

Malawi Baseline Livelihood Profiles (Draft)

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Nkhata Bay Cassava Zone		
Food Crops	Cassava Maize	With high rainfall but poor soils, cassava is the dominant crop in this zone. The zone can be characterised as 'food-rich' but 'cash-poor', since there are few sources of income available besides the sale of crops, and there is only a limited market for the bitter variety of cassava grown in the zone. Maize, rice and bananas are grown in addition to cassava, and the sale of these contributes significantly to local incomes. Given its drought resistance, cassava plays a key role in ensuring zonal food security, with the zone attracting migrant labour from other zones when these are affected by food shortages.
Income Sources	Food crops Other	
Livestock	Cattle (few)	

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