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Project Title: Promoting Responsible Land Governance
for Sustainable Agriculture in Malawi



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Project Objectives



❑ General objective:

- To improve the livelihoods of the population, particularly in the rural areas of the country, through sustainable agricultural development in Malawi

❑ Specific objectives:

- To strengthen institutional framework and capacity at all levels for an efficient and effective land reform programme
- To improve smallholder farmers' land rights, in particular women, due to responsible land governance at local level guided by principles enshrined in the VGGT.
- To pilot, test and recommend for scale up improved gender sensitive land governance systems for customary estates



Pilot Project Sites



- Southern Region, Phalombe District, T.A Nazombe, GVH Maone:
 - Strongly matrilineal society
- Central Region, Kasungu District, T.A. Lukwa, GVH Ching'amba
 - Mixed, existence of leases
- Northern Region, Rumphi District, T.A. Mwankhunikira, VGH Chimalawanthu
 - Strongly patrilineal society



Project Progress



- ☐ Establishment of two Customary Land Committees for both pilot sites
- ☐ Establishment of Customary Land Tribunal at for TA Nazombe, Phalombe
- ☐ Started adjudication and demarcation of land parcels in two pilot sites; Phalombe and Kasungu
- ☐ Development and distribution of Information, Education and Communication materials
- ☐ Development of Physical Planning Regulations, Land Surveys Regulations and Land Acquisition and Compensation Regulations.
- ☐ Developing District Land Registry Plan and Devolution Plan for the land sector



Project Progress

- ❑ 35 district and community level participants; 27 men and 8 women were trained in participatory Monitoring and Evaluation

Progress (Up to end April 2019)

Pilot Site		Training	Field work period so far	Target (HHs)	Parcels	Progress (HHs)
1	Phalombe	2Weeks	8 weeks	1,000	1,224	474 (1/2 GVH covered)
2	Kasungu	2 Weeks	4 weeks	1,000	313	247
3	Rumphi	0	0	1,000	0	0





Training on the use of satellite imagery in the adjudication and demarcation of land parcels

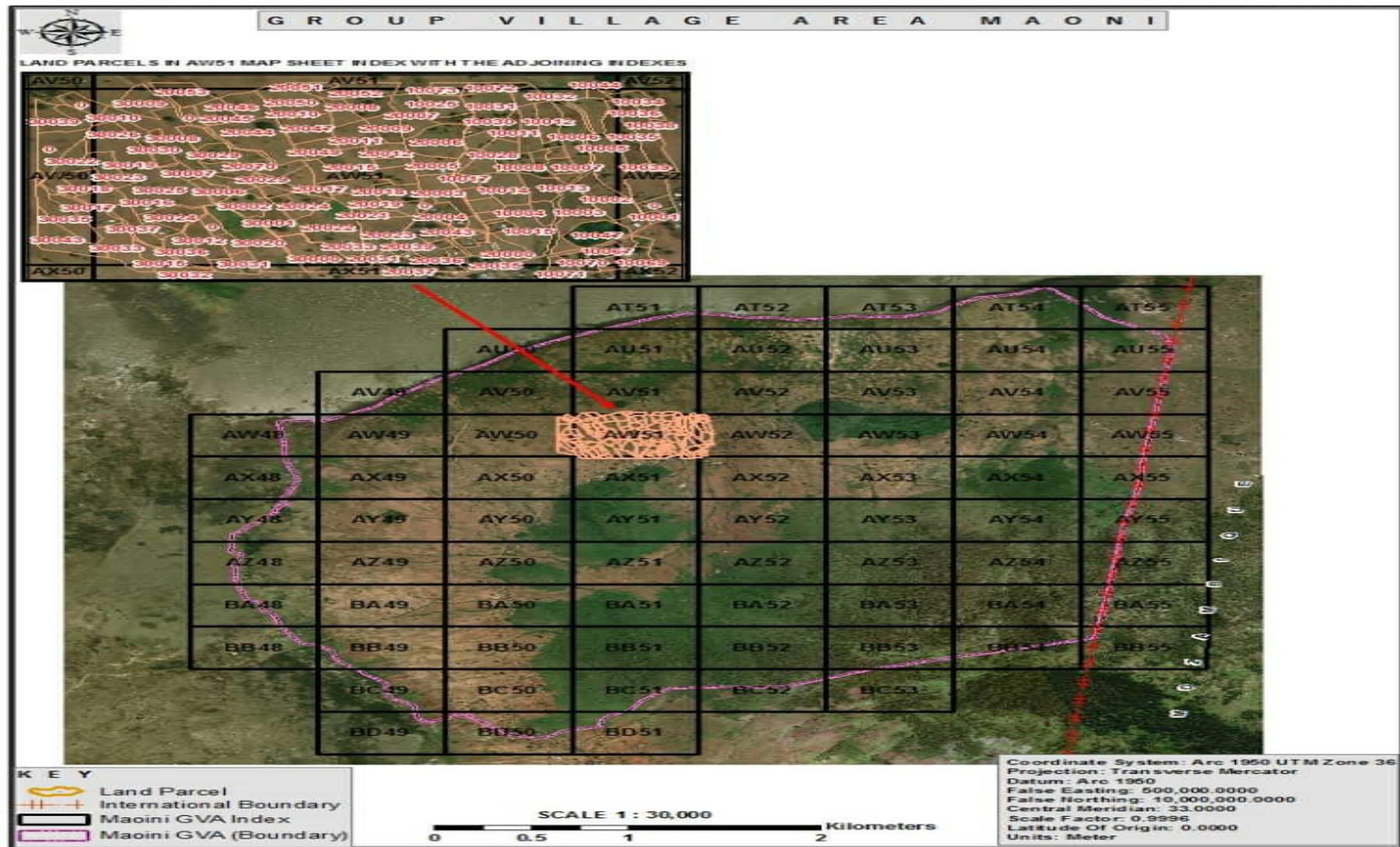




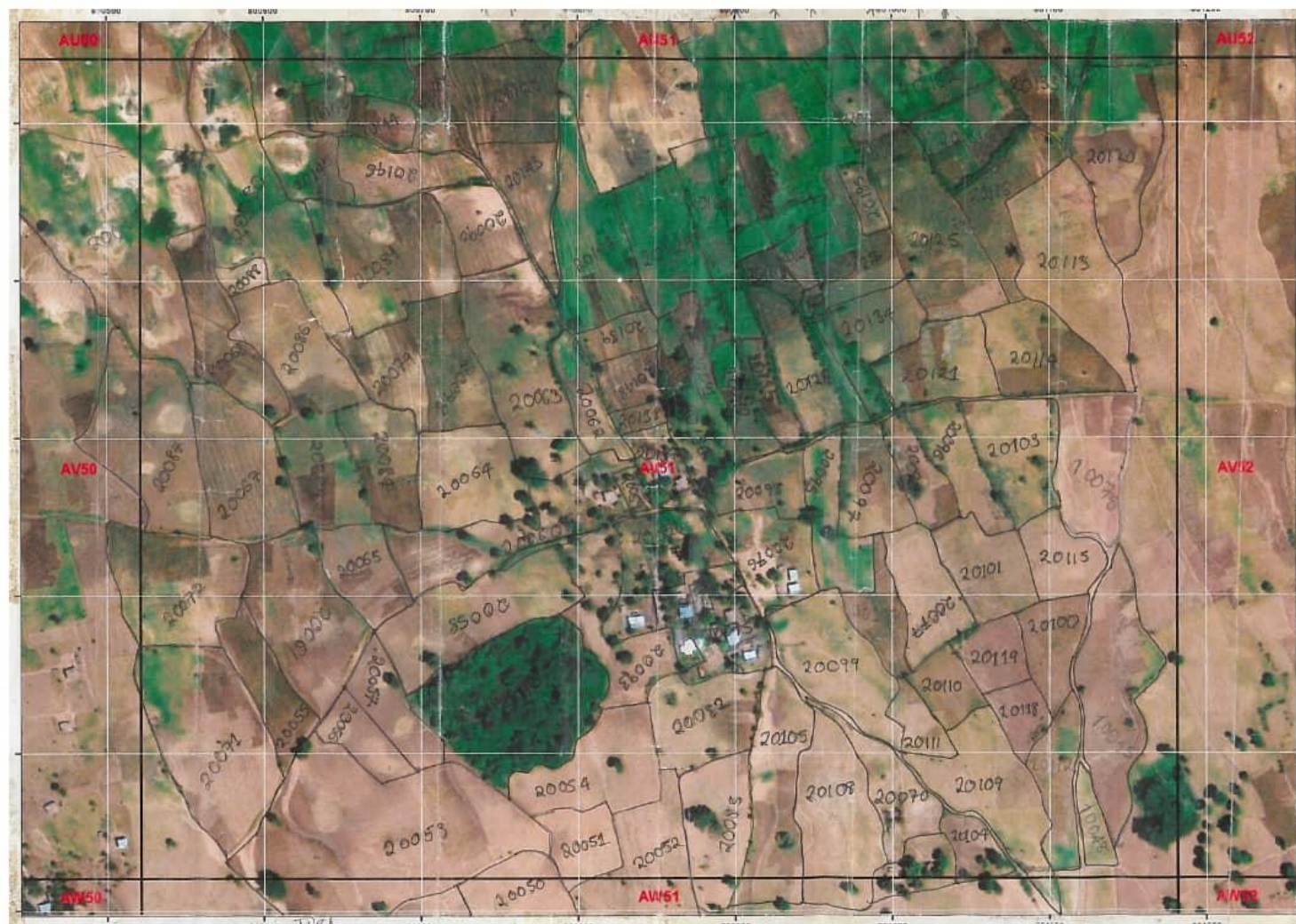
Adjudication and demarcation exercise in Phalombe



Index Map at 1:2,000, A3 Map Sheets for GVH Maoni



Mapped Land Parcels







Capacity Development Activities



- ❑ DAI support to the Land Reform Implementation Unit and to CSO Consortium in implementing the pilots
- ❑ Presentation and demonstration by Maria Paola Rizzo of FAO on Open Tenure software and its application
- ❑ 14 members of CLCs (7 men and 6 women) oriented on their roles and responsibilities.
- ❑ Training of eighteen (7 women and 11 men) field staff on data collection and processing using satellite imagery



Challenges



- ☐ Delays in putting up necessary infrastructure; Land Clerks, Customary Land Tribunals
- ☐ Managing the expectations of LCs, CLC members and CLT members
- ☐ Unfavorable weather and unforeseen occurrences in the communities
- ☐ Unavailability of land parcel owners at the time of systematic demarcation and adjudication
- ☐ Pockets of resistance by some local leaders and individuals in Kasungu
- ☐ Time remaining may not be enough to complete the three pilots



Lessons Learned

- ☐ Need for more advocacy and awareness on Joint Registration
- ☐ Need for civic education on the roles of land governance structures
- ☐ Good timing of adjudication in terms of weather conditions
- ☐ Need for more capacity building at all levels



Recommendations

- ☐ Need to quickly setup structures where the pilots are being implemented
- ☐ Offices of Land Clerks need to be well resourced and equipped,
- ☐ Project to allocate adequate funding for the field operations
- ☐ Continuous sensitization of project beneficiaries is required



Next Steps



- ☐ Finalization of the Devolution Plan for the MOLHUD
- ☐ Continuing support to CSO consortium in the implementation of the three pilots
- ☐ Conducting a Land Market Development Study
- ☐ Preparation of the DAI 5th progress report
- ☐ Preparation of the Lessons Learnt and End of Project Reports
- ☐ Continue implementation of the pilots
- ☐ Public displays
- ☐ Enhance awareness activities
- ☐ Issuing of TLMA certificates to the Traditional Authorities in the pilot areas
- ☐ Registration of land parcels and issuing of certificates to right holders



Thank you!

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