefit from a 500 tonne warehouse storage facility.



Photo 21. Small scale farmer Aida Malamulo shows how she stores her maize in the house. She welcomes the idea of having a warehouse storage facility as she regularly faces harvest losses due to pest infestation.



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Photo 23. Small scale farmer Menia Sokelele will supply to the Nathenje warehouse. It will keep the produce safe, she said.



Photo 24. Small scale maize farmer Loiness Mwanse will supply the Nathenje warehouse and is excited at the prospect. She is not happy with the current price that she gets for her maize, she said





Photo 25. Small scale traders store the maize before transporting it.



Photo 28. Traditional storage houses used for maize. They are prone to pest infestation



Photo 26. The Nathenje site is expected to have a state of the art warehouse facility complete with ICT hub.



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Photo 30. Women in a small scale farmers' group set to benefit from the 500 metric tonne capacity warehouse at the warehouse express their concerns and excitement.



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