

# MALAWI

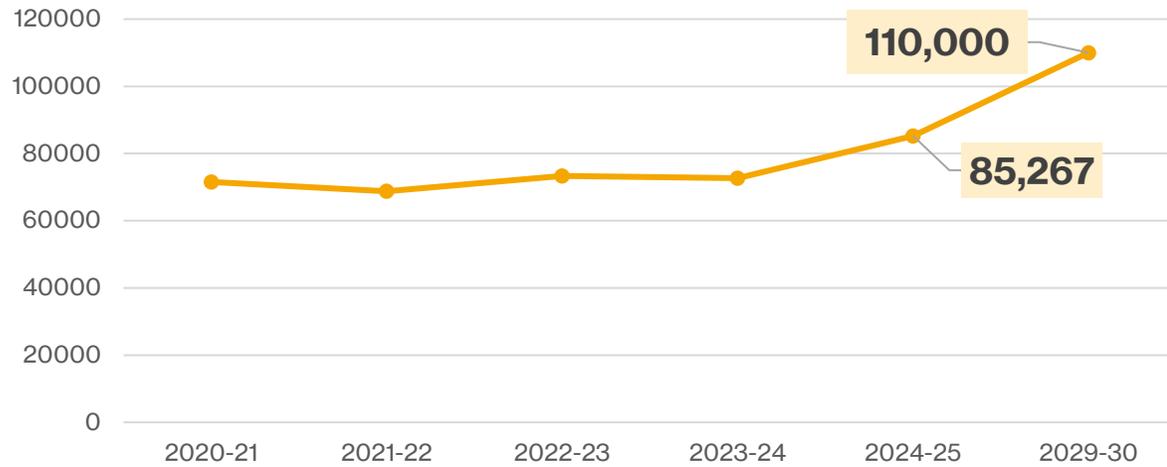
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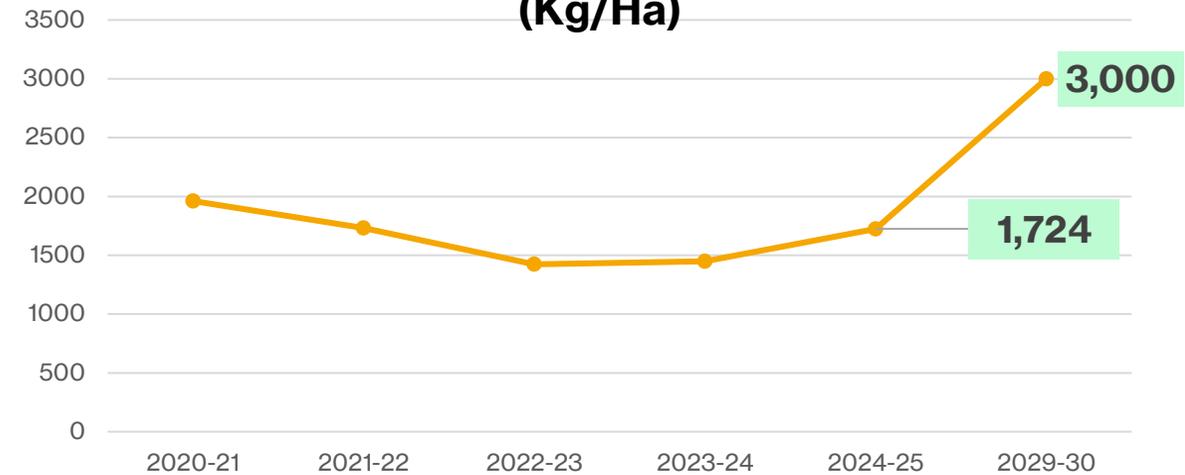
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# Overall indicators

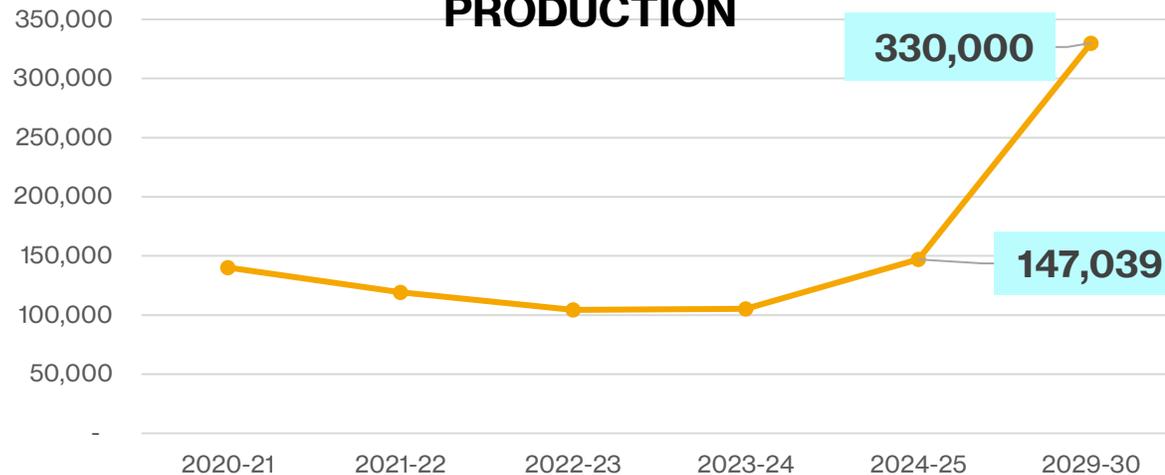
## RICE AREA FOR FIVE YEARS AREA



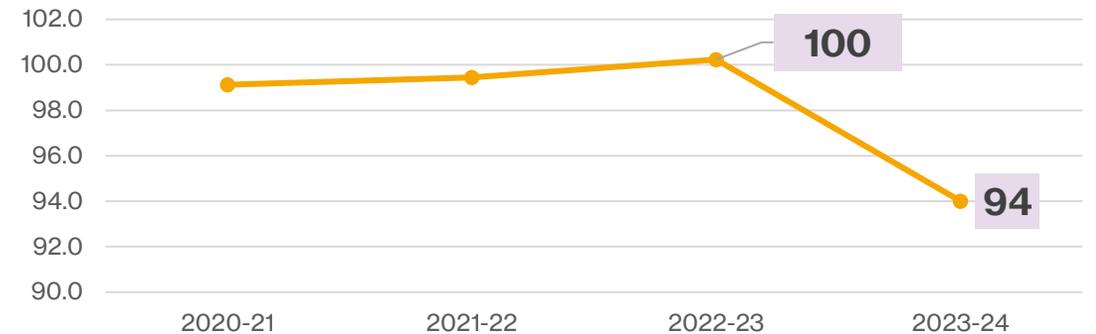
## RICE YIELD FOR FIVE YEARS YIELD (Kg/Ha)



## RICE PRODUCTION FOR FIVE YEARS PRODUCTION



## RICE SELF- SUFFIENCY Self Sufficiency (%)



# Progress of CARD Activities since GM9

## Progress on NRDS Processes Elaboration Phase

### Activities and Progress

1. Formulation of NRDS: was done in 2023
2. Validation & Launching of NRDS II: was done on 22nd March, 2024 while and was officially launched on 19th September, 2024 by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture
3. Development of Project Concept Notes (CNs): started in October, 2024. the concepts notes were submitted to the Secretary for Agriculture for his approval. The CNs were referred to the Department of Agricultural Planning Services for their input. The CNs have now been presented to the Developing partners and Donors for possible funding.
4. Lobbying for funding from Development partners and Donors have been done from 26-30th January, 2026.

## Progress on NRDS Monitoring Phase

### Activities and Progress

1. Monitoring Data Setting-Data: Was done in October 2024
2. Preparation for ARSRM-Preparation of the ARSRM: Not yet done.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM): Not yet planned
4. Lobbying for funding: Was done from 26-30 January, 2026

# Implementation of NRDS and Lesson shared

## Overview of major project(s) started since GM 9

Partner	Period	Project Name	Amount
JICA	2024-2029	Promotion of Rice Production and Marketing	5 M USD

## Good example and Challenge in terms of implementing the NRDS

### <Challenge>

- Difficulty in mobilizing enough resources to widen the scope of coverage areas of to meet the targeted interventions as demanded by NRDS.
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### <Good Example>

Government of Malawi through the MINAG has been at the pivotal centre in ensuring that different stakeholders and donors were taking place during the process of NRDS II formulation all the way to when it was launched. Leadership of the team to develop the NRDS II was given to the Private Sector and co-chaired by the Academia secretariat was done by a civil society organization

# The process of ownership of NRDS and CNs by the government of Malawi-Positives

- On Concept notes, similarly the Government has taken a strong position to own the development as well as implementation of the CNs. This has been demonstrated by its commitment to involve different stakeholders and other key Departments and Ministries in the development of the CNs.
- Government is the custodian of the NRDS II but it has invited other stakeholders and Donors to start implementing the NRDS II.
- Malawi is at 94% sufficiency rate because:
  - a) Most of the rice produced in Malawi are from scented varieties as such there is readily available market locally compared to rice from other countries making imports less attractive
  - b) Rice is also the second most consumed cereal after maize making exports not increasing.
  - c) Generally, there is steady production due to availability of irrigation facilities as well as adoption of modern technologies including SRI.
- The Ministry when served with the CNs for approval had to ask the CNs to be further reviewed by the Department of Agricultural Planning Services so that they conform to the format and standards set by Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs. And this was done.

# Action Plans for this year 2026-27

## **Action 1: To continue perfecting the Concept notes and continue presenting them before the donor Community**

- To plan and organize a sensitization meeting with agricultural donor community
- To conduct follow up contacts with Development Partners for fund mobilization

## **Action 2: Organizing the Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)**

- To plan and conduct the first Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM) in consultation and support from CARD Secretariat.
- Continue to implement activities under The Project: Promotion of Rice Production and Marketing

# LOBYING EXERCISE IN PICTURES



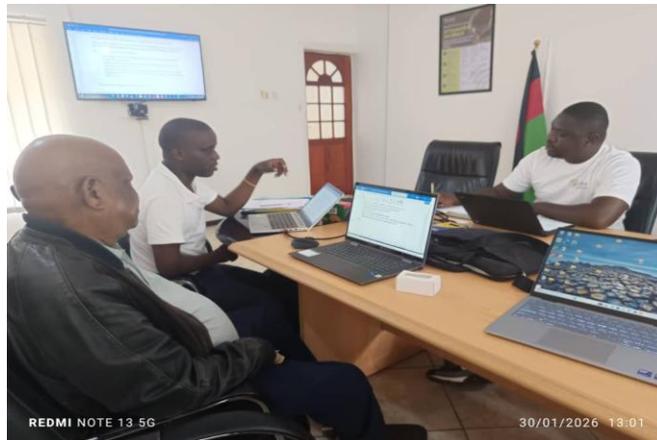
*Fig 1: A meeting with the European Union on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*



*Fig 2: Meeting with World Food Programme on the Rice Concepts on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*



*Fig. 3: A meeting with JICA on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*



*Fig. 4: A meeting with AGRA on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.*



*Fig. 5: A meeting with African Development Bank on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026*

**THANK YOU!**