# Project Summary

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<th>Assessment of Goat Production Systems and Socio-Economic Factors Affecting Demand of Goats and Goat meat in Malawi.</th>
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### Purpose
The overall objective is to contribute to the improvement of income, food and nutrition security and livelihoods of smallholder goat farmers through enhancement production and market access for goats and goat meat in Malawi.

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The proposed project aims to develop an efficient production and marketing of goats and goat meat. This will be achieved by enhanced productivity through proper feeding and use of crossbred goats on smallholder farms to produce wholesome and uniform carcasses of goats accepted at the markets. In addition, profitability of different production systems will also be assessed. On socio-economic component, the project will assess the economic and socio-demographic factors affecting the demand for goats and goat meat in Malawi. This will be done by determining the levels of demand of goats and goat meat in urban and rural areas of Malawi; determining the major economic and socio-demographic factors affecting the demand of goat and goat meat in the various agro-geographic or regional locations of Malawi; and evaluating consumers response with respect to price changes of goats and goat meat relative to beef and potential effect of changing some of the factors affecting the demand. Value Chain Approach will be used to examine the flow of the products from the point of production to consumption. Institutions and actors involved will also be examined. The project builds on the previous work that has been conducted on goat and goat meat but did not cover social and economic aspects proposed in this study. The study shall involve one MSc student which will run for 2 years.

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