

## Project Summary

Title	Development of Quality and Affordable Fish Feed for Small-scale Fish Farmers in Malawi
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Purpose	<p>The overall objective is to contribute to increased fish production in pond based aquaculture production system in Malawi through development of quality affordable fish feed.</p>
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Country and Specific Location(s)	<p>Mpamba in Nkhatabay District, Malawi</p>
Participating Institutions	<p>Department of Fisheries Science, Faculty of Environmental Science, Mzuzu University  Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security</p>
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