

**MALAWI RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT SURVEY 2009**

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# BACKGROUND

- R n D SURVEY conducted in 2009 for 2007/08 Fiscal year
- The sample composed 129 Sc and Technology Institutions from Government, business, higher education and NPOs – countrywide
- Response rate was 70 percent

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- The survey was jointly conducted by the Dept of Science and Technology (MoEST) and NSO
- Institutions in the sample were visited during data collection, a few asked for electronic questionnaires

# CHALLENGES

# DATA COLLECTION

- As it was the 1<sup>st</sup> time for a national R n D survey, all institutions were targeted for the different categories, which means data collection was costly as these institutions are spread out
- To convince the companies to respond required several follow ups – budget did not allow for follow ups

# DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS

- The Dept of Science and Technology was done at DST, and supported by NSO.
- The distance btwn the two institutions was making collaboration difficult and expensive

# ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

- The data analysis was conducted during the transition period of the establishment of the NCST, as such R n D survey coordinating body was not very clear.

# SOLUTIONS

- Response rate – need for a sufficient budget to cater for follow ups and collaboration
- Organisational Structure – Now the key institutions have been redefined as  
Overall coordinator–DST  
Supporting Institutions- NSO & NCST

# CONCLUSION

- We are determined to work closely to implement phase 2
- The ASTII activities are to be streamlined in our programmes for sustainability purposes

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