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Malawi Country
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Statement of the Director IOE

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Thank you, Chair.

Distinguished representatives of the Government of Malawi,
Representatives of IFAD,
Partner institutions and international organizations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This has been an engaging and well attended workshop, over 80 participants from all sectors attests to the quality of the program and its importance to government and partners.

The questions posed demonstrate the interest in the program.

Thanks to IOE and in particular Johanna and team, and Ambrosio for excellent facilitation

I believe that today's engaging discussion has provided better insights in order to translate the evaluation findings and lessons into actions for greater impact of IFAD engagement in Malawi.

Given the excellent collaboration thus far among IOE, the East and Southern Africa division and the Government of Malawi, we hope that this evaluation will pave the way to the preparation of the new Country strategic opportunities programme between IFAD and the Government.

As we conclude today's national workshop on the country strategy and programme evaluation of Malawi, I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the Government of Malawi, especially the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Local Government.

Finally, I warmly thank all of you who have participated and shared so generously your views. We hope that today's workshop may spark further exchange and discussion amongst yourselves towards a country programme that has a greater impact on eliminating poverty and improving the rural livelihoods for women, men and youths of Malawi.

I thank you for your attention.