QUESTION 3: WHAT IS THE MESSAGE TO THE POLICY MAKERS /GOVERNMENT /RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES. WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING?
What is currently going on?

Research
•  this is being done by government and also other international research organisations i.e ICRISAT, IITA and (Peanut Mycotoxin Innovation Lab)

Extension Services
•  The level of collaboration is not good and efforts are being made
•  Capacity building and training

•  Institutions such as LUANAR, EX-Agris, *MBS (Malawi Bureau of Standards)

Awareness
•  Nasfam, farm radio, CISANET, S-Agris, ATWG, DARS, RLEEP
•  MBS (Malawi Bureau of Standards)
•  National coordination mechanism
•  MAPAC
The message to Policy makers

- Policy makers need to be told the problems which are
- The extent of the problem
- There is need to communicate the extent of the problem

Facts
- We need evidence in terms of
  (a) occurrences
  (b) effects- trade, health, food security and nutrition
What can be the solutions?

• There is need for awareness and communication
• Training (farmers, traders and organisations)
• Capacity building
• Laboratory
• Food safety control system
• Farmers, traders, processors, policy makers
• There is need for national coordination