

**Inputs provided by: Coalition of Journalists on Environment and Agriculture (COJEA)**

**1. General description of mandates and objective(s) of your organization / associated network with institutional structure**

*Coalition of Journalists on Environment and Agriculture (COJEA) is an NGO registered as in 2004 to provide capacity building to environmental and agriculture journalists in Malawi. It also has the legal mandate to do advocacy work on any environmental issues including climate change and its impacts on Malawi in particular and the world in general. Our whole idea is to bring in environmental and agricultural awareness to the communities considering that the most vulnerable communities are the poor. So far COJEA has trained about 30 journalists in the country on climate change reporting and agriculture reporting. As an NGO we believe that we cannot talk about agriculture without talking about the environment and climate change issues. These are directly linked.*

**2. Relevant operational framework(s)**

*As a media NGO we do not work in isolation. We work with government institutions such as the Department of Environmental Affairs, The Department of Water & Irrigation and the Ministry of Agriculture. These are key institutions in as far as our work is concerned. These are the institution we coordinate with. Apart from government we also work with other NGOs that are directly involved in environmental, agricultural and climate change issues. We have an implementing strategy that we are using at the moment and we operate under very strained budget. In fact most of our activities are hampered by lack of resources and our members sacrifice their own resources.*

**3. Focus areas of risk management for loss and damage associated with climate change impacts**

*COJEA has is aware that most communities in Malawi are poor and they lack proper information on climate change. If they have the information it means that the information is not packaged in a manner that they are able to understand. We use advocacy and information awareness campaign to address issues of climate change. Most of the materials we have are on CDs.*

**4. Geographic coverage**

We are covering the whole nation

**5. Key stakeholders**

**Government, Environmental NGOs, Local Communities and the Schools**

**6. Implementation modality / delivery mechanisms**

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COJEA implements its activities whenever funds are available and the programmes are implemented in support of the donor and its requirement.

We do trainings, field trips and workshops for journalists.

We also write annual and quarterly reports.

#### **7. Key activities / outputs to date**

**Trainings, field trips, workshops, published articles on climate change**

#### **8. Any additional information and contact details**

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