

Malawi Baseline Livelihood Profiles (Draft)

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Phalombe Plain/Lake Chilwa		
Food Crops	Maize Pulses Rice	Like the neighbouring Shire Highlands zone, this quite densely populated zone produces roughly enough to feed itself in most years. Income generating opportunities are limited, so that food crops are again sold post-harvest to obtain cash and have to be replaced by purchases later in the year. Crop production is more diversified than in the Shire Highlands, with maize, rice and pulses the main staple food crops grown. Other sources of cash besides sale of crops are ganyu (for both 'poor' and 'middle'), petty trade, firewood and grass sales.
Income Sources	Food crops Other	
Livestock	Pigs Goats	

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