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**PROJECT PROPOSAL: MALAWI**

This document consists of the comments and recommendation of the Fund Secretariat on the following project proposal:

Fumigant

- Phase-out of all non-essential and non-QPS methyl bromide (release of third tranche) UNDP

**PROJECT EVALUATION SHEET  
MALAWI**

SECTOR: Fumigant ODS use in sector (2002): 55 ODP tonnes

Sub-sector cost-effectiveness thresholds: n/a

**Project Title:**

(a) Phase-out of all non-essential and non-QPS methyl bromide (release of third tranche)

<b>Project Data</b>	<b>Fumigant</b>
Enterprise consumption (ODP tonnes)	
Project impact (ODP tonnes)	41.1
Project duration (months)	12
Initial amount requested (US \$)	750,000
Final project cost (US \$):	
Incremental capital cost (a)	750,000
Contingency cost (b)	
Incremental operating cost (c)	
Total project cost (a+b+c)	750,000
Local ownership (%)	100%
Export component (%)	0%
<b>Amount requested (US \$)</b>	<b>750,000</b>
Cost effectiveness (US \$/kg.)	18.25
Counterpart funding confirmed?	
National coordinating agency	Agricultural Research and Extension Trust
Implementing agency	UNDP

<b>Secretariat's Recommendations</b>	
Amount recommended (US \$)	
Project impact (ODP tonnes)	
Cost effectiveness (US \$/kg)	
Implementing agency support cost (US \$)	
Total cost to Multilateral Fund (US \$)	

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Background

1. At its 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting, the Executive Committee approved in principle US \$2,999,824 as the total funds that will be available to phase-out 111 ODP tonnes of MB used in tobacco seedlings in Malawi. Through a separate project (not supported by the Multilateral Fund), the Government of Malawi committed to phase out an additional 21 ODP tonnes of MB used in grain storage by the end of 2004. An additional US \$25,000 was approved for UNEP for a proposal to enhance the capability of local agricultural organisations and NGOs in MB communication.
2. So far, the Executive Committee has approved two funding tranches totalling US \$1.4 million for the implementation of the project. At the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee, UNDP submitted a preliminary progress report on the implementation of the tobacco seedlings project (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/39/37/Rev.1), without a request for additional funds.
3. Subsequently, UNDP submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee, a revised progress report on the implementation of the project together with a request in the amount of US \$750,000, corresponding to the 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche of the project. A copy of the progress report submitted by UNDP is attached to this document.

### Progress report

4. Implementation of the first two tranches of the project resulted in the phase-out of 42.3 ODP tonnes of MB, through implementation of the tray system technology over 2,235 seedbeds (4 ODP tonnes of MB) and the use of alternative chemicals (basamid and metam sodium) over 21,250 seedbeds (38.3 ODP tonnes).
5. During the 2001-2002 period, training was provided to ARET professionals and extension staff; 11 demonstration programmes were conducted on implementation of the floating tray system, management of the soilless culture and adequate application of chemical alternatives. Information, public awareness and outreach activities were also conducted in 2002.

Expenditure

6. The breakdown of 2001 and 2002 expenditures and pending obligations is presented in the table below:

<b>Budget line</b>	<b>Disbursed (US \$)</b>	<b>Obligated (US \$)</b>	<b>Total (US \$)</b>
Personnel (local, external)	74,673	155,700	230,373
Sub-contracts	26,422	35,000	61,422
Training	17,454	80,692	98,146
Miscellaneous	8,616	11,500	20,116
Exchange differentials	663	-	663
<b>Equipment:</b>			
Trays	95,029	20,000	115,029
Substrate Bark	45,389	0	45,389
Black Plastic	74,932	0	74,932
Chemicals	677,876	25,000	702,876
Greenhouse	28,054	23,000	51,054
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,049,108</b>	<b>350,892</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>

Work programme for 2003

7. For the 2003 work programme, UNDP is proposing the continuation of the distribution of materials and equipment to farmers to achieve an additional phase out of 81.3 ODP tonnes of MB; training of 30 national agronomists and agricultural specialists and 200 commercial growers; dissemination of information materials and project results among stakeholders; and assistance to the Government for development of policy mechanisms to ban the use of MB in the production of tobacco seedlings.

**SECRETARIAT'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION****COMMENTS**

8. According to the MB consumption data reported by the Government of Malawi to the Ozone Secretariat, MB consumption had decreased from its maximum level in 1999 of 129 ODP tonnes to 55 ODP tonnes in 2002. This amount is below the level of consumption proposed in the project proposal for 2002 (i.e. 90 ODP tonnes). In this regard, the Secretariat sought a clarification from UNDP on whether the reductions on MB consumption were achieved through the implementation of the investment project or to other external factors. UNDP indicated the consumption figures presented in the progress report could only be considered as best estimates and not as the official data reported by the Government. The issue of data discrepancies have already been discussed with the Government of Malawi; it was agreed to conduct a data survey during the second half of June 2003, so that the reported figures may be updated, the progress report may be corrected, and a corrigendum, with justification, may be sent by the Government to the Ozone and Fund Secretariats. Data collected during the survey will be

reviewed and verified by an international technical expert who will, in turn, assist the Government to determine the precise reduction impact achieved by the project's implementation to date and guide the national project management team to prepare a strategic work plan.

9. The Secretariat also noted that the 2002 MB consumption in Malawi was 55 ODP tonnes and that additional 41.1 ODP tonnes of MB will be phased out through the implementation of the third tranche of the project, then, the remaining MB consumption in Malawi would be about 14 ODP tonnes. UNDP informed the Secretariat that given the unreliability of the data reported, it has become clear that it is impossible at present for the Government of Malawi and UNDP to certify the reduction impact achieved through project activities against the country's on-going consumption. It will only be possible to report conclusively on this issue following completion of the aforementioned survey.

10. Regarding the phase out of MB used in grain storage facilities, UNDP was informed by the Government of Malawi that currently phosphine in tablets is being used as a fumigant.

11. The Secretariat noted that while the total disbursement amounted to almost 47 per cent of the total funds approved, only in 21 per cent of the total surface area where MB was applied had been phased out. UNDP reported that the figures quoted in the report did not take into account the fact that disbursement for the equipment and materials procured during 2002 were completed. The total area where MB has been phased out is, therefore, greater than the 21 per cent reported. The national project team is currently recalculating the actual surface area where MB has been phased out. UNDP also indicated that the Government of Malawi is committed to increase the surface area that will be converted to the float tray system over the remaining implementation of the project.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

12. The project is submitted for individual consideration. UNDP is collecting additional information which will be communicated to the Executive Committee prior to the 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

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# **ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT: Phase-out of all non-essential and non-QPS Methyl Bromide in Malawi**

**Presented to the Executive Committee of the Montreal Protocol**

**Project Number: MLW/FUM/32/DEM/01  
MLW/FUM/34/INV/16**

**UNDP Project Number: MLW/01/G61**

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## **BACKGROUND**

### **1A. PROJECT INFORMATION**

**MLF Project Numbers:** MLW/FUM/32/DEM/01 (trials phase)  
MLW/FUM/34/INV/16

**UNDP Project Number:** MLW/01/G61

**Project Title:** Phase-out of all non-essential and non-QPS Methyl Bromide in Malawi

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Executing Agency:** Government of Malawi (Nationally Executed) through Agricultural Research and Extension Trust (ARET)

**Project Approval Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2001

**Project Completion Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004

**Total Budget Approved (US \$):** US \$ 2,999,824

**Disbursements to date:** US\$ 1,400,000 (US \$400,000 of which was used in Phase I to conduct demonstration trials)

**Disbursement requested (tranche 3):** **US\$ 750,000**

### **1B. PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the project is to phase out 111 ODP tonnes of methyl bromide (MBr) used by 424,789 tobacco farmers (of which 76,000 are registered) cultivating 180,155 hectares of tobacco. In addition, the Government, through a complementary project presently being implemented separately, is phasing out 21 ODP tonnes used in grain storage. Together, total methyl bromide used in the sector represented, at the time of the project's approval, 132 ODP tonnes for non-essential and non-QPS uses.

Malawi has not had the benefit of any demonstration project and therefore, following the existing guidelines on methyl bromide (decision 27/33) which allow a small demonstration component within the investment project, the project was developed to include two phases. Phase 1 comprised a small-scale methyl bromide phase out programme, the purpose of which was to ensure that the technology of choice an alternative technology that the country can live with. Inputs included extensive training of leading farmers and extensionists in the use of non-soil (hydroponic) technique and basamid (covered by grant funding), together with another chemical treatment (covered by Government), all within the context of an integrated pest management system. Phase I covered 17.4% of the total hectareage presently

used for tobacco cultivating. In the case of Malawi, the demonstration component called for achievement of ODS phase-out since alternative chemicals were used to produce the seedlings which in turn, were planted in open fields.

Phase II consists of the full tobacco sector methyl bromide phase-out, concentrating on adoption of cost effective and efficient substitutes for methyl bromide identified during the demonstration trials, and using the personnel trained during Phase I. This should cover about 83% of total hectareage presently used for tobacco cultivation in Malawi, or approximately 180,000 hectares of land where tobacco is grown.

Phase I and II include extensive and intensive training that will reach up to 424,789 growers/farmers. The project will also involve in-depth policy dialogue and development of measures to enforce the use of alternatives and ensure permanent and sustainable phase-out. Out of a total 1,081 hectares used for planting tobacco, 400 hectares use methyl bromide. This Multilateral Fund Project covers the elimination of methyl bromide in these 400 hectares. However the Government, through the project's training and awareness programme and through national legislation, will ensure that the remaining 60% of the land not using methyl bromide will not begin using this controlled chemical in future.

## 2. MeBr CONSUMPTION OVERVIEW

The table below provides an overview of MeBr consumption in Malawi until December 2002 (excluding QPS). The information it provides is not official data reported by the Government, and as a result should only be considered as best estimates gathered during preparation of the Progress Report. Once precise import data has been collected and is available, it will be reported to the Ozone Secretariat without delay. As a result, the figures indicated below are likely to change in future:

**Table 1: MeBr Consumption Overview**

<b>Year</b>	<b>MB imports (ODP-tonnes)</b>
Baseline (1995-98 average)	122.4
2000	56
2001	65.603
2002	35.308

## 3. OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS - YEAR 2002 IMPLEMENTATION

### January - February 2002:

- Recruitment of the National Project Manager
- Development of a revised project logo (post-demonstration phase) to adequately reflect the sector being targeted by the project
- Procurement process launched for Year 2002 activities

### April – May 2002:

- Identification and recruitment of regional technical experts
- Preparation and submission of Annual Progress Report for Phase I
- National Project Manager reported for duty
- Local consultant engaged to conduct an independent evaluation of the project
- Monitoring and evaluation field visits
- Receipt of funding for 2002

**June 2002:**

- Construction of a greenhouse launched

**July 2002:**

- Arrival of the first consignment of the materials for Phase II
- Distribution of materials to growers that had received training
- Monitoring and evaluation field visits launched

**August 2002:**

- Monitoring and evaluation visits (on-going)
- Field days and on-farm demonstrations conducted in all the three regions
- Arrival of additional materials
- Final report of the independent evaluation received
- Distribution of material to growers that had received training

**September 2002:**

- Arrival of final consignment of materials
- Distribution of materials to growers that had received training
- Implementation of field days and demonstrations continued

**October 2002:**

- Public awareness activities
- Monitoring and evaluation visits (on-going)
- Implementation of field days and demonstrations continued
- Press briefing to raise awareness on methyl bromide ban and to promote the use of alternatives

**November 2002:**

- Resignation of National Ozone Officer to join UNEP CAP programme.
- Monitoring and evaluation visits (on-going)

**December 2002:**

- Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) assigns new National Ozone Officer, Ms. Jacinta Chipendo

**4. YEAR 2002 - PHASE-OUT TARGETS AND RESULTS**

As per the “Agreed Conditions for Phase Out of Methyl Bromide in Malawi”, the Government of Malawi committed itself to phase-out 111 ODP tonnes of methyl bromide used in tobacco production through this terminal phase-out project by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

For 2002, the total phase-out target for methyl bromide use in this sector was 40.2 ODP tonnes, which comprised phase-out of 19.3 ODP T for 2001 and 20.9 ODP T for 2002. According to the report presented by a local independent evaluation consultant, 18.45 ODP T of MeBr were eliminated in 2001. An additional 23.82 ODP T were eliminated in 2002. As a result, to date a total of 42.27 ODP T have been eliminated as a result of efforts underway within the context of the project.

Based on the quantity of materials which were used in 2002 (refer to Annex 2) the following calculations on the number of ODP T phased out per technology have been made:

- **Float Tray System**

The use of soil less culture (floating tray system), yielded a total phase-out of 4.023 ODP T, as highlighted below:

Number of ponds constructed	= 745
Equivalent number of seedbeds	= 745 x 3 (1 pond makes 3 seedbeds)
Total	= 2235 seedbeds

1 seedbed	= 36 sq. metres
∴ 2235 seedbeds	= 2235 x 36 sq. metres
	= 80,460 sq. metres

ODP T phased out:  
 50 g of MeBr = 1 sq. metre  
 ∴ 80,460 sq. metres x 50 g ÷ 1 sq. metre = **4,023,000 g (4.023 T)**

- **Basamid**

A total of 18,463 tobacco nursery beds were treated with Basamid which yielded elimination of 33.23 ODP T consumption MeBr.

Number of seedbeds	= 18,463
Amount of Basamid applied	= 16,586 Kg

1 seedbed	= 36 sq. metres
∴ 18,463 seedbeds	= 18,463 seedbeds x 36 sq. metres / seedbed
	= 664,668 sq. metres

ODP T phased out:  
 50 g of MeBr = 1 sq. metre  
 ∴ 664,668 sq. metres x 50 g ÷ 1 sq. metre = **33.2334 ODP T<sup>1</sup>**

- **Herbifume<sup>2</sup>**

A total of 2,790 beds were treated with metam sodium (availability of this product was the result of a balance that remained from the 2001 trial season). The metam sodium had been promoted as a contribution on the part of the government because the stakeholders had requested that it be included in the trial phase. It contributed to the following phase-out.

Number of seedbeds	= 2790
Amount of Metam Sodium applied	= 8,260 litres

1 seedbed	= 36 sq. metres
∴ 2790 seedbeds	= 2790 x 36 sq. metres
	= 100,440 sq. metres

ODP T phased out:  
 50 g of MeBr = 1 sq. metre  
 ∴ 100,440 sq. metres x 50 g ÷ 1 sq. metre = **5.022 ODP T**

The total amount of ODP T phased-out during 2002 therefore, comes to **42.27 ODP T**.

The tables below provide a breakdown of the distribution of alternatives amongst the various estates involved in the project's implementation during 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> There could be a positive variation with the actual amounts of Basamid distributed in 2002 versus the number of seedbeds and it is because of the balance of the material from 2001 which was already with the farmers and was used by the farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Balance of the 2001 stock used in trials (covered by Government)

**TABLE 2: Distribution of Nursery Seedbeds Adopting Alternatives (Central Region)**

<b>ESTATES – Central Region</b>	<b>BASAMID</b>	<b>SOILLESS CULTURE</b>
1. Kakuyu Investments	-	90 (30 ponds)
2. Lisandwa	-	90 (30 ponds)
3. Chitipi	100	30 (10 ponds)
4. Kandiya	80	1 (2.5 ponds)
5. Mawano	-	45 (15 ponds)
6. Likase	-	45 (15 ponds)
7. Mbabzi Estate	-	30 (10 ponds)
8. Tamamalowo	-	30 (10 ponds)
9. Chinese T. Mission	30	15 (5 ponds)
10. Thandizani Estate	30	48 (16 ponds)
11. Mikundi EPA	-	12 (4 ponds)
12. Mkusa Nkhoma	2	6 (2 ponds)
13. Tiyamike Estate	-	15 (5 ponds)
14. NASFAM Kasungu	10	78 (26 ponds)
15. Dr. Momezulu	-	15 (5 ponds)
16. P.M. Banda (KU)	-	12 (4 ponds)
17. J.A. Tewete	-	12 (4 ponds)
18. Chikalira (KU)	-	12 (4 ponds)
19. Lupachi Estate	30	9 (3 ponds)
20. Kapuku	30	6 (2 ponds)
21. Chisambo	-	12 (4 ponds)
22. Mr. Phikiso (NU)	-	9 (3 ponds)
23. Liwelezi Estate	1860	-
24. Lingadzi Estate	105	-
25. Nsangu Estate	12	30 (10 ponds)
26. Khama Estate	12	
27. Tiyeni Tsogolani	50	
28. Chimwemwe Estate	660	
29. Chimwamkango Estate	350	
30. Kwamba Estate	25	
31. Glen Farms	10	
32. General Farming	3000	30 (10 ponds)
33. Baron	-	30 (10 ponds)
34. McPherson	-	12 (4 ponds)
35. KTFT – Limbe Leaf	1700	60 (20 ponds)
36. Press Farming	-	45 (15 ponds)
37. Chilipa Estates	10	9 (3 ponds)
38. Fulaha Estate	100	6 (2 ponds)
39. Chiuseni Banda	-	30 (10 ponds)
40. Kachita Estate	-	6 (2 ponds)
41. Talimbanazo Estate	250	18 (6 ponds)
42. Viole Estate	30	-
43. Mdyankhanga	30	12 (4 ponds)
44. Tengani	30	
45. Mwimba Farm Institute	130	
46. Mwimba Research	30	18 (6 ponds)
47. Mando	120	
48. Madalitso	30	
49. Msambaimfa	20	
50. Songwe Wood Barn	-	6 (2 ponds)
51. Kamuzu Academy	300	60 (20 ponds)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>9176</b>	<b>1060 (353.5 ponds)</b>

**TABLE 3: Distribution of Nursery Seedbeds Adopting Alternatives (Southern Region)**

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<b>ESTATES – Southern Region</b>	<b>BASAMID</b>	<b>SOILLESS CULTURE</b>
1. Mafisi Estate	1000	147 (49 Ponds)
2. Conforzi Estate	30	12 (4 Ponds)
3. Chiwale Estate	10	12 (4 Ponds)
4. Ndata Farm	200	-
5. Chipale Estate	15	90 (30 ponds)
6. Chimpeni Estate	15	48 (16 ponds)
7. Mpira/Lisale Estate	430	30 (10 ponds)
8. Chakanika	15	-
9. Ipani	15	-
10. Namigwere	15	-
11. Grain	15	-
12. Southern End	-	90 (30 ponds)
13. Msamba	-	30 (10 ponds)
14. Kapalasa	-	15 (5 ponds)
15. Chitumba	15	150 (50 ponds)
16. Tambala Estates	-	21 (7 ponds)
17. Namizimu Estate	50	18 (6 ponds)
18. NASFAM – Dzaone	-	-
19. Namasuwi	100	-
20. Matambo Estates	-	12 (4 ponds)
21. Hamboli Estate	45	18 (6 ponds)
22. Makande Estate	45	18 (6 ponds)
23. Kamponje Estates	-	18 (6 ponds)
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>729 (243 Ponds)</b>

**TABLE 4: Distribution of Nursery Seedbeds Adopting Alternatives (Northern Region)**

<b>ESTATES – Northern Region</b>	<b>BASAMID</b>	<b>SOILLESS CULTURE</b>
1. Chilimdongo Estate	100	-
2. Mafeni Estate	-	15 (5 ponds)
3. Admarc Estates (6)	1600	120 (40 ponds)
4. Bachivinya	50	54 (18 ponds)
5. Katonthowolo Estate	200	30 (10 ponds)
6. Kabwafu (Limbe Leaf)	2883	114 (38 ponds)
7. Mbalachanda – Limbe	-	30 (10 ponds)
8. NASFAM – Nkhamanga	-	18 (6 ponds)
9. Nkhozho (Rumphi)	80	-
10. Khuyu (Rumphi)	80	-
11. Nisungani (Mzimba)	70	-
12. Funda (Rumphi)	100	-
13. Pokani (Mzimba)	88	-
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>5251</b>	<b>399 (133 ponds)</b>

## 5. IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGIES

The main responsibility for implementation of the project lies with the Agricultural Research and Extension Trust (ARET), since 99% of methyl bromide use is for soil sterilization in tobacco nurseries and this is sector managed by this organisation. Project implementation is guided by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) which is chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Development. Other members of the PSC include the Environmental Affairs Department as secretariat, ARET as executing agency, Tobacco Association of Malawi (TAMA), Pesticide Association of Malawi, ADMARC, the Ministry

of Finance, Bunda College of Agriculture, Coordination Unit for Rehabilitation of Environment (CURE), National Smallholder Farmers Association of Malawi (NASFAM), the Pesticides Control Board and UNDP.

Phase I of the project acted as a demonstration phase and covered 17.4% of the total hectareage under tobacco production. This involved training leading farmers and extensionists on the use of alternative technologies such as soilless culture (hydroponics), basamid and other chemicals, within the context of an integrated pest management (IPM) approach.

Phase II is designed as a full tobacco sector methyl bromide phase-out programme that will address use on 180,000 ha, representing about 83% of the tobacco sector hectareage. This phase will concentrate on adoption of the most cost effective and efficient alternative(s) to methyl bromide using the same personnel trained in 2001.

In 2001, Mr. Andy Mills and Peter Roberts, consultants recruited by the project, conducted training of ARET professionals and extension staff in order to launch the demonstration phase. These same ARET professionals and extension staff continued to conduct the training in 2002, in spite of the fact that additional external experts were not recruited. In addition, ARET assigned a focal point who coordinated all project activities prior to the National Project Manager being recruited.

A total of 11 demonstrations were conducted. These focused on proper pond construction, preparation growing medium, filling the floating tray cells, general management of the soil less culture and proper application methods for basamid. Demonstrations were conducted on the following estates: Mafisi, Makandi, Makoka Valley, Tambala, Kawele, Mukundi EPA, NASFAM (Kasungu), Janet Farm, Songwe Wood Barn, Kanthowole and Bachiviya. Other estates surrounding these demonstration sites also attended the demonstrations.

Ten field days were also conducted in 2002. They targeted commercial farmers, extension officers and, from an information and outreach perspective, journalists. Commercial and smallholder farmers, stakeholders from government and non-governmental organizations, members of the Tobacco Association of Malawi (TAMA), as well as members of the press attended the field days. Total participation in 2002 came to 586 attendees. During the field days, participants were sensitized to the dangers of methyl bromide use in relation to ozone depletion and the commitment made by the Government of Malawi to phase-out its use by the end of 2004. Field days provided the opportunity to promote the alternatives to MeBr use supported by project and were very practical in nature. Given that they were held on farms and estates participating in the project, practical demonstrations of application of the alternative materials were presented by farmers.

Other activities that were in 2002 work programme included the following:

- Trials and field days
- Training of farmers
- Procurement and distribution of materials
- Evaluation of the project results ( it is a requirement that an evaluation be conducted with ARET as a lead agency at the end of one and half years when harvest is done).
- Awareness materials – Brochures and leaflets containing information about the dangers of methyl bromide and the availability of alternatives were produced, in association with CURE.
- Consultations with stakeholders
- Field visits - Field visits were conducted to all the three regions of Malawi to monitor the progress of the project. Specifically, the visits were aimed at getting feedback from the farmers on the performance of the technologies, monitor use of

the distributed materials and conduct field days. The field visits also presented an opportunity of getting preliminary requests and ideas for the coming season.

## 6. INDICATORS – PHASE-OUT

Although most farmers have expressed willingness to use the floating tray system, the reality of its application in event of late delivery of the materials resulted in most of them opting for basamid as it is similar in its mode of application. It is hoped that in 2003 the number of farmers utilizing this technology will increase. The table below summaries the field days conducted, the technologies demonstrated and levels of attendance.

**Table 5: Field days conducted in 2002**

NAME OF ESTATE	DISTRICT	DATE OF THE FIELD DAY	ATTENDANCE	TECHNOLOGY
Mafisi	Thyolo	14/10/2002	37	Floating tray Basamid
Chisamba	Nkhotakota	30/10/2002	87	Floating tray
Tikondwe	Nkhotakota	07/11/2002	93	Basamid
Kapuku	Nkhotakota	15/11/2002		Floating tray
Songwe Wood Barn	Ntheu/Bwanje	15/11/2002	39	Floating tray
NASFAM	Kasungu	19/11/2002	56	Floating tray Basamid
Mikundi EPA	Mchinji	20/11/2002	143	Floating tray Basamid
Makoka valley	Zomba	12/11/2002	4	Floating tray
Tiyamike	Ntchisi	26/11/2002	51	Floating tray
Katonthowolo	Mzimba	29/11/2002	76	Basamid

**Table 5: Other field activities**

Date	Place	Officers	Activity
July 2002	Thyolo, Zomba, Machinga	Kavalo, E. Mwale, E.	Distribution of materials and arrange for demonstrations
August 2002	Kasungu, Lilongwe, Salima, Mchinji, Dowa	Kavalo, E.	Demand assessment
September 2002	Thyolo, Zomba, Mangochi and Machinga	Mwale, E. Dumbo	Follow up monitoring visit
September 2002	Mzimba, Kasungu	Salifu, P (EAD) Dumbo	Monitoring
1- 5 October 2002	Thyolo, Zomba, Machinga	Kavalo, E. Changaya, A	Monitoring, organizing a field day
7 –12 October	Kasungu, Mzimba, Rumphi	Kavalo, E. Changaya, A.	Monitoring
October 2002	Mzimba, Kasungu	Kavalo, E.	Monitoring and demand assessment for 2003
September 2002	Lilongwe, Mchinji, Kasungu	Mwale, E. Banda	Monitoring
October 2002	Mzimba, Salima, Kasungu, Ntchisi, Nkhotakota	Mwale, E.	Monitoring



## 7. SUMMARY OF THE CUMULATIVE PROJECT PROGRESS

The table below highlights activities implemented in 2002 and indicates achievements, contributions made by project partners, as well as an indication of activities that have been re-scheduled for the 2003 season:

**Table 6: Workplan implementation**

Task name	Achievement	Start date	End date	Remarks
Project evaluation consultancy	A local consultant was engaged and produced an evaluation report	June 02	July 02	Done
Obtaining tenders from suppliers	Tenders obtained and orders were made	April 02	May 02	Done by Government
Advertise for external consultants to provide training and monitoring in on-going use of alternatives	Candidates were identified, invited to apply and short-listing conducted	April 02	May 02	Done by Government
Launch greenhouse construction	One greenhouse constructed at ARET	June 02	August 02	Constructed by C.H. Greenery.
Submission of Annual Progress Report to UNDP	Progress report submitted	April 02	April 02	Done
First Monitoring and Evaluation mission (southern region)	Help the project management (ARET) to evaluate results at ground level	May 02	May 02	UNDP facilitated the trip
Monitoring and Evaluation mission (northern and central regions)	Help the project management (ARET) to evaluate results at ground level	July 02	July 02	Included participation of new National Project Coordinator to introduce him to project
Follow-up training of farmers (southern region)	On-going through ARET extension staff	-	-	On-going
Follow-up training of farmers (Central region)	On-going through ARET extension staff	-	-	On-going
Follow-up training of farmers (northern region)	On-going through ARET extension staff	-	-	On-going
Study tour	Proposed to be conducted to South Africa to assist in evaluation of adoption of alternatives	-	-	Scheduled for 2003
Public awareness activities	Increase awareness of issues associated with use of MeBr and promote adoption of alternatives	Oct. 02	Oct. 02	Ongoing and continuing in 2003
Recruitment of consultants	Short-list of candidates was reviewed and an agreement on recruitment was made	-	-	External regional experts missions postponed to early 2003 due to delays in arrival of materials

Tender evaluation / procurements	Done as planned	May 02	May 02	Done as scheduled
Procurement of materials	Materials procured	July 02	July 02	Done by Government
Distribution of materials	Materials distributed to all the three regions	July 02	Sept. 02	Some late delivery experienced by ARET due transport problems
6 Monitoring and Evaluation missions	10 visits completed during the 6 M&E missions conducted by Ntl Project Mgr	July-Nov	July-Nov	10 visits conducted
Awareness meeting for journalists	Outreach activity was planned to take place in August 2002	-	-	Rescheduled to 2003. Activity postponed in order to take advantage of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year results
Field days	These were practical demonstrations of the application of the technologies by the farmers	Aug. 02	Dec. 02	10 field days were conducted
Training on ODS regulations	Draft training outline developed	-	-	Training rescheduled to 2003
Follow up on ODS regulations enforcement	Legal consultant to advise Steering Committee on adoption and enforcement of regs	-	-	Rescheduled to 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2003
Regular meetings of the National Project Steering Committee	Report on technical progress and discuss policy mechanisms to support elimination efforts	several	several	The NPSC met 4 times
Evaluation workshop with trainers	External technical experts will assist national trainers to properly evaluate in-field results	-	-	Rescheduled to 2003
Regional workshops with farmers	To review status of implementation and adoption	-	-	To be conducted in February 2003
Study tour to Argentina – phase-out project in tobacco sector	Allow for South-South exchange of experience in adoption of alternatives in the sector	-	-	Scheduled for late 03

## 8. PROJECT EXPENDITURES and COMMITMENTS (US \$)

**Table 7: Project Expenditures and Pending Obligations**

Budget Line	Disbursements in 2001/2002	Funds obligated during 2002	TOTAL
Personnel (local & external)	74,673	155,700	230,373
Sub-contract	26,422	35,000	61,422
Training	17,454	80,692	98,146
Equipment	921,280	68,000	989,280
Miscellaneous	8,616	11,500	20,116
Exchange Differentials	663	-	663
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,049,108</b>	<b>350,892</b>	<b>1,400,000<sup>3</sup></b>

**Table 8: Breakdown of the expenditure on equipment**

Equipment	Disbursements in 2001/2002	Funds obligated during 2002	TOTAL
Trays	95,029	20,000	115,029
Substrate Bark	45,389	0	45,389
Black Plastic	74,932	0	74,932
Chemicals	677,876	25,000	702,876
Greenhouse	28,054	23,000	51,054
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>921,280</b>	<b>68,000</b>	<b>989,280</b>

## 9. YEAR 2003 WORKPLAN

### OUTPUTS:

- Technical and socio-economic analysis of the use of alternatives (floating tray system & basamid) to MeBr as they contribute to elimination of 81.3 ODP T by December 2003;
- 30 national agronomists and agricultural specialists and 200 commercial growers fully trained in alternative technologies;
- Production of targeted training and information materials, and dissemination of project results to stakeholder audience;
- Adoption of national plan for phase-out of methyl bromide use in Malawi tobacco production, including development of appropriate policy mechanisms

### ACTIVITIES:

- Procurement of materials and equipment required to allow for further phase-out of 41.1 ODP T;
- Distribution of materials and equipment to participating farmers;
- Organisation of training sessions for farmers participating in the 2003 programme;
- On-going implementation of field days to maintain interest and momentum;
- Conduct 16 monitoring and evaluation visits and prepare quarterly mission reports;
- Construction of greenhouses in Zomba and Kasunga;
- Engage external experts, as required, to provide training support;
- Conduct study tour to South Africa and launch south-south cooperation with MeBr elimination project in tobacco in Argentina;
- Produce training and promotional materials;
- Host Steering Committee meetings on a quarterly basis, and as required.

<sup>3</sup> US \$ 1,400,000 is the total of US \$ 400,000 and US \$ 1,000,000 first and second tranche funding respectively

**ANNEX 1: DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECT MATERIALS PER SEEDBED (by region)**

PARTICIPATING ESTATES, ORGANISATIONS	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						Metam Sodium	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILIZER (KGS)	MICRO-NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
<b>CENTRAL REGION</b>											
1. KAKUYU INVESTMENT	-	-	-	30	3000	400	29	-	-		
2. LISANDWA FARM	-	-	-	30	3000	-	-	-	-		
3. CHITUPI ESTATES	100	160	20	10	1000	-	-	-	-		
4. KANDIYA FARM	80	120	8	2.5	200	16	2	25	200		
5. MAWANO ESTATE	-	-	-	15	1500	80	8	-	-		
6. LIKASE ESTATES	-	-	-	15	1500	87	8	-	-		
7. MBADZI ESTATES	-	-	-	10	1000	60	5	-	-		
8. TAMAMALOWO	-	-	-	10	1000	60	5	100	400		
9. CHINESE T. MISSION	30	40	4	5	-	40	-	100	400		
10. THANDIZANI ESTATE	30	45	4	16	1600	80	8	-	-		
11. MKUNDI EPA	-	-	5	4	400	25	1	-	-		
12. NKUSA NKHOMA	2	3	1	2	200	12	1	-	-		
13. TIYAMIKE ESTATES	-	-	-	5	500	40	3	-	-		
14. NASFAM KASUNGU	10	60	2	26	2600	120	6	-	-		
15. DR. MGOMEZULU	-	-	-	5	500	25	3	-	-		
16. P.M. BANDA	-	-	-	4	400	25	2	-	-		
17. JA TEWETE	-	-	-	4	400	25	2	-	-		
18. MR. CHIKALIRA	-	-	-	4	400	25	2	-	-		
19. Lupachi Estate	30	40	2	3	300	20	2	-	-		
20. Kapuku Estate	30	40	2	2	200	15	1	-	-		
21. Chisambo Estate	-	-	-	4	400	35	2	-	-		
22. MR. PHIKISO	-	-	-	3	300	25	2	-	-		
23. LIWELEZI ESTATE	1860	2000	100	-	-	-	-	-	-		
24. LINGADZI ESTATE	105	155	8	20	2000	120	10	-	-		
25. NSANGU ESTATE	12	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
26. KHAMA ESTATE	12	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
27. TIYENI TSOLOLANI	50	80	40	10	1000	80	10	100	400		
28. CHMWEMWE ESTATE	660	820	50	-	-	-	-	-	-		
29. CHIMWMKANGO	350	420	30	-	-	-	-	-	-		
30. KWAMBA ESTATE	25	40	5	-	-	-	-	-	-		
31. Eden Farms	10	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
32. General Farming	3000	2400	10	10	1000	-	-	-	-	2220	6660
33. Baron	-	-	-	10	1000	-	-	-	-		
34. McPherson	-	-	-	4	400	-	-	-	-		
35. KTFT (Limbe Leaf)	1700	-	-	20	2000	-	-	-	-		
36. Press Farming	-	-	-	15	1500	-	-	-	-		

PARTICIPATING ESTATES, ORGANISATIONS	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						<i>Metam Sodium</i> <sup>4</sup>	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILZER (KGS)	MICRO- NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
<b>CENTRAL Region (cont'd)</b>											
37. Chilipa Estate	10	15	2	3	300	24	3				
38. FULAHA	100	75	-	2	200	16	1				
39.CHINSEU BANDA	-	-	-	10	1000	80	5				
40. KACHITA ESTATE	-	-	-	2	200	16	1				
41. TALIMBANAZO ESTATE	250	300	3	6	600	48	3				
42.VIOLE ESTATE	30	40	1	-	-	-	-				
43MDYANKHANGA	30	40	1	4	400	30	1	-	-	-	
44.TENGANI ESTATE	30	40	2	-	-	-	-				
45.MWIMBA FARM INST.	130	200	10	-	-	-	-				
46.MWIMBA RESEARCH	30	20	2	6	600	16	1				
47.MANDO ESTATE	120	180	8	-	-	-	-				
48.MADALITSO ESTATE	30	45	4	-	-	-	-				
49.MSAMBA IMFA	20	20	2	-	-	-	-				
50. Songwe Wood barn	-	-	-	2	200	16	1				
51.KAMUZU ACADEMY	300	185	3	20	2000	90	10			80	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,176</b>	<b>7,643</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>34800</b>	<b>1749</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>2300</b>	<b>6910</b>

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PARTICIPATING ESTATES, ORGANISATIONS	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						<i>Metam Sodium</i> <sup>5</sup>	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILIZER (KGS)	MICRO- NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>											
1. MAFISI ESTATE	1000	1225	10	49	3000	200	30	150	3000	-	
2. CONFORZI ESTATE	30	40	-	4	400	-	-	-	-	-	
3. CHIWALE ESTATE	10	15	-	4	400	-	-	-	-	-	
4. NDATA FARM	200	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5. CHIPALE ESTATE	15	20	-	30	3000	130	15	√	√	-	
6. CHIMPENI ESTATE	15	20	-	16	1600	210	18	-	-	-	
7. MPIRA ESTATE/Lisale	430	240	-	10	1000	-	-	-	-	-	
8. CHAKANIKA	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9. IPANI ESTATE	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10. NAMIGWERE ESTATE	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11. GRAIN ESTATE	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12. SOUTHERN END	-	-	-	30	3000	120	10	250	5000	-	
13. MSAMBA ESTATE	-	-	-	10	1000	40	5	-	-	-	
14. KAPALASA ESTATE	-	-	-	5	500	20	3	-	-	-	
15. Chitumba Estate	15	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16. Tambala Estate	-	-	-	50	5000	-	-	-	-	-	
17. Namizimu Estate	50	45	-	7	700	-	-	-	-	90	300
18. NASFAM – Dzaone	-	-	-	6	600	-	-	-	-	-	
19. Namasuwi (Namwera)	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20. Matambo (Zomba)	-	-	-	4	400	-	-	-	-	-	
21. Homboli (AD)	45	-	-	6	600	-	-	-	-	-	
22. Makande (AD)	45	-	-	6	600	-	-	-	-	-	
23. Kamponje (TO)	-	-	-	6	600	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	2015	1855	10	243	22400	720	81	400	8000	90	300

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PARTICIPATING ESTATES, ORGANISATIONS	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						<i>Metam Sodium</i> <sup>6</sup>	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILIZERR (KGS)	MICRO- NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>											
1. CHILIMDONGO EST.	100	140	10								
2. MAFENI ESTATE	-	-	-	5	500	40	3				
3. ADMARC ESTATES (6)	1690	1935	15	40	4000	60	5				
4. MR. ZIMBA	50	75	5	18	1800	130	10				
5. KATONTHOWOLO EST.	200	300	-	38	1000	-	-				
6. LIMBE LEAF ESTATES(Kabwafu)	2883	1900	-	10	3800	-	10			400	1050
7. L Leaf (Mbalachanda)	-	-	-	6	1000	-	-				
8. NASFAM (Nkhamanga)	-	-	-	6	600	-	-				
9. Khuyu (Rumphi)	80	100	-	-	600	-	-				
10. Nkhozo (Rumphi)	80	100	-	-	-	-	-				
11. Nisungani (Mzimba)	70	80	-	-	-	-	-				
12. Funda (Rumphi)	100	-	-	-	-	-	-				
13. Pokani (Mzimba)	88	-	-	-	-	-	-				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5251</b>	<b>4630</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>13300</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>1050</b>

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**ANNEX 1: DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECT MATERIALS PER SEEDBED (SMALL HOLDERS)**

PARTICIPATING CLUBS,	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						<i>Metam Sodium</i> <sup>7</sup>	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILIZER (KGS)	MICRO-NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
1. CHIGODI CLUB (KU)	2	3	1								
2. MPHATSO CLUB (KU)	2	3	1								
3. MWITHA (KU)	2	3	1								
4. TAGWIRIZANA (KK)	40	60	2								
5. CHILASA (KK)	20	30	2								
6. CHIMIMBE (MC)	2	3									
7. CHITINTHI (MC)	1	3									
8. ULONGWE (MC)	1	3									
9. KATAPILA (MC)	2	3									
10. TAKOMANA (MC)	2	3									
11. KAYELAYELA (MC)	2	3									
12. MZUMACHARO (MC)	10	15									
13. JIMU (MC)	2	3									
14. MAUMBAKO ESTATE	1	3									
15. MKUSAMALE EST.	12	18									
16. MWAMBIYA EST.	100	120									
17. MR. F. BANDA (SA)	15	22.5									
18. KAPATSA CLUB (LL)	70	85	2								
19. ARET DZ & NU	30	45	3								
20. ARET KU	150	180	3	-	-	-	-				
21. ARET KK	690	850	1	-	-	-	-				
22. ARET SA	770	935	30	16	1550	64	8				
23. ARET MCHINJI	30	37.5	10	-	-	-	-				
24. ARET LIWONDE	65	80	-	-	-	-	-				
25. ARET MPONELA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2458</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>7</sup> Metam sodium contribution on the part of the government because the stakeholders had requested that it be included in the trial phase. Use represents balance of 2001 stock.



**ANNEX 2: SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECT MATERIALS PER SEEDBED - 2002**

PARTICIPATING ESTATES, ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS	ALTERNATIVES TO METHYL BROMIDE										
	BASAMID			SOILLESS MEDIA						<i>Metam Sodium</i> <sup>8</sup>	
	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (KGS)	FUMIGATION SHEETS	NO. OF PONDS	NO. OF FLOATING TRAYS	PINE BARK (BAGS)	PLASTIC SHEETS	FERTILIZER (KGS)	MICRO- NUTRIENTS	NO. OF BEDS	QUANTITY (L)
<i>ESTATES</i>											
SOUTHERN R. (17)	2015	1855	10	243	22400	720	81	400	8,000	90	300
CENTRAL R. (45)	9176	7643	316	353	34800	1749	132	225	1,400	2300	6910
NORTHERN R. (11)	5251	4630	30	133	13300	230	28	-	-	400	1050
<i>SUB -TOTAL (73)</i>	<b>16442</b>	<b>14128</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>70500</b>	<b>2699</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>2790</b>	<b>8260</b>
<b>SMALLHOLDER</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2458</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2458</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>18463</b>	<b>16586</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>72050</b>	<b>2763</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>9400</b>	<b>2790</b>	<b>8260</b>

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