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Working through Hypothetical Climate Change Scenario in Groups, Part 1a: Exercise Instruction

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HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO: EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

Part 1a: Walk through the scenario

Part 1b: Malawi 2026 Visions (Day 1, 1 hr)

Part 2: Priority Actions (Day 2, 1:15 hr)

Part 3: Build the Case with Beneficiaries (Day 2, 1 hr)



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HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO: EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

- Utilize storytelling and role playing, imagine ourselves as a district planning committee.
- Our diverse stakeholders are responsible for making a plan so the communities in our district are more resilient to climate change in 10 years.
- You will play one of the stakeholders and represent their viewpoints. BE CREATIVE!



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CREATE A VISION (PART 1B)

Create a long-term vision that they use to guide the actions as a donor and IP

- What would a sustainable and resilient Machinga look like in 2026?
What needs to change?
- What can make the district sustainable? Resilient? Ready to handle natural hazards?
- How do you assess the risk?
- What are the primary assets that you want to protect in the district?
- How can you make the district more economically, socially, and culturally vibrant (from adapting to thriving)?
- Are there trade-offs that need to be considered?



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CREATE A VISION (PART 1B)

Be prepared to share:

- Your priority sectors. Why did you choose these? What was the process of selection? What are the tradeoffs?
- Is there anyone at the table that you think should be represented and is not?
- List the natural and manmade hazards.
- List needs for resilience
- Data needs and how you might obtain that data.





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PRIORITIZE ACTIONS (PART 2)

Brainstorm possible solutions and explore what other groups have done. Narrow your options to a list of actions stakeholders are willing to support. Consolidate actions and determine the best sequence to protect your full range of assets. Align your resources to focus on your largest risks.

- How will you prioritize which assets need to be protected? What are your restrictions for implementing (time, capacity, budget, etc)?
- What actions are necessary to achieve the vision you have created? Who are the stakeholders?
- What would an integrated plan look like? Shorter term vs longer term planning?
- What would an optimal regulatory condition or donor priorities look like? Where would the National Adaptation Strategy play a role?
- What indicators will you use to determine if your vision is achieved in 2026?



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PRIORITIZE ACTIONS (PART 2)

Be prepared to share:

- What factors guide your prioritization?
- A cost-benefit that weighed into your decision.
- Were there disagreements or compromises that were made?
- What would an integrated plan look like?
- In determining what is important or not important, how did the conversation change over time?



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BUILDING THE CASE (PART 3)

Build the business case for your vision to build buy-in from community members, establish accountability, and promote a pathway of successful implementation.

- How will the actions continue to be funded?
- If you were appealing to donors, civil society, or GoM, what would your 1 minute pitch be?
- Is it beneficial to invest in both mitigation and adaptation? Why?
- If you were appealing to communities outside your zone of direct funding, what would your pitch be? How do you address behavior change and the opportunity cost compared to traditional farming?
- What are your key messages to these stakeholders?



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BUILDING THE CASE (PART 3)

Be prepared to share:

- Your 1 minute pitch
- Approach to messaging within communities
- Relevant indicators and monitoring strategy
- Long term challenges



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