

## Community Engagement in the Development of the Malawi National Adaptation Plan

CISONECC with support from Scottish Government through SCIAF and Trocaire under the *Climate Challenge Programme Malawi* (CCPM) *Climate Justice Advocacy Project* (CJAP) conducted community sensitizations and consultation activities on the development of the Malawi National Adaptation Plan (NAP) as well as the development of National Climate Change Management Fund (NCCMF). The main objective of the activity was to sensitize communities on the NAP process and collect their inputs into the NAP development process with the aim of ensuring that the NAP reflects the needs and priorities of the poor and the vulnerable. The NAP process consultations focused on four thematic areas of water, food, energy, gender and other crosscutting issues.

The activity was done in the months of February and March, 2020 in Machinga, Balaka, Zomba and Chikwawa districts with focus on the CCPM target communities such as those in the areas of Group Village Headmen; Mangamba, Ngongondo, Mkhumbwa, Mangulu, Matola, Tembo, Phimbi, Kathebwe, Magoli, Chaweza, Mchacha, Mwnawanjobvu, Nkhungubwe, Masanduko, Gaga and Lundu respectively. Communities under these GVHs narrated their challenges in relation to climate change. They were also enlightened on the NCCMF and its purpose and how to keep track of the Fund once in full operation.

The activity was conducted with technical support from the Malawi Government through the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), Zomba District Council as well as Chikwawa District Council.

For more information, refer to the main report



*Group Village Headman Mkhumbwa addressing people during a meeting in Balaka*



*Patrick Mkwapatira, EAD Environmental Officer, sharing on the NAP and NCCMF at a meeting in Group Village Headman Matola in Balaka*



*A men's Focus Group Discussion during the consultations in Group Village Headmen Ngongondo in Machinga*