

## **Project Update: January 2010**

### **Activity/Activities undertaken based on drawn a work plan in project document**

- Held two consultative meetings with stakeholders and high profile leaders of local community members at Nkhata Bay Community Hall and Mzuzu Hotel. The aim was to solicit knowledge, skills and ideas on issues to be incorporated in the nursery training manual for devil's claw.

### **Achievements**

- 25 people drawn from the Department of Agricultural & Food Security, International Potato Centre, Agricultural Research Stations, the University of Malawi, Department of Forestry and high profile representatives of local communities participated in the meetings.
- Solicited, compiled information and data necessary for the design and development of tailor-made nursery training manual for local farmers and agricultural extension workers interested in cultivation of devil's claw.

### **Milestone**

- A draft training manual for local famers and other stakeholders has been developed and will be finalised by January 2010 after holding a document review and proof reading one day consultative workshop with Government Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture & Food Security and Ministry of Natural Resource & Environmental Affairs.



Left: Participants to one of consultative meetings held at Mzuzu Hotel on development of training manual for Devil's Claw cultivation. Right: Participants to the second consultative meeting held at Nkhata Bay community Hall.