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Dear Sir/Madam

LAUNCH OF AFIKEPO AND KULIMA PROGRAMMES

The Malawi Government is implementing Afikepo and KULIMA programmes with support from European Union Delegation. Afikepo activities are closely linked to KULIMA. The main objective of KULIMA is to foster sustainable agricultural production and increase incomes while for Afikepo is to enhance food and nutrition security. The programmes will run concurrently from 2017 to 2022 in 10 districts namely Kasungu, Mzimba, Nkhata Bay, Nkhatakota, Salima, Karonga, Chitipa, Chiradzulu, Thyolo and Mulanje targeting women of childbearing age, adolescent girls, infants and young children, farmers, agricultural extension workers, and rural communities at large.

The main implementing sectors of the programme are: Department of Nutrition, HIV and AIDS (coordinating office for Afikepo), Department of Agricultural Extension (coordinating office for KULIMA), Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development and Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. The implementing partners are GIZ and FAO/UNICEF.

The government has planned to launch the programmes on 7th May, 2018 at **Bingu International Convention Center (BICC)**, in **Lilongwe** starting from **8:30 am**. I am pleased to invite you to this important function which will be graced by the Minister of Finance, **Honorable Goodal Gondwe**. The theme of the launch is '**Building a resilient Malawi through improved agriculture and nutrition Security**'.

Looking forward to your participation in this function.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Namarika', with a stylized, circular flourish at the beginning.

Dr. Dan Namarika
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND POPULATION