Malawi Poultry 2005-2015

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Background

- Difficulties faced by industry in the late 1990 to early 2000
- Mostly due to imports from the region
- Another unexplained factor was the absence reasonably priced feed

Restrictions

- Following interface with Government restrictions were imposed requiring licencing
- There was initially doubt on the capacity of the Industry
- Field visits and assessments were carried out

Environmental issue

- There was a feeling that using the Control of Goods Act was against commitments under WTO and other Trade Arrangements and the industry was not trusted.
- It was also felt that the industry would not meet SPS requirements like the Cold Chains.

Industry Cluster

- The Industry formed a loose Cluster that has now emerged as a major association to lobby the Authorities on the need for protection.
- The Minister was called on to consider reversing the protection if the industry did not deliver

Lessons from Malawi Poultry

- Industries do benefit and can benefit from a level of protection
- Value chain operators from suppliers of raw materials to the actual outlets need to be examined in terms of the constraints presented and involved

Nature of growth

Industries in Lilongwe and Blantyre challenged that they would supply key outlets like shoprite, PTC local company and other major shops and food outlets and tuorism establishment

Results

- Blossoming of industries and value chain operators.
- By 2010, Malawi was noticing price reductions in both live and dressed chickens and table eggs
- The Industry is one of the largest employers of outgrower scheme workers like farmers and also a creator of opportunities for farm produce like maize and soya bean

The End

Thank you for your attention