Project Update: October 2009

Activity/Activities undertaken based on work plan in project document

• Community meetings with local communities, traditional chiefs and government & NGO officials.

Achievements

- 10 sensitization meetings were held with local community members, including their traditional chiefs in seven villages that border the project area.
- 5 consultative meetings were held with between the project team and government officials in the departments of Forestry, Agriculture and one local CBOs (Kalwe Bee Keepers Association) working in the area.

Comments

- The project team has built a good rapport with community members and stakeholders.
- Traditional leaders and community members, including government and CBO officials have expressed their support and interest in the project.



Left: One of the sensitisation meetings held with communities in village headman Chirwa near project site. Right: Prof. Armstrong and other project team holding a meeting with government officials at Agriculture & Food Security Department in Nkhata Bay.