



Machinga Lead Farmer's Field day

DAPP Farmer's Club Lead Farmer Project which is being implemented in Machinga, Mangochi and Chikhwawa Districts recently organised a field day under the theme "Conservation Agriculture - One of the technology in attaining food security". The field day was organised by DAPP Malawi in liason with Machinga Rural Development Program (R.D.P) and it took place in Traditional Authority Kawinga, Group Village Headman Chionga in Kalingo under Nanyumbu Extension Planning Area (E.P.A) Mikoko section.

The occasion attracted many people from different areas as farmers were displaying what they have been doing in the project.

One of the farmers said she copied from what the other farmers were doing and managed to do all the necessary practices in her garden although she was not targeted by the project.

A model farmer showcasing her field



One of the fields which was inspected was that of an adopter who said she has seen a huge difference with the use of modern conservation farming, after receiving the seeds, she applied first fertilizer after 14 days and second one after 21 days as instructed by the DAPP's field officers. To her surprise, the maize field has produced more yields than the expected outcome.

An adopter



According to the Chief Extension Officer for Machinga ADD Mr Kabuluzi, said working hand in hand with DAPP has proved to be a successful development through the usage of multiplication of practices by the training of many farmers through lead farmers project.

"As government we will encourage training and practice to farmers through conservation agriculture especially here in Machinga since rain is always inadequate. We strive to work hand in hand with DAPP to reach out to more by the use available media resources like radio and mobile training centres". He said.

Some of the participants at the event



Among the participants were representatives from World Vision Malawi, Concern Universal, District Agriculture Development officer (DADO), AEDC, Traditional Authority Kawinga, representative of Chitedze Research Station and other DAPP Malawi officials.