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Who Benefit from Malawi's Targeted Farm Input Subsidy Program?

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Abstract

Malawi has over the last 6 years embarked on a comprehensive targeted fertilizer and seed subsidy program to boost its agricultural production and to enhance household and national food security. The program aims to target coupons for purchase of subsidized fertilizers and seeds to poor rural households. This study provides evidence on the extent of leakages of coupons and fertilizers and the targeting efficiency of the program. While the program enhances food production and food security, it does not

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Malawi about how to set higher standards such as transparency and accountability at all levels of the program.

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Notes

¹Holden ([2009b](#)) defined a power trap as a situation where there are sufficient resources to create economic development but such development fails to take place due to the power structure and institutional structure in place and which does not change simply by adding more resources or giving more development assistance (examples are dictatorial regimes, anarchies, unstable and weak democracies, and corrupt democracies).

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