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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACB	Anti-Corruption Bureau
ADCs	Area Development Committees
AHL	Auction Holdings Limited
AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
AU	African Union
BHP	Basic Health Package
CAMA	Consumer Association of Malawi
CBCCs	Community Based Care Centres
CBM&E	Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation
CBE	Complementary Basic Education
CBOs	Community-Based Organizations
CCP	Comprehensive Condom Programming
CDSS	Community Day Secondary Schools
CFTC	Competition and Fair Trading Commission
CHAM	Christian Health Association of Malawi
CMS	Central Medical Stores
COMESA	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa
COMSIP	Community Savings and Investment Promotion
CSOs	Civil Society Organization
CVRS	Civil Registration Vital Statistics
DARs	Department of Agricultural Research Services
DAS	Development Assistance Strategies
DCCMS	Department for Climate Change and Meteorological Services
DEC	District Executive Committees
DEMs	District Education Managers
Devpol	Development Policies
DHRMD	Department of Human Resource Management and Development
DHS	Demographic Health Survey
DISTMIS	District Management Information System
DMECC	District Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination Committees
DNHA	Department of Nutrition and HIV/AIDS
DODMA	Department of Disaster Management Affairs
DPs	Development Partners
DPC	Development Partners Cooperation
DRM	Disaster Risk Management
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
DSGE	Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium
EAD	Environment Affairs Department
ECD	Early Child Development
EGENCO	Electricity Generation Company (Malawi) Limited
EGRA	Early Grade Reading Assessment
EIAs	Environment Impact Assessments

EITI	Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
eMTCT	Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
ENRM	Environmental and Natural Resource Management
EP&D	Economic Planning and Development
EPAs	Extension Planning Areas
ESCOM	Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi Limited
FBOs	Faith Based Organizations
FEDOMA	Federation of Disability Organization of Malawi
FTA	Free Trade Area
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GHGs	Green House Gases
GTS	Global Telecommunication System
GWAN	Government Wide Area Network
HMIS	Health Management Information System
ICRISAT	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
ICT	Information, Communication and Technology
IEC	Information, Education, Communication
IHS	Integrated Household Survey
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPoA	Istanbul Programme of Action
IPPs	Independent Power Producers
IRI	Interactive Radio Interactions
ISPs	Internet Service Providers
IT	Information Technology
ITN	Insecticide Treated Mosquito Nets
ITS	Intelligent Transportation System
KIA	Kamuzu International Airport
LEAD SEA Africa	Leadership for Environment and Development for Southern and Eastern Africa
LDC	Least Developed Country
MalawiMod	Malawi Model
MASEDA	Malawi Socio-Economic Database
MACRA	Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority
MBS	Malawi Bureau of Standards
MCCCI	Malawi Confederation of Chamber of Commerce
MDAs	Ministries Departments and Agencies
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MERA	Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority
MGDS	Malawi Growth and Development Strategy
MHC	Malawi Housing Cooperation
MICE	Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions
MICs	Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey

MIE	Malawi Institute of Education
MITC	Malawi Investment and Trade Centre
MIRTDC	Malawi Industrial Research and Technology Development Centre
MNREM	Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining
MoAIWD	Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development
MoCECCD	Ministry of Civic Education, Culture and Community Development
MoEST	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
MoFAIC	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development
MoFEPD	Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
MoGCDSW	Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability, and Social Welfare
MoICT	Ministry of Information and Communication Technology
MoH	Ministry of Health
MoITT	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism
MoJCA	Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs
MoLSYMD	Ministry of Labour, Sports, Youth and Manpower Development
MoLGRD	Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
MoLHUD	Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development
MoTPW	Ministry of Transport and Public Works
MPRS	Malawi Poverty Reduction Strategy
MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
MRA	Malawi Revenue Authority
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure
MVAC	Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee
MW	Mega Watt
MYP	Malawi Young Pioneers
NAC	National Aids Commission
NCCMF	National Climate Change Management Fund
NCHE	National Council for Higher Education
NCST	National Commission for Science and Technology
NEC	National Economic Council
NES	National Export Strategy
NHRAP	National Human Rights Action Plan
NICE	National Initiative for Civic Education
NQF	National Qualification Framework
NSO	National Statistical Office
NSS	National Statistical System
ODL	Open and Distance Learning
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OOP	Out-Of-Pocket
OPA	Organizational Performance Assessments
PAP	Poverty Alleviation Programme
PAs	Protected Areas
PEAs	Primary School Education Advisors
PER	Public Expenditure Review

PFM	Public Finance Management
PLHIV	People Living with HIV
PMPB	Performance Management Plans and Budgets
PPPs	Public-Private Partnerships
PSAM	Private Schools Association of Malawi
PSIP	Public Sector Investment Programme
RBM	Result Based Management/ Reserve Bank of Malawi
RCIP	Regional Communications Infrastructure Programme
REP	Rural Electrification Program
RFA	Roads Fund Administration
RISDP	Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SEZ	Special Economic Zone
SLAs	Service Level Agreements
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises
SMEDI	Small and Medium Enterprises Development Institute
SNE	Special Needs Education
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights
TEVETA	Technical, Entrepreneurial and Vocational Education and Training Authority
TTCs	Teachers Training College
TFTA	Tripartite Free Trade Area
TLM	Teaching and Learning Materials
TWG	Technical Working Groups
UHC	Universal Health Coverage
USD	United States Dollar
VDCs	Village Development Committees
VMMC	Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision
VPoA	Vienna Programme of Action
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WTO	World Trade Organization
WUA	Water Users Association
YFHS	Youth Friendly Health Services

FOREWORD

Third Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS III) has been formulated following the expiry of its predecessor strategy (MGDS II) in June 2016. The strategy has been prepared at a time the country has been experiencing multiple shocks including floods, drought and financial leakages that occurred midway through the implementation of MGDS II. While food production has improved this year, the cycle of food deficit and surplus seems to keep the country preoccupied with fighting disasters instead of focusing on the development agenda. It is for this reason that the theme of the MGDS III will be: “*Building a Productive, Competitive and Resilient Nation*”. With this theme, Government undertakes to continue with efforts to be a productive nation that competes on the global scene while ensuring that the nation builds systems that can best deal with natural shocks and disasters.

MGDS III takes cognizance of the fact that Malawi is a member of the international community and as such we are a signatory to a number of protocols. Among the commitments highlighted in this strategy is our obligation to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are a global agenda for inclusive and equitable growth succeeding the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the African Union Agenda 2063. As such the strategy has seized the opportunity to show how these international agendas will be domesticated at national level. In this regard, my Government will stand committed to the development of the country so that we can achieve the aspirations of Vision 2020 which will expire within the implementation period of this strategy.

Based on the comprehensive reviews and results of the consultations on the implementation of MGDS II, the successor strategy has departed from the formulation of multiple thematic areas by going straight into the choice of fewer Key Priority Areas (KPAs). The five KPAs that have been presented in this strategy have been chosen on the basis of their strong links among themselves, with the SDGs, the AU Agenda 2063 and with the rest of the economy. The KPAs have also been carefully selected in order to spur growth and address the bottlenecks to growth and development. For the next five years, therefore, the Key Priority areas shall be: i) Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change Management; ii) Education and Skills Development; iii) Energy,

Industry and Tourism Development; iv) Transport and ICT Infrastructure and; v) Health and Population.

My government will take a lead in the implementation of this strategy and will continue to facilitate private sector and other stakeholder participation. In this regard, I appeal for the same cooperation that prevailed during the implementation of MGDS II as we implement MGDS III. It is therefore, my hope that all stakeholders will rally around this strategy and align their plans and programmes accordingly.

May God bless our beautiful country.

Prof. Arthur Peter Mutharika
President of the Republic of Malawi

PREFACE

The third Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS III) which will be implemented from 2017 to 2022, is the fourth medium-term national development strategy formulated to contribute to the attainment country's long-term development aspirations as enshrined in the Vision 2020. The previous development strategies that were developed to implement the Vision 2020 were the Malawi Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (MPRSP), the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) I and II. The MGDS III is, therefore, the final strategy that will take Malawi to the expiry of Vision 2020.

As a national strategy, the overarching theme for the MGDS III is: "Building a Productive, Competitive and Resilient Nation". Unlike its immediate predecessor, the strategy is built around this one theme that aims to improve productivity, turn the country into a competitive nation and develop resilience to shocks and hazards. The MGDS III also consolidates the efforts that Malawi is undertaking to reposition herself as a global player. The MGDS III is, therefore, anchored on five key priority areas namely: i) Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change; ii) Education and Skills Development; iii) Energy, Industry and Tourism Development; iv) Transport and ICT Infrastructure and; v) Health and Population. These key priority areas were chosen on the basis of their strong linkages among each other as well as other sectors of the economy.

This Strategy is the outcome of a year-long process of consultations, brainstorming, and validation meetings with different stakeholders both within and outside government. I am confident that the collective effort which prevailed during its formulation will also continue during its implementation. While the national budget will be the main implementation tool for this strategy, I would like to call upon all other key development players such as the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to also take part in the implementation of the strategy. It is my hope that all stakeholders will align their programmes and activities to this strategy so that together we build a productive, competitive and resilient nation.

God bless us all.

Goodall E. Gondwe
Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O God bless our land of Malawi,
Keep it a land of peace.
Put down each and every enemy,
Hunger, disease, envy.
Join together all our hearts as one,
That we be free from fear.
Bless our leader, each and every one,
And Mother Malawi.

Our own Malawi, this land so fair,
Fertile and brave and free.
With its lakes, refreshing mountain air,
How greatly blest are we.
Hills and valleys, soil so rich and rare,
Give us a bounty free.
Wood and forest, plains so broad and fair,
All-beauteous Malawi.

Freedom ever, let us all unite
To build up Malawi.
With our love, our zeal and loyalty,
Bringing our best to her.
In time of war, or in time of peace,
One purpose and one goal.
Men and women serving selflessly
In building Malawi.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction and Background

The third Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS III) is the medium-term strategy for Malawi designed to contribute to Malawi's long-term development aspirations. The strategy covers a period of five years, from 2017 to 2022 and it is a successor to the MGDS II that was implemented between 2011 and 2016. The overall objective of the strategy is to move Malawi to a productive, competitive and resilient nation through sustainable economic growth, energy, industrial and infrastructure development while addressing water, climate change and environmental management and population challenges.

The strategy realizes that Malawi's population is youthful with approximately half (46 percent) below the age of 15, and up to 73 percent below the age of 30 years. This youthful bulge affects the economy in various ways. Firstly, at the micro level of individuals and families, high rates of population growth are associated with high dependency ratios and low investment in the human capital of children and young adults. Secondly, at the macro level, high rates of population growth hinder investment in both human and physical capital formation, and exert pressure on the environment and often result in unsustainable use of natural resources. The consequences of these pressures are that the capacity for service provision and land use planning is stretched, physical resources and infrastructure are always in short supply and therefore easily degraded. While acknowledging the foregoing, the strategy notes that the youth bulge should also be seen as a demographic dividend that needs to be harnessed in order to maximise on the benefits that can be derived from the youthful population. This implies that with meaningful integrated investment, the youthful population can be turned into an asset that can be used to develop the country.

The MGDS III also takes into account Malawi's international, continental and regional obligations where special consideration has been on domesticating the key commitments such as the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the African Union Agenda 2063, the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA), the Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA), the Southern African Development Community Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (SADC RISDP) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) Treaty. Through a mapping exercise, the selected Key Priority Areas (KPAs) are expected to have direct links to these international commitments thereby providing a strong basis for the MGDS III as an implementation tool for the SDGs and the other international agendas in the medium term.

Macroeconomic Framework

In order to successfully implement the MGDS III, the attainment of a sound macroeconomic framework is important. The strategy is, therefore, premised on the fact that Malawi will have to generate sufficient domestic resources to support the implementation of MGDS III. Consequently, single-digit inflation is projected over the implementation period accompanied by an average growth rate of at least 6 percent.

Total revenue and grants are programmed to average 28 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the implementation period. Total revenue is projected to average 23.8 percent of GDP over the implementation period of the MGDS III. Total government expenditure is projected to average approximately 30 percent of GDP. The overall fiscal balance is, therefore, expected to average -1.98 of GDP. The fiscal overruns are premised on

the fact that the macroeconomic framework recommends an up-scaling of investment by an additional \$1.2 billion over the implementation period. This should translate into growth in the medium-term and lay the foundation for sustainable growth in the other sectors.

MGDS III Key Priority Areas

The MGDS III emphasises the need to invest simultaneously in areas that can spur growth through the linkages they have with the other sectors of the economy. The strategy, therefore, identifies five key priority areas, namely: (i) Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change Management; (ii) Education and Skills Development; (iii) Transport and ICT infrastructure; (iv) Energy, Industry and Tourism Development and (v) Health and Population. These priority areas were arrived at using the macroeconomic modelling that was done using the integrated Sustainable Development Goals (iSDG) Model and the MalawiMod as well as a comprehensive review of literature and stakeholder consultations that were done across the country. Using these Key Priority Areas (KPAs), the strategy has maintained a balance between economic and productive areas as well as social and environmental considerations. Thus, effective implementation of the identified key priority areas will translate into integrated impacts which will positively affect other sectors through positively reinforcing multiple loops.

The MGDS III has identified flagship projects that will be implemented together with the KPAs. These flagship projects are key projects that will have to be implemented to realize the goals of the key priority areas. In this regard, the flagship projects are fewer in number to ensure that resources are concentrated into these projects to address the binding constraints in the key priority areas. The flagship projects are, therefore, meant to unlock the potential of the economy by addressing the key challenges hindering growth of the other sectors of the economy.

For successful implementation of MGDS III, cross cutting areas have been mainstreamed into the priority areas to ensure that no one is left behind as the country implements this medium-term development strategy in the next five years (2017-2022). The cross cutting areas envisaged include gender balance; youth development; empowerment of persons with disability; management of HIV and AIDs; environment management; disaster risk reduction; peace and security and governance.

i. Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change Management

Agriculture is the mainstay of the economy, which contributes close to a third of the country's GDP and employs the majority of the labour force. It is a sector that can significantly support industrial development. However, its role is hampered by its continued dependency on rain fed agriculture with its attendant challenges stemming from climate change and poor water management. In addition, there are other challenges such as post-harvest losses, lack of agriculture diversification, small landholding sizes, land degradation lack of investment in areas of reaserch and extension and underdeveloped market systems among others.

Recognising that climate change has adverse impacts on the agriculture sector, a number of strategies have been proposed including adaptation and mitigation of climate change impacts. Adapataion will enhance preparation for and negate the effects of climate change, thereby reducing vulnerability of communities and ecosystems. On the other hand, mitigation avoids

escalation of the risk of climate change by reducing further release of Green House Gases (GHGs) and by sequestration of GHGs from the atmosphere. Both adaptation and mitigation are not only relevant in agriculture sector, but also in other sectors.

While addressing the challenges in agriculture, other areas such as environment, forestry, water resources, parks and wild life, women and youth productivity, health, education, energy, industrial production and transportation will also be considered. This is in recognition of the fact that efforts to improve agricultural productivity will not yield meaningful results unless water resources management and other related aspects are improved. For example, increased investment in irrigation cannot succeed without addressing water conservation and catchment area, as well as ecosystems management.

ii. Education and Skills Development

Education is key for socio-economic development and industrial growth as it facilitates skills development. Education and skills development empowers different groups of people including women, the youth and persons with disabilities. An educated and skilled population will help Malawi achieve accelerated economic growth and attainment of the SDGs. Malawi needs to improve the transition rate from primary to secondary and from secondary to tertiary level if it is to create a pool of educated and skilled labour force that can meaningfully contribute to the socio-economic development of the country.

Malawi's population is estimated at 17.2 million and 20.4% of this population is unemployed. This is an untapped human capital which if fully engaged would contribute to the socio-economic development of the country. The youth who complete secondary education and do not proceed to higher education remain unemployed due to lack of necessary skills for the job market as well as entrepreneurship. This skills gap need to be addressed if Malawi is to harness the idle labour force for meaningful development. To do so, the education system needs to be reformed to include entrepreneurship, and vocational skills development in order to improve employability as well as entrepreneurship of the young Malawians thereby reducing youth unemployment.

The MGDS III therefore focuses on improved access and equity to all levels of the education system, improved quality ECD services for children in Malawi, improved quality and relevance of primary education, secondary and tertiary education and improved governance and management of education. For skills development, MGDS III focuses on improved access and equity in skills development training, improved quality of labour force and enhanced workforce capacities and supportive systems.

iii. Energy, Industry and Tourism Development

Energy is recognised as the lifeblood of the economy as it serves as a crucial input into all critical social and economic services. A well-developed and comprehensive energy sector can improve service delivery and increase outputs in industries such as manufacturing, trade, tourism and other services. Access to clean, reliable, reasonably-priced and sustainable energy supply is, therefore, central to maintaining and improving the living standards of people. It enables communities to power homes, schools, health facilities and engage in productive activities and businesses. However, in Malawi, energy generation has been

inadequate to satisfy the current demand both for industry and domestic use and therefore falls short of the requirement to take Malawi to the next transformation level.

Malawi is relatively well endowed with a wide range of energy sources including coal, fuelwood, solar, hydro and wind. While biomass is the major source of energy (89%), electricity contributes a meagre 3%. This implies that other alternative sources of energy such as solar and wind that have received scanty attention need to be fully exploited.

Industrialization and structural transformation of the economy are essential to maintain the rapid long-term economic growth of a country. This is needed to raise per capita income, create decent and sufficient rural and urban jobs as well as viable entrepreneurship opportunities for both men and women, widen the tax base to finance Malawi's welfare requirements and address an unsustainable trade deficit. Industrialization also benefits other sectors such as Tourism, Health and Education, all of which rely on energy development. Attention will also be put on mining exploration, extraction and regulation to unleash the sector potential and empower the rural masses who live around mining sites.

Another area that holds a lot of potential to transform Malawi is tourism. Tourism has the potential to significantly contribute to economic growth of the country. Currently, the sector contributed is not contributing much to the GDP as evidenced by a meager 7% contribution to GDP 6.2% of total employment in 2016¹. Being a labour intensive industry, tourism can absorb many unemployed youths and help revitalize local economies. As a service sector, tourism currently employs relatively more women, although they are usually in low skilled and low paying jobs. Strategies to increase skills and make workplaces safe are critical in reducing the poverty rates and upgrading the engagement levels of women.

The MGDS III therefore, focuses on improved access to reliable and sustainable energy supply and investment in affordable alternative sources of energy. The strategy also emphasises enhanced use of renewable and clean energy in the underserved rural and urban communities. With respect to industrialisation MGDS III focuses on improved environment for investment and private sector development, increased production and export of manufactured products and enhanced production and sound management of non-renewable resources. For Tourism, the emphasis is on improved investments in tourism infrastructure improved quality of tourism products and services and improved conservation and management of cultural heritage resources.

iv. Transport and ICT Infrastructure

Transport and ICT are pivotal in accelerating growth of other sectors and acting as enablers for poverty reduction and wealth creation. Access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport and ICT is critical toward enhancing the economic competitiveness of any country. Efficient transport systems are associated with economic and social benefits that result in multiplier effects such as improved accessibility to markets, employment and enhanced investments. On the other hand, ICT forms the backbone of the modern business activity, productivity, trade and social advancement. When pursued together, Transport and ICT rely on each other with Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) requiring the use of ICT for effective and efficient outcomes and in return the transport network supports ICT activities. The 2017 Global

¹ Malawi Economic Report 2016

Competitiveness report ranks Malawi's infrastructure on position 135 out of 138 economies, which is lower than other SADC countries².

For Malawi, high costs and poor access to reliable transport and ICT infrastructure characterise the country and remain an important threat to faster economic growth. High transport costs, in part, result from the country's landlocked position and poor choice of the transport infrastructure. Malawi has a multi-modal system consisting of roads, rail, air and inland water transport. However, emphasis has tended to be placed on road transport with the other modes receive little attention. Rapid population growth, on the other hand, has continued to undermine the progress that has been made towards road infrastructure development. In this regard, a conducive environment needs to be created for continued investments in maintenance, expansion and modernization of infrastructure with more concentration on multi-modal system of Transport and ICT infrastructure development.

The MGDS III, therefore, places emphasis on reduced travel time and costs for persons and goods, improved transport reliability, levels of service and efficiency. There is also emphasis on enhanced access to local and international markets as well as to inclusive social and public services. The strategy emphasises reduced accidents and their derived human and economic costs. For the area to achieve such outcomes there is need for increased private sector investment in the operation and management of transport infrastructure. In the case of ICT, the strategy focuses on increased access to information and communications services; providing a well-developed ICT broadband infrastructure service, increasing the stock of ICT skilled and industry ready workforce in public and private sector institutions and improving the efficiency in postal services.

v. Health and Population

Health is the linchpin for socio-economic development being the primary factor for improving the quality of human capital of any nation. Improving health outcomes, therefore, is not only essential but also a prerequisite for increased national productivity, accelerated economic growth and poverty reduction. In addition, health has significant trickle-down effects on other key elements of development including education, agriculture, and industry, among others. Both climate change and environmental degradation have serious implications for the spread or resurgence of diseases.

On the other hand, population size, structure and distribution, have strong linkages with social and economic development. Rapid population growth and increased densities can cause environmental setbacks due to expansion of agriculture, settlements and other livelihood activities. Ultimately, this leads to increased vulnerability especially among women, children, persons with disability and other vulnerable groups to natural disasters such as floods, drought and epidemics. On the other hand, proper population planning and management, improves access to quality basic services and amenities; enhances economic variables; and reduces environmental damage.

² Mozambique ranks 124, South Africa ranks 64, Zambia ranks 125 and Zimbabwe ranks 123

The MGDS III therefore, focuses on effective health sector planning at all levels, and improved access and equitable health service delivery. It also emphasises improved quality of health services, patient safety and people centered services. Because of the challenges faced in this area, MGDS III recognises the importance of improved domestic financing for health so that human resources for health can be retained. In the area of disease control, MGDS III focuses on reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases and reduced morbidity and mortality arising from malnutrition; and improved hygienic and sanitation practices.

Slowing down the rate of growth of the population is imperative if the country is to effectively manage natural resources, the environment and create a pool of skilled and empowered youth. MGDS III therefore focuses on effective population and development planning at all levels and increased awareness on the interplay between population and development dynamics.

Other Development Areas

While emphasis has been placed on the KPAs, attention has also been paid to other development areas that are essential complements to the KPAs. In this regard, the other development areas considered are: financial services; vulnerability, disaster management and social support; gender, youth development, persons with disability and social welfare; human settlement and physical planning; environmental sustainability; HIV/AIDS management; and peace and security.

Over the next five years, Government will continue to implement key interventions in these areas in order to give maximum support to the five KPAs. Effective governance can improve management, leading to more effective implementation of the chosen interventions, better service delivery, and, ultimately, better outcomes. Good governance is, therefore, the backbone for an efficient and effective public sector and is the anchor for this strategy.

MGDS III Assumptions

The successful implementation of MGDS III will depend on a number of assumptions that must hold over the period. The following assumptions have been deemed necessary namely, that the country: i) sustains and accelerates real GDP growth rates to continue on its poverty reduction path; ii) provides a conducive macroeconomic environment; iii) practices prudence in the management of its fiscal and monetary policies; iv) enforces development effectiveness that embraces the harnessing of both domestic and external resources for development financing; v) entrenches good governance and institutionalizes practices that avoid wastage of scarce resources; vi) designs effective sectoral and social protection programmes that mitigate root causes of challenges of growth and development, including social and gender inequalities; vii) continues to implement public sector reforms and provides a framework for the business unusual approach to implementation of key reform areas; viii) enjoys political stability; and ix) receives favourable weather and climate to promote resilience to disaster risks.

Implementation Framework

The MGDS III has been developed through a process that allows all stakeholders to participate in the development of the country. Its implementation will, therefore, also involve all stakeholders, including the three arms of Government: the Executive, Parliament, and Judiciary; and civil society and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs); private sector and the general public. Government will lead the implementation process through technical coordination and its consolidated national budget. It is expected that all stakeholders including the private sector, civil society organisations (CSOs), development and co-operating partners will continue to align their activities and support to the MGDS III.

The institution responsible for national planning and development will facilitate and ensure that all MDAs align their sectoral plans, activities and budgets to the development strategy. Wherever sectoral plans do not exist, efforts should be made to develop them in line with this strategy. The national budget will, therefore, be expected to prioritise activities that are aligned to this national development strategy.

Sector Working Groups (SWGs) have been identified as a mechanism for implementing the MGDS III. This will ensure collaboration in the implementation of this medium term national development strategy. As such, SWGs are encouraged to develop Joint Sector Strategies (JSSs) that are aligned to the MGDS III which should be followed by costed implementation plans that articulates activities of the SWGs on an annual basis. This calls for functional SWGs that would enhance multi-stakeholder involvement in the implementation of the strategy. To ensure coherence of policies, SWGs should be encouraged to co-exist with each other so that they do not work in silos but rather promote a multi-sectorality approach to their work. Thus, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of the strategy will be done through the structured Sector Working Groups (SWGs) to ensure that it is inclusive and participatory.

CHAPTER 1: OVERVIEW

1.1 Introduction

Malawi is a landlocked, densely populated low income country with a per capita GDP of USD 381 in 2015. The Malawi economy is largely agro-based with many small scale farmers dependent on rain-fed agriculture. The increase in intensity and frequency of extreme weather events as a result of climate change, has negatively impacted on the economy through reduced agricultural production and disruption of other climate sensitive sectors. Its population of 4.4 million in 1966 has quadrupled to approximately 17.2 million as projected for 2017 and is still largely dependent on natural resources for livelihoods. By 2022, this population is projected to grow to 19.4 million and may continue to exert adverse pressure on the development sectors.

This population is youthful with approximately half of them (46 percent) below the age of 15 and up to 73 percent below the age of 35 years, and this youthful bulge affects the economy in various ways. First, at the micro level of individuals and families, high rates of population growth are associated with high dependency ratios and low investment in the human capital of children and young adults. Second, at the macro level, high rates of population growth hinder investment in both human and physical capital formation, and exert pressure on the environment and often result in unsustainable use of a fragile resource base. The consequences of these pressures are that the capacity for service provision and land use planning is stretched, and physical resources and infrastructure are always in short supply and therefore easily degraded.

Largely, due to such population pressure on the land, agricultural harvests have dwindled because of shrinking land holdings and there has been environmental degradation arising from deforestation and soil loss. The consequence has been a reduction in benefits that the population derives from the environment (ecosystem services) as shown by reduced stream flows, decline or extinction of fish and other animals and limited sources of biomass energy.

1.2 Background to MGDS III

The Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) III is the successor to the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) II which covered the years 2011 to 2016 and expired in June 2016. The MGDS III is intended to cover the period from 2017 to 2022 and therefore straddles the final three years of Vision 2020 and the start of the next vision. It is therefore expected that this strategy will facilitate the development of the next vision, succeeding Vision 2020, which starts 2021. The MGDS II which it succeeds was itself a successor to the MGDS I which covered the period 2006 to 2011. These two earlier medium term strategies (i.e. MGDS I and II) had the objectives of reducing poverty and creating

wealth through sustainable economic growth and infrastructure development in order to propel Malawi to a middle income status at the end of Vision 2020. The MGDS III aims at building a productive, competitive and resilient nation by consolidating achievements of the earlier strategies.

This strategy aims at drawing some lessons from the earlier strategies in order to chart a path that takes the country forward in terms of sustainable and inclusive growth. This is because it has been noted that while Malawi has posted some commendable growth rates over the implementation periods of MGDS I and II, such growth has neither been sustained nor inclusive. According to the Malawi National Human Development Report on Inclusive Growth (2015), despite that poverty reduction has been a primary development goal in Malawi, poverty has remained pervasive especially in rural areas, among women and other disadvantaged groups. Therefore, the challenge for development planning is to pursue the implementation of economic growth processes that are creating opportunities for all segments of the population, and distributing the dividends of increased prosperity both in monetary and non-monetary terms fairly across society.

The MGDS III therefore aims at doing things differently based on the lessons from the earlier strategies and using a systems approach. It is therefore premised on answering three principal questions:

- Where did we go wrong during the implementation of the two strategies?
- What should we do about the structure of our economy which is dominated by rain-fed agriculture and against negative impacts of climate change and environmental degradation? and
- What are the priority areas we should focus on during the period over which we will implement the MGDS III?

To answer these questions, the process of developing the MGDS III was highly participatory and consultative as was the case with the other two previous strategies and drew some lessons from strategy reviews. A technical team led by the Department of Economic Planning and Development (EP&D) was constituted through which consultations were conducted involving the Executive, through central government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and all local authorities across the country; the Legislature through its parliamentary committees; Civil Society Organisations (CSOs); development partners; Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs); private sector; media; political parties, academia and other eminent stakeholders³ and members of the public.

It was through the consultations and literature reviews that a reduced list of priorities was generated which was then subjected to a mapping process to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063 of the African Union in order to arrive at key priority areas that address challenges identified in this strategy. To understand this, the consultations and literature reviews revealed that the MGDS II was not fully implemented, had too many priorities that lacked synergy and leverage; and as unfinished business, some of its priority

³ The eminent stakeholders are individuals that are considered to be experts in their areas of focus. This team included selected members of academia, economics association of Malawi, private sector and NGOs.

areas needed to be carried forward while introducing new thinking on other emerging issues. The consultations were unequivocal about the urgency of climate change and issues of the environment including other cross cutting areas such as gender, youth development and capacity building.

1.3 Achievements of MGDS II and Assumptions of MGDS III

The design of the MGDS III is informed by the desire to build on the successes of, and draw some lessons from the earlier strategies. MGDS I and II had some notable successes as they were both implemented against the backdrop of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Malawi's successes were with respect to the achievement of four of the eight MDGs that had to do with Reducing Child Mortality; Combating HIV and AIDS, Malaria and other diseases; Ensuring Environmental Sustainability and Global Partnership for Development. Although Malawi made some strides in the other goals, progress was notably slow in Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger; Achieving Universal Primary Education; Promoting Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; and Improving Maternal Health. It is noteworthy that all these goals that were not achieved have a gender connotation implying that more needs to be done in the area of gender and inclusiveness across all sectors, particularly within the Key Priority Areas (KPAs). Of particular importance is the fact that different sectors need to work together and mainstream issues of gender and inclusiveness to ensure that these goals are attained. This is one area on which MGDS III will make a departure from previous strategies.

During the MGDSII implementation, the average growth rate was 4.5% which was below the average target of 6.0 percent. This was largely on account of both external and internal shocks. Over the implementation period, there were foreign exchange shocks in addition to the weather related volatilities that impacted negatively on the economy.

Reviews that have been conducted have highlighted a number of challenges that need to be addressed in this strategy. MGDS II was based on some assumptions that for the large part have not been fulfilled. One of the underlying assumptions, was that there was going to be a conducive macroeconomic environment during implementation of MGDS II which turned out not to be entirely the case. Within the implementation period, there was macroeconomic instability that emanated from exchange rate adjustments just after the launch of MGDS II. Coupled with insufficient donor support to implement the programmes envisaged under MGDS II, a number of development objectives could not be achieved.

For the purposes of MGDS III, it is assumed that its implementation will largely depend on available domestic resources. It is on this premise that government has undertaken to focus on fewer priorities and concentrate its resource allocation on a selected set of flagship projects. This strategy therefore focuses on quick win interventions that have immediate and strong multiplier, synergistic and leverage linkages to other areas. Nevertheless, resources from other stakeholders including the civil society organisations, development partners and private sector organisation will bridge the glaring gap in the national budget.

Another critical element learnt from MGDS II is that while partners are important in the implementation of the strategy, they need to be guided into areas that are set to be national priorities in the next five years. Some projects were taken on board even when they were of a stand-alone nature with no clear and strong linkages to other sectors. MGDS III on the other hand emphasizes on flagship projects that have strong links to other areas and are therefore catalytic in their impact on the growth process. As such, development partners and other stakeholders will be encouraged to direct their support in areas of national priority especially those that they have expertise in to ensure that division of labour is pursued.

In summary, this strategy is premised on the following key assumptions:

The country sustains and accelerates real GDP growth rates to continue on its poverty reduction path;

- Conducive macroeconomic environment;
- Prudence in management of fiscal and monetary policies;
- Effective aid management and further improvements in domestic debt management;
- Adequate resources and capacity to implement MGDS III activities;
- Good Governance is entrenched and institutionalized to avoid wastage of scarce resources;
- Effective sectoral and social protection programmes are designed to mitigate root causes of challenges of growth and development, including social and gender inequalities;
- Government reforms will continue to be implemented and they will provide a framework for the business unusual approach to implementation of key reform areas;
- Continued political stability; and
- Declining population growth rates

1.4 The MGDS III Formulation Process

The development of the strategy was consultative and participatory. The consultations involved District Executive Committees (DECs), Area Development Committees (ADCs), development partners, the academia, the media, the private sector, CSO, Political Parties, Members of Parliament, Eminent Persons, and Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), and interest groups which include: youth, women, the elderly and persons living with disability.

The consultation process largely requested suggestions on intervention areas that the stakeholders wanted the Government to focus on, their role in the implementation of the strategy, as well as the role of the Government to ensure that the strategy is a success. In addition, the questions directed the stakeholders to suggest ways on how the strategy would be effectively implemented considering that good plans have ended up not being well implemented in the past. While encouraging stakeholders to indicate what needs to be done going forward, the questions demanded answers on what should be done differently. The

MGDS III has also been informed by recommendations of the MDGS II review, which was in itself widely consultative. More importantly the selection of the priority areas has been affirmed by the feedback and impact loops simulated by the Integrated Sustainable Development Goals (iSDG) Model. It helped to select large impact sectors and show the interconnectedness of the priority areas among themselves and other development areas.

1.5 Organization of MGDS III

The MGDS III is organized as follows: Chapter 1 is the Overview, which presents the background, main assumptions of the Strategy and the formulation process. Chapter 2 is the Development Policy Context, which situates this Strategy within the international, regional and national contexts. This is followed by Chapter 3, which covers the Situation Analysis and within which, among others, the socio-economic profile, demographic dynamics, population projections and challenges are presented. Chapter 4 presents Governance that includes human rights approaches to development, transparency and accountability, public sector and finance management have been covered and Chapter 5 covers the Macroeconomic Framework as the key anchor of the Strategy. Chapter 6 presents the Key Priority Areas (KPAs) and discusses the basis upon which they were selected and the linkages they have with other development areas. Chapter 7 presents the discussion of the Other Development Areas by outlining their outcomes, goals, and strategies. Chapter 8 presents the Implementation Framework within which implementation structures have been highlighted; and sources of financing and roles of various stakeholders are outlined. In chapter 9, the Monitoring and evaluation framework has been highlighted and reporting structures have been indicated. The Strategy concludes with Chapter 10, which presents Government commitment to the strategy, an appeal for resources and calls for policy harmonization.

CHAPTER 2: DEVELOPMENT POLICY CONTEXT

2.1 Overview of International Development Strategies

As a member of international and regional development frameworks, Malawi is a signatory to a number of treaties and protocols that guide various efforts to the development of the country. The past fifteen years (2000-2015) saw Malawi implementing the eight Millenium Development Goals (MDGs). Since then, Malawi has participated in the development of the successor goals known as the 2030 agenda on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which were adopted by the United Nations (UN) member states in September 2015 and made commitment to implement them at national level. Malawi's development process until 2030 and beyond will therefore be anchored on these SDGs and a number of other international treaties whose aspirations and objectives are summarised below. All the international development frameworks will be implemented through the medium term national development plans including the MGDS III. While the implementation of all international development frameworks will use the national plan, reporting will be based on the requirement for specific commitments and protocols. Normally annual report on each of the international development frameworks will be produced to inform both national as well as international community about progress and the challenges being met in the course of implementation.

2.1.1 Sustainable Development Goals

The SDGs have been developed through a participatory approach as the peoples' agenda as the UN member states are committed to achieving the agenda 2030, and they constitute a plan of action for ending poverty in all its forms, inclusively and irreversibly everywhere. Malawi is therefore a signatory but also participated in the formulation process. The SDGs, comprising 17 goals, are to be implemented over the period ending in the year 2030.

The SDGs are a comprehensive and ambitious set of goals intended not only to spur growth but also ensure that such growth is equitably shared so as to leave no one behind. They are aimed at creating a just society where resources are sustainably utilized in such a way that the lives and well-being of all citizens are safeguarded. Unlike the MDGs where environment was represented by a single goal, the SDGs have taken environment as a core element with at least one target in each of the 17 goals and close to half of the 169 targets relate to the environment. It is therefore unlikely that the SDGs can be achieved without environmental sustainability. The SDGs bind all nations in a pact that ensures upward movement of all countries at the bottom of the ladder through partnerships among themselves and with other first world countries in the development process.

2.1.2 Agenda 2063

The Agenda 2063 is a pan-African long-term set of seven aspirations for the “Africa We Want” by the year 2063. Initiated by the African Union in 2013, the Agenda looks at the Africa we should have at the end of the next half-century which should be driven by investment in women and the youth. It is consistent with the SDGs but it looks at a more long-term view.

The African Union (AU) and its member-states emphasise on the need to harness demographic dividend through integrated investments in youth and women. AU heads of state and government recognize that a country-level demographic dividend is central to the continent’s economic transformation in the context of the Agenda.

In all, Agenda 2063 is made up of seven aspirations as follows:

- A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development;
- An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa’s renaissance;
- An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law;
- A peaceful and secure Africa;
- An Africa with a strong cultural identity, common heritage, values and ethics;
- An Africa where development is people driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth; and
- Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.

2.1.3 Vienna Programme of Action (VPoA)

Malawi is among the 32 landlocked countries located in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. As a landlocked developing country Malawi faces special challenges that are associated with her lack of direct territorial access to the ocean, remoteness and isolation from world markets. Her international trade depends on transit routes through Mozambique, Tanzania and South Africa. Additional border crossings and the long distance from major markets, coupled with cumbersome transit procedures and inadequate infrastructure, substantially increase the total expenses for transportation. The longer the route, the more the other administrative and transaction costs, which erode the competitive edge of Malawi’s products. This leads to reduced economic growth and subsequently negatively affects the country’s capacity to promote sustained economic development, human and social progress and environmental sustainability.

In recognition of these constraints, the United Nations drew up a programme of action that calls on both landlocked countries and their transit neighbours to:

- Develop and maintain infrastructure;

- Simplify and harmonize transit and customs policies; and
- Interconnect in the areas of energy and Information Communication Technology (ICT).

The Programme further calls for the training of human resources for both landlocked and transit countries so that efficient processing and shorter transit times can be achieved within a decade 2014 to 2024.

2.1.4 Istanbul Programme of Action

The major objective of the Least Developed Countries (LDC) IV Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) agreed upon in 2011 is that by the end of the decade (2011 to 2020), the number of countries categorized as LDCs should be halved from 48 to 24. The IPoA includes a monitoring mechanism and an assessment for the synergy between the IPoA and the post MDGs global development framework which is the SDGs.

The IPoA spells out a set of strategies and measures for addressing the special needs of LDCs to transition from their group to lower middle income levels. For this to happen, there is need to strengthen implementation monitoring mechanisms and broaden stakeholder investment in the transitioning process.

During the decade of implementation, the IPoA will focus on:

- Achievement of sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth by strengthening the LDC's productive capacity;
- Building human capacities by fostering sustained, equitable and inclusive human and social development gender equality and empowerment of women;
- Reducing the vulnerability of LDCs to economic, natural environment shocks and disasters through strengthening their resilience;
- Ensuring enhanced financial resources; and
- Enhancing good governance at all levels, by strengthening democratic processes, institutions and the rule of law.

2.1.5 SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan

At the regional level, Malawi is a member of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) which is a grouping of 15 countries that came together to enhance regional integration and cooperation in matters of trade, finance and investment; socio-economic development; and politics, peace and security. Under SADC, member-states have formulated the revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) intended to deepen regional cooperation and integration. Indicative in nature, it is intended to merely outline the necessary conditions that should be realized towards achieving the regional development goals.

The RISDP rests on four pillars, namely:

- Industrial Development and Market integration;
- Infrastructure in support of regional integration;
- Peace and security cooperation; and
- Special programmes of regional dimension.

All these pillars are important to Malawi as a developing landlocked country that needs to access markets, build and integrate its infrastructure to the region and cooperate with neighbours in matters of politics, peace and security.

2.1.6 COMESA Treaty

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) was established primarily as a tool for sustaining growth and development by expanding the size of the market as most eastern and southern African countries have small domestic markets. It is the largest African common market and the Treaty has been in existence since 1994.

The aims and objectives of creating the Common Market are summarized as:

- To attain sustainable growth and development of member states by promoting a more balanced and harmonious development of production and marketing structures;
- To promote joint development in all fields of economic activity and the joint adoption of macroeconomic policies;
- To cooperate in the creation of an enabling environment for foreign, cross-border and domestic investment;
- To cooperate in the promotion of peace, security and stability among member states;
- To cooperate in strengthening the relations between the Common Market and the rest of the world and the adoption of common positions in international fora; and
- To contribute towards the establishment, progress and the realization of the objectives of the African Economic Community.

The various protocols to which Malawi is a member and signatory have common threads in that they are aimed at generating inclusive and sustained growth of the member countries. They are also aimed at increasing production, productivity and competitiveness of Africa and its member states. These protocols are also emphasising the creation of infrastructure and thus they are the tenets upon which MGDS III is designed under the theme of “Building a Productivity, Competitive and Resilient Nation.

2.1.7 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014

The Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), adopted in 1994, represented a remarkable consensus among 179 Governments, including Malawi, that individual human rights and dignity, including the equal rights of women and girls and universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, are a necessary precondition for sustainable development.

ICPD reinforces the integration of the population and development agenda in global processes related to development and creativity of the world's young people to assure future growth and innovation; strengthen health systems to provide universal access to sexual and reproductive health to enable all women to thrive and all children to grow in a nurturing environment; build sustainable cities that enrich urban and rural lives alike; and transform the global economy to one that will sustain the future of the planet and ensure a common future of dignity and well-being for all people.⁴

2.2 National Development Planning Context

2.2.0 Overview of Development Policies

Malawi launched the Vision 2020 in March 1998 and three medium term national development strategies have been implemented to operationalize this vision. These include Malawi Poverty Reduction Strategy (MPRS), MGDS I and MGDS II. The MGDS III, therefore, becomes the fourth and final national development strategy to operationalize the Vision 2020 before it expires. It translates the goals and objectives that emerged from a nation-wide consultation process as reflected in Vision 2020.

2.2.1 Vision 2020

Malawi Vision 2020 is a policy framework that sets out a long-term development perspective for Malawi. It emphasizes long term strategic thinking, shared vision and visionary leadership, participation by the population, strategic management and national learning. The Vision 2020 states that *“by the year 2020 Malawi as a God fearing nation, will be secure, democratically mature, environmentally sustainable, self-reliant with equal opportunities for and active participation by all, having social services, vibrant cultural and religious values and a technologically driven middle-income economy”*. Its implementation is being done through five year medium term strategies.

⁴ United Nations, 2014. Framework of Actions for the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development Beyond 2014.

2.2.2 Malawi Poverty Reduction Strategy

In May 2002, Government launched the MPRS which presented a first attempt to translate long-term vision into medium term focused action plans. The MPRS became the overarching medium term strategy of the Government for reducing poverty in the country. The goal of the MPRS was to achieve “sustainable poverty reduction through empowerment of the poor”.

The MPRS was built around four strategic pillars namely: sustainable pro-poor growth; human capital development; improving the quality of life of the most vulnerable; and good governance. In addition, it had four key cross cutting issues namely: HIV and AIDS, gender, environment, science and technology. The implementation period for the MPRS was three years ending in the 2004/05 fiscal year.

In the second half of 2005, the MPRS was reviewed to draw lessons from its implementation which informed the strategic direction of the MGDS I. The notable achievement of the MPRS was the decline in poverty levels from 54.1 percent to 52.4 percent. However, there were some short falls that hampered the implementation process. These included failure by Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to translate the activities into the budget and Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), slow implementation of the devolution process, and funding not based on priorities defined by MPRS.

2.2.3 Malawi Growth and Development Strategy

Government launched the MGDS I in 2007. It was designed as the overarching operational medium-term strategy for Malawi to attain the nation’s Vision 2020 and the MDGs for the period 2006 to 2011. The main aim of the MGDS was to create wealth through sustainable economic growth and infrastructure development as a means of achieving poverty reduction. It presented a policy framework that balanced issues related to both economic growth and social development.

To ascertain immediate economic benefits for the people of Malawi, the MGDS focused on the following six key priority areas: Agriculture and Food Security; Irrigation and Water Development; Transport Infrastructure Development; Energy Generation and Supply; Integrated Rural Development; and Prevention and Management of Nutrition Disorders, HIV and AIDS. These key priority areas were also expected to accelerate the attainment of the MDGs in the areas of health, education, gender, environment, and governance. They were isolated from the MGDS five thematic areas namely; sustainable economic growth; social protection and disaster risk management; social development; infrastructure development and improving governance. The MGDS recognized that issues of HIV and AIDS, science and technology, gender, empowerment and environment were cross cutting and as such they were streamlined within the five thematic areas.

Annual reviews were conducted throughout the period of MGDS to draw lessons from its implementation. These lessons, among other things, informed the formulation of MGDS II.

2.2.4 Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) II

This strategy was premised on the fact that the country should continue to create wealth and develop infrastructure as a means of reducing poverty. The MGDS II was framed on six broad thematic areas namely; sustainable economic growth; social development; social support and disaster risk management; infrastructure development; improved governance; and cross cutting issues. The strategy integrated issues of gender and capacity development as cross cutting and were addressed under a separate theme.

To ascertain immediate economic benefits for the people of Malawi, the MGDS II focused on the following nine key priority areas: Agriculture and Food Security; Transport Infrastructure and Nsanje World Inland Port; Energy, Industrial Development, Mining and Tourism; Education, Science and Technology; Public Health, Sanitation, Malaria and HIV and AIDS Management; Integrated Rural Development; Green Belt Irrigation, and Water Development; Child Development, Youth Development and Empowerment; and Climate Change, Natural Resources and Environmental Management.

After first year of MGDS II implementation, there was a serious economic slow-down which required government to develop a Malawi Economic Recovery Plan (ERP). This was intended to address the challenges which were faced at that time. There were challenges of fuel and foreign exchange scarcity which made trade and other development activities very difficult. The ERP was able to address some of the challenges through quick monetary reforms and projects that were intended for quick wins in the country.

The implementation of the MGDS II wasn't as successful as the expectation of Malawians had been since so many challenges were not addressed as such lessons learnt during its implementation have informed the formulation of MGDS III.

2.3 Mapping of MGDS III Key Priority Areas to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agenda 2063

While Malawi has formulated its national development plan, she has also committed to implement international development frameworks, which include the 2030 Agenda on SDGs and African Union Agenda 2063. The implementation of international development frameworks, protocols and treaties will be done through the national plans. As such it is imperative that the national plans domesticate all the international, regional and continental frameworks for easy implementation, monitoring and reporting. Table 1 below shows the mapping of the SDGs and Agenda 2063 to the national development priorities. Thus, the table shows the key priority area and the related SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals that it addresses. Simulations using the iSDG Model have confirmed that the implementation of the KPAs will impact on the SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals shown in the table.

Table 1: Mapping of Key Priority Areas to SDGs and Agenda 2063

MGDS KPAs	SDGs	Agenda 2063
Agriculture and Climate Change Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all 11. Make cities and human settlements, inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts 14. conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development 15. protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development 2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance 6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth 7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.
Education and Skills Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 5. Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development 2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance 3. An Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law 6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth 7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.

Transport and ICT infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development 2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance 6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth 7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.
Energy, Industry and tourism Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all and empower women and girls 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 9. promote resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development 2. An integrated continent, politically united and based on the ideals of Pan-Africanism and the vision of Africa's Renaissance 6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth 7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.
Health and Population Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End poverty in all its forms everywhere Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development 6. An Africa where development is people-driven, unleashing the potential of its women and youth 7. Africa as a strong, united and influential global player and partner.

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CHAPTER 3: SITUATION ANALYSIS

3.1 Socioeconomic Profile

Malawi is one of the least developed countries which largely depends on agriculture for its social and economic development. Agriculture remains the country's main foreign exchange earner with tobacco, sugar, tea, coffee and cotton as major export products followed by manufacturing and tourism. Being agro-based, Malawi's economy is largely vulnerable to weather related shocks and declining natural resource base. Efforts to diversify the agriculture sector and the economy to other productive sectors such as industry, mining, and tourism have not been effective because of several challenges including weak energy and poor infrastructural development besides other structural challenges. Consequently, the share of the other sectors to GDP has increased marginally over the years forcing the decline in the share of agriculture from 38 percent in 1994 to 28 percent in 2017.

The economy has been growing at a positive rate over the past decade. Thus, GDP growth rate averaged around 6 percent per year over the last ten years largely due to good performance of the MGDS I. This positive growth did not benefit the majority of Malawians as evidenced by worsening poverty levels that exacerbated the already high dependence ratio. Over the past half a decade, inflation rate was stable but relatively high at around 20 percent as compared to single digit levels, in the first half of the decade. The bank lending rate remains high at 22 percent making borrowing costly for small scale businesses.

Productive labour force is a key component of economic growth and it contributes meaningfully to economic growth and improved living standards. However, the country's labour market structure with large number of jobs in the informal economy leave the majority of workers with inadequate social and income security. The impressive economic growth that was realised never translated into job creation mainly because the source of growth was mostly from primary level agriculture production. The inability of the economy (both private and public sectors) to generate adequate number of jobs has left many job seekers, particularly young people, without the opportunities for obtaining decent employment.

According to the Malawi Labour Force Participation Survey, 2013, the employment rate for Malawi is at 79.6 percent. About 64.1 percent of employed persons are in agriculture sector, but they face uncertain future as current institutions and governance arrangements are ill equipped to deal with the increasing pressures arising from unsustainable environmental practices and climate change. Of the country's total labour force, 20.4 percent is unemployed. Unemployment is more common among females than males due to low levels of literacy, customs and religious values among them. Unemployment is also most common among the youth most of whom resort to the informal sector.

The youth of under 30 years of age constitutes about 70 percent of the whole population entailing that the country needs to capitalise on the demographic dividend where the youth will help accelerate economic growth through increased productivity in the job market. This should be done through youth participation in decision making, employment creation and opening up opportunities for them to engage in businesses. If the window of opportunity is missed through failure to empower the youth, then the youth bulge becomes a liability that would further undermine transition to sustainable development.

The development interventions have not been able to reduce poverty significantly such that 50.7 percent of the population are still living under the poverty line (below \$1 a day). Efforts to reduce poverty have not borne the desired result with the poverty rate slightly declining from 52.4 percent in 2005 to 50.7 percent in 2015 while the incidence of ultra-poor increased from 22.4 percent to 25 percent over the same period. Income distribution has been worsening over time. The Gini coefficient increased from 0.39 in 2005 to 0.45 in 2014 and remained around the same level in 2016. In terms of gender, female headed households (57.0 percent of the total households) are poorer than their male headed counterparts (43.0 percent) as of 2015. Several factors including ineffectiveness of policy interventions, have led to low living standards of the people. This emanates from the fact that Malawi's economy in general and the majority of Malawian households in particular are vulnerable to social and economic shocks. In addition, the fact that 80 percent of the Malawian population relies on agriculture for their livelihoods both for incomes and food provisions, it is a challenge when weather is not conducive.

3.2 Demographic Outlook and Projection

According to the fifth Population and Housing Census conducted in 2008, total population in Malawi stood at 13 million representing a growth of 2.8 percent from the total population enumerated in the 1998 Population and Housing Census. Today, Malawi's population is estimated at 17.2 million, 52 percent of whom are female. The population is projected to grow to 19.4 by 2022. This high population growth rate has constrained Malawi's development. There is a growing demand for national resources, jobs, and social services. With 46 percent of the population under the age 15, there is a high dependency ratio and low investment in the human capital of children and young adults. In essence, that implies that if economic growth does not improve, poverty which predominantly comprise female headed households, will increase significantly.

This calls for deliberate investment in youth development programmes. These efforts will help to reduce the dependency ratio and allow for productive youth who will be able to contribute to the national economy. At the current rate of growth, it is estimated that the population will triple by 2050. When population growth outpaces the economic development, it puts greater strain on all the sectors. Despite the high rate of population growth, the desired family size among Malawians is falling, yet about one in five women have an unmet need for family planning services. This calls for further investment in the factors that help families

achieve their reproductive intentions, such as girls' education, child mortality, and family planning services.

Malawi is one of the fastest urbanising countries in the world (3.77% growth rate) despite the fact that only 15% percent of the population lives in the urban areas. Its urban distribution is concentrated in the four major cities (Blantyre, Lilongwe, Mzuzu and Zomba) with about 3.3% of the population residing other urban areas. This means that in the next five years and beyond, improvements in urban infrastructure and housing development remain key to sustain the increasing population of the urban areas across the country.

Malawi's population growth rate poses a threat to progress through its impacts on various development sectors. For instance, diminishing availability of land per holder coupled with weather-related shocks continue to affect agricultural production. Consequently, Malawi's food production is variable year to year. From the economic development point of view, Malawi is still on the pathway to reducing poverty. Recent analyses have summarised the current thinking on population growth and economic development.⁵ Two major messages have been clear: 1) slower population growth creates the potential to accelerate the rate of economic growth, and 2) smaller family sizes help create a path out of poverty for many families. Thus, population growth has strong links with macroeconomic development and household poverty alleviation.

In this regard, there is a need to enhance prioritization, coordination, and implementation of the country's population challenges across sectors, as highlighted in the 2012 National Population Policy. This policy enhances a broader goal of achieving human development and is in line with the recommendations of the Programme of Action of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, which call for integrated and rights based approaches to addressing population issues.

3.3 Development Effectiveness

The formulation of the MGDS II assumed that resources for its implementation would come from national budget as well as the development partners and other players such as private sector organizations. A year inside the strategy implementation, several development partners pulled out support from the national budget due to misuse of public financial resources. This affected the implementation of some of the activities that were planned over the years.

While development partners have continued to support various programmes outside the national budget, government activities have greatly been impaired due to the loss of 40% percent contribution that development partners were making towards the budget. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda, nevertheless, encourages development partners to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It provides a new global

⁵ See, for example, Birdsall et al., 2001

framework for financing sustainable development by aligning all financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities. It is expected, therefore, that support will be directed to national priorities as set out in this strategy for purposes of achieving sustainable development goals at both local and national level. This will, in turn, facilitate the attainment of Paris Declaration virtues of 2005, which are ownership, alignment, harmonisation, development results and mutual accountability.

Although development partners have reduced direct budget support to the national budget, it is observed that they continue to contribute a large part of resources into the key sectors such as natural resources. This is evidenced by the Public Expenditure Review (PER) in the Natural Resources Sector, done in 2014, which showed that development partners contributed over 90 percent of resources allocated to the sector. Even though the impact on the Malawian population is seemingly not visible, development partners continue to support various sectors off-budget. Further, the development partners continue to provide technical support to various sectors such that capacities have been built to improve service delivery. Withstanding this, resumption of budget support would go a long way in enhancing aid effectiveness.

In the same line of commitment, more resources from the national budget will be directed toward priority areas in order to jump start the economy for sustainable growth and development.

3.4 Development Challenges

Malawi's national economic development has been impaired due to various challenges both exogenous and endogenous which the country continues to face as follows:

Unsustainable incidences in the natural resource management which include issues of land degradation and natural resource depletion have posed a challenge to economic development through poor productivity of the agriculture, fisheries and forestry sector thereby diminishing economic opportunities from natural resource based enterprises.

Malawi has a narrow export base; it has been failing to fully maximise its comparative and competitive advantage. The country's persistently negative current account balance over decades continues to reflect how badly Malawi fares on trade, as it continues exporting the same largely primary (raw) commodity products, in spite of the opportunities in the dynamic and increasing trends in the global demand. It has, for instance, been heavily dependent on tobacco and a few other crops as foreign exchange earners for a long time; and it has actually struggled to achieve some meaningful crop and product diversification; or any economic diversification, into other viable potential sectors as main drivers of the economy.

Overreliance on rain-fed agriculture has made Malawi's economy and the entire population vulnerable to climate related shocks, as such more investment is required in adaptation and resilience mechanism. In addition, other challenges include: : (i) animal and plant diseases

which lead to major crop and livestock losses; (ii) price volatility of maize, fertilizer, and tobacco; (iii) health shocks mostly due to HIV and AIDS, Malaria, tuberculosis, schistosomiasis and malnutrition which are very prevalent in Malawi; and (iv) high levels of illiteracy which contribute to low absorption of technology. These factors put monetary burden on most households and continue increasing vulnerability among Malawians.

Failure of the country to move to a developmental state has slowed down national socio-economic development. What this means is that Malawi has essentially been a consuming and importing state with very little being invested into industry, technology and private sector activities. Budgeting and resource allocations have not strictly adhered to the stated national priorities. The few import substituting industries that ever existed have been decimated by foreign competition following market liberalization and a hostile private sector policy environment. This has retarded the country's development efforts.

There has also been weak formal and informal sectors such that the industry suffered loss when the country opened up to foreign competition. Consequently, Malawi has become a trading rather than a manufacturing nation. It has also swung from the formal to the informal sector due to the shrinking industrial base. The informal sector, in so far as it is not organized, has lacked financial and policy support, despite it being the largest subsector. The other aspect is that over the years, the population profile has turned very youthful with up to more than 70 percent below the age of 30 years, which means there is a need of investment bias into this cohort.

The other challenge has been basic inconsistency in planning. This has happened at two levels. At the one level, planning has not been coordinated from the center as resource availability has influenced the timing and content of the planning process. At another level, planning has often been politically driven as exemplified by the fact that all the parties that have ruled Malawi over the past two decades have come with pet projects that have overshadowed the national vision and national projects. Party manifestos have not been developed on the basis of interpreting the national vision as enshrined in Vision 2020 but rather on the basis of designing populist pet programmes that can deliver on votes. Since National Development Strategies are designed after extensive stakeholder consultations, the political party manifestos should focus on translating the already developed national vision and medium term development objectives.

Corruption has also been a daunting challenge derailing social and economic development efforts. A significant amount of resources, both from government and development partners that are meant for development projects do not achieve their intended result due to many forms of corruption. Uncoordinated procurement has led to serious overpricing, non-delivery of procured good and services, and bribery. In addition, deployment of incompetent and unqualified personnel, in public and private organization, has made service quality very poor

and unsustainable. This has made services insufficiently and poorly delivered to the beneficiaries.

Malawi's economic development has also slowed down due to poor environment for doing business. The 2017 Doing Business report of the World, ranked Malawi at 133 out of 190 countries, a slight improvement from the rank of 141 in 2016. In this report countries are assessed based on several factors that affect business decisions. These include: starting a business; access to electricity; registering property; getting credit; protecting investors; paying taxes; trading across borders; and enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. Malawi has not been ranked favorably in many of these indicators and there are still gaps that need to be addressed.

The underdeveloped financial sector has made investment in real sectors a challenge. In terms of financial sector soundness, Malawi is doing well having suffered only one bank failure over the past two decades. However, when it comes to supporting investment, the financial sector has been fragile as all the financial institutions created to support local investment have folded up after short operational periods due to a multiplicity of other challenges. On the contrary, banking is very profitable not from developmental lending operations, but from investing in government securities.

Taken together, these development challenges have defined the national planning context and they are the ones that have helped to inform the design of this strategy. MGDS III, therefore, emphasizes on strengthening the follow up on effective implementation and monitoring and evaluation of the development objectives with all stakeholders.

CHAPTER 4: GOVERNANCE

Governance aims to ensure that processes of making decision in development interventions are carried out and implemented effectively and efficiently. Good governance will help the country to pursue the best possible process for making policy decisions that have positive effects on national development through consultative practices, accountability, service quality protocols, role clarification, good working relationships and coordination. The Government recognizes the fact that the successful implementation of this development strategy depends on the prevalence of good governance in both public and private institutions.

Under the Governance theme of the MGDS II, the Government made its commitment to pursue sound economic policies and implementation strategies aimed at increasing and sustaining economic growth. Some of the macroeconomic strategies included: reducing inflation rate, having a flexible exchange rate regime and improving foreign reserve position. However, the government is aware that public financial management systems must be robust as a complement to macroeconomic management. Among other things, the design of MGDS II made it explicit that macroeconomic policy formulation would be based on evidence based planning, strengthened aid management system and improved revenue collection system so as to ensure that there is increased access to financial services. Going forward, the MGDS III will ensure that this is done and proper strategies are put in place.

The potential growth of the economy remains untapped due to the structural, institutional and productive challenges. During the MGDS II implementation, the country projected attaining an average real GDP growth rate of 6 percent but this target was not consistently maintained. The country's reliance on rain fed agriculture as the main driver of the economy contributed to the overall underperformance due to negative impacts of climate change. The MGDS III intends to address the institutional and structural challenges that exist in the economy to attain the growth potential.

The Government will continue to address issues related to access to economic opportunities, private sector participation, efficient stewardship of public resources, promotion of democratic governance institutions, and justice and the rule of law. In this strategy focus will also be placed on: human rights approach; public sector management; financial management reforms and transparency, accountability and institutional strengthening.

4.1 Human Rights Approach

Good governance and human rights are mutually reinforcing. Human rights principles provide a set of values to guide the work of governments and other political and social actors to guarantee that diverse community groups benefit from and/or contribute fully to development. The principles also provide a set of performance standards against which these actors can be held accountable. Moreover, human rights principles inform the content of good governance efforts: they inform the development of legislative frameworks, policies, programmes, budgetary allocations and other measures. On the other hand, without good

governance, human rights cannot be respected and protected. The implementation of human rights relies on a conducive and enabling environment. This includes appropriate legal frameworks and institutions as well as political, managerial and administrative processes responsible for responding to the rights and needs of the population.

While there were attempts to raise awareness on human rights during the MGDS II implementation, such programmes in general remained uncoordinated, largely due to the absence of a National Human Rights Action Plan (NHRAP). As a result, the MGDS II did not serve as the framework envisioned for Government efforts to promote and protect the full range of human rights in Malawi, nor did it serve as a guide for concrete actions to improve the human rights situation over the many priority areas that were identified.

The NHRAP will focus on gender mainstreaming and human rights based approaches to enhance MGDS III implementation, and it is expected to be a framework for accelerating inclusive development through the promotion of economic and social rights. Further, it will prioritize key human rights issues for multi-sectoral action. Guidance for sectors to address human rights issues will be provided to eliminate barriers which stop diverse community groups to benefit from and/or contribute fully to development.

4.2 Transparency, Accountability and Institutional Strengthening

Malawi has achieved one of the long-term goals of fighting corruption by creating a National Integrity Platform which provides space for different actors including non-state actors to share information, strategies and chart progress on fighting corruption in the country. In addition, the Law on Declaration of Assets provides a transparent platform for public and elected officials to declare their assets before and after going into office. This helps in reducing corruption and promoting transparency and accountability among public office bearers through the declaration of assets.

The department of asset declaration is mandated to allow all public service officials at all levels to declare their assets to stop ill-gotten wealth and property. The success of the public sector reforms will depend on disciplined civil servants and public officials who are responsible when delivering services to the public. Therefore, during the implementation of the MGDS III, the department of asset declaration will be strengthened and supported so as to make it visible and capable of executing its mandate.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and the National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) have been set up as Public Trusts. The ACB's determination is to adopt a pro-active stance aimed at preventing corruption and prosecuting offenders. In this respect, the ACB has an important role to play in good governance and democracy. Complementing the efforts of the ACB, NICE provides civic education to Malawians through sharing information and

conducting public meetings using different fora. These already existing initiatives add value by complimenting the implementation of the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

While the government has been instrumental in creating systems to fight the evils of corruption, practical problems have increasingly emerged over the years. To articulate and analyse the challenges of transparency and accountability confronting the country, there is need for effective coordination of anti-corruption agencies and radical mind-set change in attitudes and perceptions on corruption through capacity building and application of principles of systems thinking. This strategy aims to ensure that these challenges are addressed through, among other things, strengthening the institutional structure, capacity building and increasing resource allocation to transparency and accountability institutions such as ACB, NICE and Department responsible for Asset Declaration.

An effort will also be made towards improved procurement in public institutions. The Department responsible for procurement of public goods and services, and all other relevant institutions, will receive support for capacity building and strengthening so that they are able to execute their mandate efficiently and effectively to improve competitiveness and reduce losses, and non-delivery. National Procurement Act will be enforced to ensure quality goods and services are procured, delivered and distributed accordingly to various points.

4.3 Public Sector Management

The public sector plays a major role in any society. In many economies, public expenditure forms a significant part of GDP and public sector entities are substantial employers and major capital market participants. The public sector determines, usually through a political process, the outcomes it wants to achieve and the different types of interventions. These include enacting legislation or regulations; delivering goods and services; redistributing income through mechanisms such as taxation or social security payments; and the ownership of assets or entities, such as state owned enterprises. Governments also have a role in promoting fairness, peace and order, and sound international relations.

During the MGDS II implementation period the public sector faced a number of challenges that included salary levels that do not meet basic living conditions especially for the lower grades. This, compounded by slow career progression, recruitment and insufficient resources and equipment, leads to low morale in the civil service. But effective governance in the public sector encourages better decision making and the efficient use of resources and strengthens accountability for the stewardship of those resources. Effective governance is characterized by robust scrutiny, which provides important incentives for improving public sector performance and tackling corruption. Effective governance can improve management, leading to more effective implementation of the chosen interventions, better service delivery,

and, ultimately, better outcomes. Good governance is, therefore, the backbone for an efficient and effective public sector.

4.3.1 Public Sector Reforms

Government is currently emphasising on reforms of the public service. The reforms agenda is aimed at creating an efficient, effective and professional public service. It is evident that issues of competence, performance, and integrity of the public service are being debated within and across political parties and the general public indicating how important they are in changing the governance landscape in the country. In agreement with the significant changes taking place in the broad governance sphere the career service should be reconfigured into a de-politicized and professional institution to ensure sustainability and continuity of key development programmes. The public reform agenda is a great opportunity to implement the priority areas through the business unusual approach. The Public service reform approach goes beyond a people centred approach but aims to transform every sector of government through what are called reform areas. The public reforms agenda is framed as follows:

I. Public Service Management Reforms

This includes reforms related to laws and policy as well as Key Programmes aimed at improving the Public Sector Management directly. These reforms focus on Human Resource Management, Capacity Building, Mind-Set Change management, leadership building and interagency or inter-ministerial working frameworks which aims at breaking the silos working mode preferred by MDAs which effectively sabotages well intended public programmes.

II. Institutional Restructuring

These reforms concern with restructuring MDAs by setting up new institutions, reframing existing institutions, and unbundling institutions.

III. Recapitalization

This involves capital injection into institutions or key Programmes through treasury funding, Joint Ventures, PPP frameworks or Foreign Direct Investments (FDI).

IV. Programming

This involves putting in Place Game Changing Programmes in various Sectors. Public Service reform Agenda of 2015 will be deepened and become more enforced so that it anchors the implementation framework of the key priority areas.

Implementation of reforms is an on-going process and important milestones continue to be recorded by the seventeen (17) Ministries and fifty-three (53) Parastatal Organisations (Statutory Corporations) and all the thirty-five (35) City, Town, Municipal and District Councils who are the newest entrants in the reforms agenda. The reforms agenda is one of Malawi's most ambitious programmes, which has the great potential to be the game changer for development.

4.4 Decentralization

Inclusive and integrated rural development requires that all stakeholders and all groups of people are involved for participatory benefits regardless of sex, age, race religion and ethnicity. Government had put in place decentralisation policy to assist in devolving functions from the central government to local councils in order to facilitate effective implementation of these activities. MGDS III implementation will emphasize devolution of those functions that have not yet been devolved so that decisions are made at the local level for development efficiency and effectiveness. It is expected that local councils will take active role in putting up policy decision that will facilitate development programmes that are inclusive and help the country attain sustainable national development.

4.4 Public Finance Management

The successful implementation of a national development strategy depends, to a large extent, on the capacity of the Government to effectively mobilise and manage resources available for development interventions. This in turn requires the availability of robust Public Finance Management (PFM) systems that promote fiscal discipline; facilitate the allocation of resources to strategic areas; and promote effective service delivery. The Government and her development partners have long recognized the need to improve PFM systems and over the last decade invested in the development and implementation of new rules and regulations on financial management and procurement; better internal controls; greater attention to the benefits of PFM reforms for MDAs and sectors; and capacity development in the various PFM institutions. The outstanding challenges that have limited the realization of full benefits from the implemented PFM reforms include: limited resources allocated to support the implementation of comprehensive PFM reforms; Vulnerable Information Technology (IT) systems and internal controls that were exposed by the systematic plunder of public resources (cashgate); poor connectivity that limited the interfacing and connectivity of stand-alone IT systems to integrated systems; and limited human capacity in key implementing institutions.

During the implementation of the MGDS III, there will be need to continue with the PFM reforms in order to overcome the challenges being faced. The next generation of PFM reforms therefore will continue to address revenue enhancing and expenditure management controls that would have significant implications for resource management. PFM reforms in the following areas would have multiple benefits: contract management; debt and cash management; public entities financial management, IT systems; and capacity building in key implementing institutions. These areas will be given attention in the PFM reform programme as follows:

4.4.1 Contract Management

Poor contract management may be at the root of persistent budget expenditure overruns and rising domestic debt (unpaid arrears). There is no organized rigorous independent monitoring

and enforcement of contractual provisions, in line with good financial management. Most of the attention has been given to procurement, however, the system has no credible checks and balances when it comes to implementation. MDAs have, generally, low capacity to monitor contracts, especially large scale procurement and building contracts. In order to instil integrity and accountability in contracts management, Government will, undertake the following:

- Introduce a legal framework and regulations for implementing, monitoring and evaluation of government contracts using appropriate threshold levels;
- Develop appropriate capacity and institutional arrangements for delivering services on monitoring contracts;
- Training in contract management functions across the public sector; and
- Establish transparent reporting framework on contract implementation.

4.4.2 Debt and Cash Management

There are persistent problems to track data on disbursements by donors and debt servicing due to the current use of manual systems. On the other hand, the current Debt Management System is not fully integrated with the overall Government Integrated Finance Management Systems. As a result, annual financial statements are difficult to produce. New cash management arrangements require improvements in systems and technical capacity to forecast and analyse funding needs in MDAs. In both areas the following interventions will be carried out:

- Acquire integrated operational technical systems that will interface with the IFMIS and capture all debt transactions including project and donor;
- Assess requirements for upgrading and integrating stand-alone systems where they exist;
- Introduce domestic debt tracking function in the Treasury; and
- Build technical capacity and provide appropriate training for planning; analysis and reporting; and project related issues like funding negotiations etc.

4.4.3 Implementation of reforms

Given that PFM reforms are often cross-cutting, there is need to enhance coordination amongst the various implementing agents to facilitate smooth implementation. All key implementing institutions require internal capacity for implementation that should be augmented by the coordinating institution. For the governance structures to be effective, there is need to strengthen the PFM Unit in the MoFEPD which serves as the Secretariat through various endeavours including functional review, reforms assessments and capacity building.

4.4.4 State Owned Enterprises

The Government of Malawi operates parastatals to offer some services that due to their nature cannot be offered by the private sector, for instance water and electricity, where there are externalities as well as to control for market failure. In some instances, the Government operates the parastatals to offer goods and services at non-market cost, for instance post offices in Malawi. These parastatals, are categorized based on their mandate as regulators,

service providers or traders and based on their sources of funds as wholly sub-vented, partially sub-vented or commercial.

All these parastatals need to be well managed so that they benefit the general public but also be able to remit dividends to government as required. During the MGDS III implementation, this will require effective implementation of the policy so that the dividends from the parastatals benefit the economy. This will be done by reviewing and developing Performance Management Plans and Budgets (PMPB) and developing database for all the public and private investment corporations.

4.4.5 Financial Management

Over the period of MGDS II, Government made various interventions to strengthen internal controls over public finance management including oversight functions. However, the internal control environment remains relatively weak and unable to address internal control issues that evolve over time. Moreover, the internal auditing arrangements over the systems are largely manual and periodic. The software for Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) requires continuous updates to address the changing financial management needs.

During implementation of MGDS III, focus will be on addressing emerging challenges in the management of public resources by, among others, focusing on the following: replacing the existing IFMIS Software; acquiring software to enable continuous monitoring and auditing of IFMIS; reviewing and developing legal and regulatory frameworks on public financial management such as the Public Finance Management Act and Internal Audit Act; establishing the Financial Inspectorate to enforce compliance with public finance management regulations; and build technical capacity of public financial management and oversight institutions

CHAPTER 5: MACROECONOMIC FRAMEWORK

The success of MGDS III hinges on a well-designed macroeconomic framework which requires a consistent forecast of macroeconomic variables. Coherent macroeconomic forecasts have been generated using simulations from the Dynamic Stochastic General Equilibrium (DSGE) Model for Growth and Development Planning in Africa and the Malawi Model (MalawiMod).

Progress on poverty reduction in Malawi has been slow despite significant gains from the past development plans. This resulted from the impacts of macro-economic instability, internal and exogenous shocks such as plunder of public resources, suspension of donor support, weather related shocks, escalating environmental degradation, high dependency ratio and currency devaluation. During the implementation of MGDS II, the impacts of the shocks were more pronounced. The fiscal space shrunk and exerted pressure on the implementation of the budget, increasing domestic debt leading to high cost of financing. This resulted in crowding out effect to the productive sectors of the economy such as agriculture, construction and wholesale and retail trade.

Policy Options for Implementing MGDS III

In implementing MGDS III, the following are identified as the key policy options geared towards achieving sustainable and inclusive growth.

5.1.1 Scaling up of public investment with an additional \$1.2 billion

With the scaling up of the investment, the country is expected to double its per capita income in the medium term from the current level of \$380. This level of GDP per capita, is achievable as the country is committed to slow population growth which is currently very high. In order to achieve the maximum results during the MGDS III implementation, it is important that the investment outlay is front loaded by allocating a huge portion of the investment resources during the first year and thereafter taper off in the subsequent years. It is proposed that the country should invest in the following order: 33% in the first year, 24% in the second year, 16% in the third year, 16% in the fourth year and finally 11% in the fifth year. Increase in investment is expected to spur economic growth thereby creating jobs and reducing inequality. This investment will be directed towards the identified flagship projects with multiplier effects on other areas.

Considering the inadequacies in financing, there will be need to phase the allocation of resources towards priority areas that have immediate and high rates of return. The areas identified among the key priority areas are industrialisation, agriculture and energy. With investment in these areas, there will be immediate multiplier effects that will then spur growth in other key priority areas within the period of this strategy. The increase in economic activities is expected to result in GDP growth rate of about 6.9% during the first year and an average of 6.2% in the subsequent years. This will create more employment opportunities (about 11% increase in employment) and domestic resources through tax collection.

5.1.2 Financing Arrangements

Growth of expenditures for the past seven years has been on account of statutory expenditures such as wages and salaries, interest payments and amortization, pensions and gratuities and compensations. Going forward, Government policy will be to decelerate growth in these expenditure lines as one way of increasing fiscal space for investments in the flagship projects. For wages and salaries, growth in the wage bill will be within 10 to 15 percent by slowing recruitment and managing annual salary adjustments. For interest payments and amortization, government will minimize growth in arrears and domestic borrowing by among other things effecting the debt management policy more particularly the conversion of short debt term instruments to long term debt instruments. Pensions and gratuity will gradually move to the contributory scheme so as to minimise the growth in the “pay as you go” scheme.

5.1.3 Domestic Resource Mobilization

Government will continue to focus on the policies aimed at expanding the revenue base and stimulating investment and economic activities in the implementation of the MGDS III. These will include the comprehensive tax review of the tax system, with emphasis on all tax legislation in order to: (i) develop an effective and efficient tax system that enhances the mobilisation of domestic resources while stimulating investment and economic productivity; (ii) broaden the tax base by including the informal sector which forms a huge part of the economy but largely not captured within the tax net; (iii) rationalise and develop tax incentives that promote investments in an effort of supporting the national development goals; and (iv) establishing ways of improving the tax refund system.

The Malawi Revenue Authority will commission a new Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS) which will modernize tax administrative processes, including electronic payment of taxes through banks, electronic filing of tax returns, and introduction of risk based audits for both customs and domestic taxes.

These measures will eventually increase investment expenditure in the flagship projects identified in the priority areas. Increased investment will ensure achieving quick wins during the medium term and setting the foundation for long-term sustainability pathways. The identified flagship projects are expected to spur economic growth and development in the country through their multi-dimensional and integrated design. Government is also geared towards achieving fiscal prudence to reduce public resources slippages by among other things improving on the public financial management.

5.1.4 PPP Financing

With the increasing emergence of private sector investors in the major growth sectors such as energy, water and communications, government policy will be to promote financing of flagship projects through Public Private Partnership arrangements. However, in the initial year, the focus will be on developing bankable projects by undertaking feasibility studies in order to bring the projects to financial close for easy uptake by investors.

5.1.5 Capital Market Development

The capital market plays a critical role in channelling savings from household and corporations into long term investment by both Government and the private sector. It is therefore imperative for the government to develop Malawi's capital market to ensure that it efficiently and effectively plays this role.

Malawi's capital market (both debt and equity) remains underdeveloped. This has resulted in sub-optimal investment in areas that are critical to the country's development. The savings investment gap is too wide to allow the heavily short term deposits to be stretched to long term investment. There is a huge demand and supply mismatch for long term finance; with higher demand for long term securities than can be absorbed by the available supply. The savings investment gap in Malawi is too wide to allow the heavily short term deposits to be stretched to long term investment. The stock market only largely trades in equities with no corporate bond issuances. While Government has issued bonds and subsequently listed on the stock exchange, there is little or no secondary trading. Also, the prevailing macroeconomic environment constrains the development of the capital market. For instance high inflation and interest rates prevent businesses from taking long term investment decisions while high budget deficits and uncertainty of donor support has led Government to borrow largely through short term instruments.

Therefore, Government policy in implementing the MGDS III is to develop a vibrant and efficient capital market that is able to fund long term investment needs of both public and private sector to spur long term economic growth and development. This will be achieved by providing a supportive and appropriate policy, regulatory and institutional framework for the sector.

Government will, therefore, among others, develop debt and equity markets in order to promote a broad spectrum of financing instruments; facilitate innovation among financial market players to create long term instruments; facilitate redirection of long term funds from short term investments to long term projects; issue long-term debt securities to facilitate development of a yield curve for convenient pricing of private and public long dated instruments; facilitate mobilization of long term savings through among others expanding coverage of mandatory pension scheme to include Government and the informal sector; facilitate emergence of new financial securities, institutions and secondary market for securities; strengthen the legal and regulatory framework for the capital market; and ensure a stable macroeconomic environment for the efficient functioning of the capital market.

5.1.6 Concessional Borrowing

To complement domestic resource mobilisation efforts, the country should largely mobilize financing resources through concessional borrowing. This will ensure that government debt is maintained at sustainable levels and that the private sector is not crowded out.

5.1.7 Improving project implementation

Maximum gains will be realized if government improves on the implementation of projects. In this regard, government will focus on the implementation of the flagship projects and review all the on-going projects in the Public Sector Investment Program (PSIP) and address all inefficiencies. The DSGE model predicts a one percentage point increase in GDP growth

for every 10 percentage point improvement in efficiency. This will be achieved through improvements in public expenditure governance, reduction of bureaucracy and corruption and better oversight roles in supervision of projects.

These gains are expected during the medium term on the assumption that weather related shocks that the country is susceptible to are managed through enhanced forecast and early warning systems capability to support effective adaptation, climate proofing and disaster risk reduction measures. It is very likely that the country will continue to depend on rain fed agriculture that is prone to weather related shocks.

5.2 Fiscal Policy

Government will continue to implement sound fiscal policy in the implementation of the MGDS III. Among others, investment expenditure will increase in the flagship projects identified in the priority areas. These projects will be financed from domestic resource mobilization through tax and borrowing through concessional arrangements. Increased investment will ensure achieving quick wins during the medium term and setting the foundation for long-term sustainability pathways. The identified flagship projects are expected to spur economic growth and development in the country through their multi-dimensional and integrated design. Government is geared towards achieving fiscal prudence to reduce public resources slippages by among other things improving on the public financial management.

5.3 Monetary Policy

Government will continue to implement tight monetary policy during the medium term in order to stabilise prices in the country. Inflation has, in the past five years, persistently remained high at an annual average of around 21.8 percent at the end 2016 compared to the SADC region. Similarly the policy rate (the rate at which commercial banks access funds from the Reserve Bank of Malawi), which is one of the main instruments to control inflation in the country, has been maintained at 22 percent which is considerably high for commercial banks. Private sector credit has been declining due to high cost of borrowing. In the medium term, government is committed to ensure that the commercial borrowing rate is affordable by the private sector in order to induce higher levels of investment. With tight monetary policy, the country is expected to contain inflation to single digit levels during the MGDS III implementation. In the next five years, the inflation rate is projected to average 7.1% if the proposed policy intervention is adopted.

5.4 Projected Macroeconomic Trend

The table below illustrates the trend of the major macroeconomic variables in the medium term. The average GDP growth rate during the MGDS III implementation is expected to be 6.2%. This is in anticipation of an additional investment of US\$1.2 billion that will be injected into the country. This additional level of investment is expected to be financed by

both the public and private sector. The conducive environment will be created through the public sector policy instruments that will encourage private sector participation in the development of the country.

Table 2: Summary Table (2018-2022)

National Accounts and Prices					
Percent growth from previous year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Inflation	5.6	7.1	7.7	7.5	7.7
GDP deflator	6.6	8.2	9.0	8.4	8.7
Total consumption	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9	5.1
- Private consumption	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.7
- Non-profit institutions	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
- Government	3.1	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2
Total Investment	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2
- Government	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
- Private	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
GDP	6.9	6.4	6.1	6.2	6.1
External Sector					
Percent of GDP					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Export of goods and services	28.3	28.1	27.7	27.5	27.2
Import of goods and services	41.4	40.2	38.9	37.9	36.9
Current account balance	-3.8	-3.2	-2.9	-2.5	-2.3
Overall balance	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.0
Central Government					
Percent of GDP					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total revenue and grants	29.7	28.8	27.9	27.2	26.6
- Tax and non-tax revenue	24.8	24.2	23.7	23.4	23.1
- Grants	5.0	4.6	4.2	3.8	3.5

Total expenditure	32.8	31.1	29.7	28.6	27.7
Overall balance	-3.0	-2.3	-1.8	-1.4	-1.1
Government saving	0.4	1.3	1.9	2.5	3.0

Source: Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development

5.5 Government Revenue and Grants

Success of the implementation of MGDS III depends on the availability of financial resources. While a large proportion of the financing will be through the budget, private sector and other sectoral stakeholders will be key in implementing the strategy. In the medium term, total revenues and grants are expected to average 28 percent of GDP. On the other hand, total expenditure is projected to outweigh the revenues. Although the country is projecting fiscal overruns in the medium term, the fiscal balance is projected to decline in the medium term.

CHAPTER 6: KEY PRIORITY AREAS

6.1 Overview of Key Priority Areas

The MGDS III intends to concentrate on fewer development areas as opposed to the previous development strategy. The idea is to maximize social and economic benefits of all the investments that will be done in the period. In addition, MGDS III is designed to create a platform for sustainable economic development by putting much emphasis on development areas that have more impact. The choice of the five priority areas as articulated below was based on the linkages and impacts they have on the three sustainable development pillars of environment, social and economic. They were arrived at through the national wide consultations, recommendation from MGDS II comprehensive review, impact analysis, sector interlinkages and iSDG model. As such priority areas were identified and confirmed. The effective implementation of the key priority areas will translate into integrated impacts which will positively affect other sectors through positively reinforcing multiple loops.

For example, Agriculture and climate change management will contribute to national food security status, nutrition enhancement, environmental management, agro-processing and value addition, manufacturing and trade. Education and skill development will promote industry for both internal and external trade, technology adoption which leads to increased productivity and improved levels of employment for the youth, such as effective service sectors. Energy, industry and tourism development will increase employment, increased productivity for national industries at household and national level, export promotion, and improved net trade. Transport and ICT Infrastructure will augment agri-business, private sector development and growth, education and health service provision, tourism development, global partnerships, as well as security enhancement. Lastly effective implementation of Health and Population as a priority area will enhance productivity among the labour force, reduced disease burden that takes away resources from productive sector, reduced unemployment and gender equality, enhance land use planning and human settlements to optimize ecosystem services to support key sectors such as energy, health, agriculture industry and tourism.

It is expected that the cross cutting areas will be mainstreamed into the priority areas so that there is comprehensive and inclusive development in the years of MGDS III implementation. The cross cutting areas include gender balance, youth development, empowerment of persons with disability, HIV and AIDs management, environment and climate change management, disaster risk reduction and governance.

The effectiveness and efficiency of MGDS III implementation will be anchored on good governance, by improving on governance lapses over the past decade which had contributed to some of the current national economic challenges. The withdrawal of direct support to

national budget by some development partners has created a short fall in the fiscal space. Further, the incidences of corruption have eroded trust on government and caused misallocation of resources across sectors. This therefore means that an effective implementation of the MGDS III will rely on capable, effective and strong governance institutions and reliable judicial systems.

6.2 Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change Management

Agriculture remains key for Malawi in terms of driving economic growth and contributing to socio-economic development of the country. Traditionally, the agriculture sector is composed of subsistence small holder subsector and commercial subsector growing some cash crops including sugar, tea, tobacco and cotton. The sector accounts for around 28 percent of the country's GDP and contributes over 80% of the country's national export earnings. The largest percentage of the country's workforce of around 64.1% is absorbed by the sector. The sector also contributes to national and household food and nutritional security.

However, the sector's productive capacity is being undermined by climate change impacts and risks. Other challenges include low use of climate change and meteorological information, post-harvest losses, lack of agriculture diversification, low irrigation development, small landholding sizes, land degradation and underdeveloped market systems among others. These challenges affect the national economy, hence the need to ensure that they are properly managed. For purposes of protecting rural masses from price volatility and ensure that food security efforts are enhanced ADMARC depots will be strengthened and utilised. It is expected that ADMARC markets will assist rural farmers to sell their farm produce but also they will simplify access to improved seed and other agricultural inputs. The current population growth rate has reduced the number of square kilometers of arable land per person requiring a significantly more productive agriculture sector to harvest more food just to keep pace with demand.

Realizing that climate change has adverse impacts on the agriculture sector, a number of strategies will be put in place to address them through adaptation and mitigation. Adaptation will enhance preparation for and negate the effects of climate change, thereby reducing vulnerability of communities and ecosystems. On the other hand, mitigation avoids escalating the risk of climate change by reducing further release of Green House Gases (GHGs) and by sequestration of GHGs from the atmosphere. Both adaptation and mitigation are not only relevant in agriculture sector, but also other areas. The other affected areas include environment, forestry, water resources, parks and wild life, women and youth productivity, child development, health, education, energy, industrial production and transportation.

Projects addressing climate change in agriculture and other sectors have tended to be small, fragmented and sometimes implemented on a one off pilot basis. For agriculture, the

emphasis will now be a transition to a systemic approach on large scale and commercial agriculture through sustainable intensification and mechanization. This will be done for purposes of going beyond addressing food and nutritional insecurity to promote agro-processing, value addition and manufacturing initiatives, while enhancing ecosystem integrity upon which the agriculture sector depends for sustainability. Sustainable agricultural production and productivity will be critical with a view to accelerating export growth, and improve food security and nutrition. In view of this direction, efforts will also focus on developing water resources and ensure that they are sustainably utilized and managed to support interventions in agriculture, health, energy as well as transport sectors. While harnessing water for irrigation, considerations for sustained use will be necessary to minimise environmental degradation, social conflicts and health risks.

Considering that effective response to climate change are context specific and often best addressed at the local level, the key sectors utilizing the weather and climate services require timely, site specific and accurate information within reasonable and acceptable error margins. While the Malawi meteorological service sector has provided useful information, the sector is facing challenges such as fewer functional observational stations, shortage of trained personnel, vandalism of equipment, weak telecommunications support systems, and inadequate data processing and information dissemination facilities. These challenges compromise service delivery to meet national, regional and international benchmarks. Redress of climate impact span other sectors such as waste management, transport industry and other carbon emitting sectors so that mitigation and adaptation activities go beyond management of weather variations. Addressing these challenges will ensure that actors in climate sensitive sectors can make informed decisions based on authoritative weather and climate information. The government will also ensure that there is specific focus on strategies to achieve the empowerment of women, the youth and vulnerable groups as enshrined in the National Agriculture Policy (2016).

In addition, due to climate change rainfall patterns have been affected and water reservoirs do not get replenished as a result there has been water stresses in a bigger proportion of the calendar year. This also affect ground waters which call for water recharge mechanisms. It is required for government and all stakeholders to put effort in conserving water and making portable water accessing to all people in Malawi.

Goal

To achieve sustainable agricultural transformation and water development that is adaptive to climate change and enhances ecosystem services.

Table 3: Outcomes and Strategies for Agriculture, Water Development and Climate Change Management

Outcome	Strategy
AGRICULTURE	
Increased agricultural production and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting and strengthening agricultural extension and rural advisory services

productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting inclusive agricultural innovation systems for research, technology generation, and dissemination • Increasing agricultural mechanisation • Promoting infrastructure investments for large scale irrigation schemes • Facilitating and supporting improved coordination and capacity as well as infrastructural development for improved agricultural service delivery • Promoting reforms of agricultural institutions and programmes to make them more sustainable and cost effective
Increased land under irrigation;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing areas with irrigation potential; • Conducting and promoting research and use of appropriate technologies in irrigation; and • Enhancing technical and insitutional capacities in irrigated agriculture
Increased agricultural diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting diversified crop and livestock production and utilisation; and • Promoting and encouraging sustainable fisheries management and commercial aquaculture development.
Improved nutrition and food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering adequate market supply of diverse and nutritious foods; • Promote technologies that reduce post-harvest losses in storage, preservation and food proessing; • Promoting private sector investments in production, processing and marketing of high quality nutritious foods; including complementary food; • Promoting bio-fortification and fortification of major staple food • Promoting food and nutrition education for all; and • Promoting education and research into use, propagation and conservation of indigenous Malawian food.
Increased agriculture market development, agro processing and value addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting regional and global exports of value-added agricultural commodities; • Supporting improvements in quality standards and grading systems for all agricultural commodities; • Promoting the development of efficient and inclusive agricultural value chains; • Facilitating the creation of new structured markets, especially in oilseeds, sugarcane, livestock, animal feed and fisheries products; • Strengthening and harmonizing agricultural market information systems; • Ensuring transparency in trade policies and regulations; • Promoting agricultural value addition and agro-processing; and • Coordinating and strengthening agricultural marketing.
Enhanced agricultural risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management; • Promoting integrated soil fertility management; • Promoting sustainable irrigation in crop production; • Promoting integrated conservation and utilization of Malawi's rich agro-biodiversity; • Promoting market risk management;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonise key messages and incentives on climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management; and • Promoting integrated pest and disease management.
Increased empowerment of the youth, women, persons with disability and vulnerable groups in agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting establishment of cooperatives; • Promoting access to, ownership and control of productive resources; • Promoting agricultural education and technical training for women, youth, and vulnerable groups; and • Promoting access to finance for women, youth and vulnerable groups in agriculture.
WATER DEVELOPMENT	
Increased access to water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving efficient and sustainable use of water in all irrigation schemes; • Supporting intergration of irrigation in power generation in sustainable water management investment; • Enhancing rainwater harvesting, conservation and utilization; • Improving water supply in rural and urban areas; and • Promoting empowerment of local communities to properly develop and manage catchment areas.
Enhanced integrated water resources management at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalizing practical Operations and Maintenance (O&M) framework at all levels; • Promoting community-based management of rural water supply facilities; • Strengthening monitoring and evaluation system for water utilization and management; and • Promoting scientific research and investigation
CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT	
Improved weather and climate monitoring for early warning, preparedness and timely response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote effective and efficient generation, analysis and utilization of reliable, responsive, high quality, up to date and timely climate services; and • Improving spatial (by area and agro-ecological zone) weather and climate monitoring and prediction systems through automation and other IT advances.
Strengthened policy operating environment for climate change and meteorological services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonizing climate change related policies; • Developing and enforcing legal and regulatory framework in climate change management; and • Mainstreaming climate change issues in sectoral policies, plans and programmes.
Enhanced community resilience to climate change impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the adoption of low carbon emission development strategies; • Improving adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures; • Enhancing cross sectoral coordination of climate change programmes; and • Improving access to domestic bilateral and multilateral climate financing and private sector investments.

6.3 Education and Skills Development

Education is a key human capital development instrument and an important prerequisite for socio-economic development and industrial growth. Furthermore, education facilitates skills development which provides economic empowerment for different groups of people including women, the youth and persons with disabilities. Educated and skilled population will help Malawi be on the pathway to achieving accelerated economic growth and SDGs.

To achieve this Malawi needs to improve the transition rate from primary to secondary and from secondary to tertiary level. Only 16% of children transition from primary to secondary school, and of those, only 8% move on to tertiary education. Malawi population is estimated at 17.2 million and 20.4% are unemployed. This is an untapped human capital for economic growth. The youth who complete their secondary education and do not proceed to higher education remain unemployed due to lack of necessary skills for the job market as well as limited overall job prospects. This requires system redress if we are to harness the idle labour force for development of the country.

The education system needs to be reformed to include entrepreneurship, skills development in order to improve employability of the young Malawians and eventually reduce youth unemployment. There is also a need to promote girls and boys in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in order to develop the much needed pipeline for the availability of both men and women on the ‘STEM related’ job market. This will help the country to reap the benefits of the demographic dividend by focusing on human capital development, in terms of skills development tailored to the needs of the economy. This is in line with the SDGs in ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Increased access to training and skills development opportunities regardless of class, gender, age and disability in our society is pivotal towards capacity development and empowerment among all Malawians especially the disadvantaged. The shortage of skills development should be addressed in order to enable the Malawians especially the youth, provide labour and contribute towards productivity in the economy. Education reforms shall include focus on innovation, skills development, science & technology, and entrepreneurship. This will ensure relevance of our systems to the needs of the industry and prepare young men and women for productive employment within and outside Malawi.

Sustainable development of the country hinges upon participation of all people by devoting their energy and skills to various available opportunities. However many Malawians are

illiterate such that they face challenges to participate in planning and implementation of development intervention. Therefore adult literacy will be emphasised to help illiterate population to understand and translate issues for the advancement of their life. In Malawi, literacy rate is estimated at 65.75% of which for males is 73% and 59% for females (2016 UNESCO Institute for Statistics). This therefore calls for enhanced Functional Adult Literacy Programme to give a chance to young people and adults who dropped from primary school and those who did not attend school to offer them learning opportunities.

Goal

Improve quality and relevant education and skills for all

Table 4: Outcomes and Strategies for Education and Skills Development

Outcome	Strategy
BASIC EDUCATION	
Improved access and equity to Early Childhood Development (ECD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Early Childhood Development active feeding and stimulation-learning activities at an early stage for all children; • Promoting early detection, intervention and inclusion of children with special needs; and • Promoting early childhood care for orphans and vulnerable children.
Improved quality ECD services for children in Malawi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing service delivery that promotes gender equality values in ECD; and • Strengthening the institutional framework for the delivery of ECD services.
Improved quality and relevance of primary education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving teaching inputs to facilitate more effective learning ; • Reducing class sizes to facilitate more effective learning through progressively recruiting trained teachers; • Enhancing the relevance of primary school curriculum; • Ensuring the availability of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) including for special needs learners; • Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of primary education; • Improving incentives to teachers and supervise their performance ; • Improving access to basic health services that meet girls' and boys' needs in all primary schools; and • Regulating and standardising private sector participation in basic education.
Improved access and equity in basic education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving net school enrolment and completion rates, including for those disadvantaged by gender, poverty, special needs and geographical location; • Improving, expanding and maximising the use of permanent infrastructure such as classrooms, school facilities and teachers' houses; • Strengthening complementary basic educational modalities for

	<p>learners including Interactive Radio Instructions (IRI) and Open and Distance Learning;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and upgrading education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe and effective learning environment; and • Introducing comprehensive programmes at the formal and non-formal levels including adult education.
Improved governance and management of basic education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilising communities to participate in school development and management activities; • Monitoring performance and strengthening internal efficiency of basic education system; and • Ensuring full decentralisation of education services;
SECONDARY EDUCATION	
Increased access to secondary education for both boys and girls and those with special needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructing and expanding secondary school physical infrastructures that are disability and gender sensitive; • Providing bursaries and cash transfers to disadvantaged learners; • Supporting mainstreaming of special needs in secondary education; and • Increasing number of qualified teachers equitably deploying them in secondary schools.
Improved quality of Secondary school education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing TLM to secondary schools; • Enhancing the relevance of secondary school curriculum; and • Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of secondary education.
Improved governance and Management of secondary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring full decentralisation of secondary education services.
HIGHER EDUCATION	
Improved Access and Equity in higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalising Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in higher education; • Providing targeted scholarships and loans to needy students in both accredited public and private universities; • Providing alternative modes of higher education provision; and • Providing special needs programmes and related resources and facilities;
Improved quality of higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding higher education infrastructure; • Improving usage and access of ICT in higher education; • Promoting research, technology development and transfer in all higher education institutions; and • Developing higher education institution programs that are relevant to the prevailing needs of the nation.
Improved Governance System of higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harmonizing higher education institutions' Legislation; • Encouraging cost sharing and fundraising activities in all public universities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislating the National Qualification Framework; • Establishing collaboration mechanisms with external colleges and universities; and • Strengthening higher education ICT and Management Information System;
ADULT LITERACY	
Reduced illiteracy levels among adults for effective participation in socio economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a clear linkage with formal education and other economic activities; • Establishing more literacy centers and accessible to male and female learners; • Enhancing access to and providing quality post literacy initiatives; • Promoting participation of the public and private sectors in the delivery of adult literacy; and • Enhancing coordination, collaboration and partnership between government and non-state actors in adult literacy provision is improved.
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	
Improved access and equity in skills development training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing training centres for skills development in the artisanal, technical and professional fields; • Ensuring the equitable participation of women and other marginalised groups in skills development training; • Providing financial support to needy students in accredited training institutions; and • Enhancing workforce capacities and supportive systems.
Improved productivity and quality of labour force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing necessary and relevant equipment and skills for teachers in the training centers; • Linking up training institutions to companies for hands-on training; and • Reviewing secondary education curriculum to inspire students to take up blue collar jobs. • Established national volunteer service program
Increased gainful and decent employment for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating worst forms of child labour • Promoting decent employment in both formal and informal sectors • Enhancing compliance to labour standards • Transitioning the informal economy

6.4 Energy, Industry and Tourism Development

Energy is the lifeblood of the economy as it serves as a crucial input to all economic and social services. A well-developed and comprehensive energy sector can improve service delivery and increase outputs in industries such as manufacturing, trade, tourism and other services. Access to clean, reliable, reasonably-priced and sustainable energy supply is central to maintaining and improving the living standards of people. It enables communities to power

homes, schools, health facilities and support productive businesses. However, in Malawi, energy has been inadequate to satisfy the current demand both for industry and domestic use.

Malawi is relatively well endowed with a wide variety of energy resources including coal, fuelwood, solar, hydro and wind. Biomass is the major source of energy (89%) whereas electricity contributes 3%. The current demand of electricity is at 600 MegaWatts (MW) but the country is producing around 351MW which is also declining due to small amounts of rainfall that are attributed to changes in climate as well. Interventions in this sector should increase production and access to sustainable energy sources for improved production at domestic and industry level.

Industrialization and structural transformation of the economy are essential to maintain the rapid long-term economic growth of a country. This is needed to raise per capita income, create sufficient rural and urban jobs and viable entrepreneurship opportunities for both men and women, widen the tax base to finance Malawi's welfare requirements and address an unsustainable trade deficit. Industrialization also benefits other sectors such as Tourism, Health and Education, all of which relay on energy development. Attention will also be put on mining exploration, extraction and regulation to unleash the sector potential and empower the rural masses who live around mining sites.

Tourism has potential to contribute to economic growth in Malawi. The sector contributed 7% of the GDP and accounted for 6.2% of total employment in 2016⁶. It is one of the catalysts that can provide resources to complement the growing and competing demands for the economy. The Industry provides growth that is less susceptible to variable weather and climactic conditions and international commodity price volatility to which Malawi is very vulnerable. In addition to that, it also promotes inclusive involvement of local communities, the youth, women and other groups through creation of many entry level employment opportunities in both urban and rural areas. Beyond employment, the sector also offers opportunities in and around poor communities for supply of farm and lake produce, services such as carpentry, plumbing, repairs, taxis/transport, and sale of curios and other goods to tourists. Strategies to increase skills and make workplaces safe are critical in reducing the poverty rates. Hence the tourism sector is challenged to embrace effective policies that would enable public and private sector collaboration to develop a niche for an economically productive and multi-experience destination. Tourism is therefore an important factor in economic development of the country.

Malawi has a diversity of natural, cultural and man-made attractions with great potential for tourism development and has the potential to contribute to economic growth in Malawi. For instance in 2016⁷, the sectors direct and indirect contribution to GDP is 7.2% and accounted for 6.2% of total employment. Strategies to increase skills and make work places safe are critical in reducing the poverty rates.

⁶ Malawi Economic Report 2016

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Malawi's tourism industry is largely nature and culture based. The country has a diversity of natural, cultural and man-made attractions with great potential for tourism development. Unfortunately the natural resource base is facing tremendous pressure from unsustainable and illegal activities. Mulanje cedar for example, is native to Mulanje mountain and is on the verge of extinction from the wild as only 7 trees are remaining. The black rhino was hunted to extinction and has only been reintroduced through PPP arrangement to boost the tourism sector. As such, there is need for the country to step up management and conservation of wildlife and cultural resources for tourism development. In addition, Malawi has a rich and diverse tangible and intangible cultural heritage. There are several distinct ethnic communities in Malawi and each possesses unique sets of cultural practices, beliefs and values. Common among the ethnic societies of Malawi are the humility and friendliness of its people which has earned the nation the name, "Warm Heart of Africa." However, with the increased influence of globalisation and foreign cultural practices and norms, in addition to Malawi's transition to democratic ideals, different indigenous cultural practices risk being forgotten or exploited. There is therefore need to put in place measures that will ultimately translate to sustainable revitalisation, preservation, conservation and promotion of Malawi's cultural heritage for posterity, education and tourism.

Goal

Provide sufficient sustainable energy for industrial and socio-economic development.

Table 5: Outcomes for Energy, Industry and Tourism Development

Outcome	Strategy
ENERGY	
Improved access to reliable and sustainable energy supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring reliable supply of electricity to key social and economic development areas; • Ensuring the connectivity to the international power grid; • Constructing additional hydro power stations along major rivers; and • Promoting private sector investment in energy generation and distribution through PPPs and Independent Power Producers (IPPs);
Improved access to affordable alternative sources of energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the use of energy efficient technologies and designs; and • Promoting the production and use of alternative sources of energy.
Enhanced use of renewable and clean energy in the underserved communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring sustainable fuel wood management; • Promoting the use of renewable and clean energy; and • Promoting sustainable environmental and social management principles in energy development programs.
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	
Improved environment for investment and private sector development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing barriers to investment for both local and foreign investment; • Broadening the one-stop centre initiative; • Establishing special economic zones (SEZs) and business sourcing initiatives;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforming the regulatory framework; • Creating a platform to link up players for market access and competitiveness; and • Providing rational incentives throughout the supply chain.
Increased production and export of manufactured products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing industrial extension program linking farmers and agro-processing industries; • Promoting diversification of export goods and services; • Promoting dissemination of products and market information; • Negotiating for preferential market access for Malawi products; and • Increased capacity for standards certification of products and services
Enhanced production and sound management of non-renewable resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing legal and institutional framework; • Enforcing legislation on sustainable use and management of mineral resources including sand mining; • Improving transparency in the management of the sector through the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI); • Increasing exploration and mining of mineral resources; and • Improving participation and regulation of artisanal, small and medium scale miners.
TOURISM	
Improved investments in tourism support infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring participation of local investors in the tourism industry; • Increasing data gathering and analytical capacity for tourism statistics; • Promoting Malawi as tourism investment destination; • Zoning and developing prime land for tourism investment; and • Creating conducive environment for tourism investment.
Improved quality of tourism products and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting conservation of wildlife and culture; • Enhancing marketing of Malawi's tourism products; • Promoting eco-tourism; • Enforcing tourism industry standards and planning controls; • Strengthening institutional capacity to manage and conserve protected area and ecosystems; • Promoting and regulating wildlife farming and utilization; • Encouraging community wildlife conservation and monitoring; and • Improving law enforcement and effectiveness.
Improved conservation and management of cultural heritage resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and maintaining cultural and natural heritage sites; • Promoting the preservation of museum artefacts and specimens and upgrading retrieval system; • Facilitating construction of community cultural infrastructure; • Developing and updating cultural legal framework; and • Preserving Malawi's history and positive cultural values

6.5 Transport and ICT Infrastructure

Transport and ICT are pivotal in accelerating growth of other sectors and act as enablers for poverty reduction and wealth creation. Access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport and ICT is critical toward enhancing the economic competitiveness of any country. Efficient transport systems are associated with economic and social benefits that result in multiplier effects such as improved accessibility to markets, employment and enhanced investments. On the other hand, ICT forms the backbone of business activity, productivity, trade and social advancement. When pursued together, Transport and ICT rely on each other with Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) requiring the use of ICT for effective and efficient outcomes and in return the transport network supports ICT activities. The 2017 Global Competitiveness report ranks Malawi's infrastructure on position 135 out of 138 economies, which is lower than other SADC countries⁸.

High costs and poor access to reliable transport and ICT infrastructure in the country remain an important threat to faster economic growth. High transport costs in part result from the country's landlocked position and poor infrastructure. Population growth on the other hand has continued to undermine the progress that has been made towards infrastructure development. In this regard a conducive environment will be provided for continued investments in maintenance, expansion and modernization of infrastructure with more concentration on Transport and ICT.

Malawi has a multi-modal system consisting of road, rail, air and inland water transport. The country's transport system is dominated by road which carries more than 70% of internal freight and close to 90% of international freight. Road network provides access to only about 26% of Malawi's population measured as people living within 2 kilometres (km) of an all-weather road. Malawi recognizes that an efficient rail and water transport is cheaper when compared to road transport and has potential to significantly reduce transport costs of bulk freight over long distances. However the rail routes remain unreliable because of poor infrastructure and the water transport is not fully developed with dilapidated ports infrastructure. In this respect, focus will be on developing road, rail, air, and water transport infrastructure including development of Nsanje World Inland Port as a way of improving multi-modal transport.

While Malawi's contribution to global GHG emission is negligible, implementing some activities under climate change mitigation would have major economic, environmental and health benefits locally. Phasing out minibuses for bigger busses would improve fuel efficiency and reduce carbon footprint. Similarly enforcing vehicle emission standards would improve fuel efficiency and improve health. Health benefits would also accrue from proper waste management, particularly in urban centres and at the same time reducing GHG emission. Afforestation and conservation agriculture contribute to carbon sequestration but the local environmental benefits in terms of soil and water management are quite significant,

⁸ Mozambique ranks 124, South Africa ranks 64, Zambia ranks 125 and Zimbabwe ranks 123

ICT continues to contribute significantly towards GDP and could be further nurtured to enhance its performance. The ICT faces several challenges including affordability and cost of ICT services; and sporadic provision of services in terms of coverage. The mobile network coverage rate is impressive at 85%; however, the network availability is intermittent and has not spurred development. The country has a tele-density of about 19% which is below the SADC regional average of around 40%. The country has 22 licensed Internet Service Providers (ISPs) with 10 active ISPs serving a limited customer base. The focus therefore will be to increase coverage and utilization of ICT by ensuring universal access to ICT infrastructure.

Goal

Develop a safe, affordable, reliable, equitable and sustainable transport and ICT infrastructure.

Table 6: Outcomes and Strategies for Transport and ICT Infrastructure

Outcome	Strategy
TRANSPORT	
Reduced travel time and costs for persons and goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking systematic maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure; and • Ensuring an integrated, well- managed, viable and sustainable transport infrastructure.
Improved transport reliability, levels of service and efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a framework for the development of an efficient transport system; • Promoting inter-modal competition or complementarity, where feasible; • Providing safe, reliable, effective and efficient transport operations; and • Developing an efficient and productive marine time transport infrastructure.
Enhanced access to local and international markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing transport corridors in order to improve the competitiveness of Malawian goods and services on the regional and international markets; and • Developing the Nsanje World Inland Port
Improved access to inclusive social and public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport system with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations including persons with disability, pedestrians and cyclists; and • Promoting an environmentally sustainable and climate resilient transport system;
Reduced accidents and their derived human and economic costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and enforcing transport regulations.
Increased private sector investment in the operation and management of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilizing private businesses to engage in transportation sector to improve competition; and • Promoting PPP in operation and management of transport

transport infrastructure	infrastructure, such as toll-gates.
Information Communication and Technology (ICT)	
Increased access to information and communications services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting the participation of community broadcasting stations, private couriers and privately owned tele-communication service providers; • Improving regulatory framework of the ICT sector; • Developing public online services; and • Promoting community ICT and multipurpose information centre;
A well-developed ICT broadband infrastructure service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving broadcasting distribution, content and coverage; • Creating a conducive environment to attract investment in ICT infrastructure and services; • Enhancing enforcement of ICT regulation to protect the public from undesirable effects of ICT; • Promoting integration of ICT into core sector policies, strategies and operations; and • Developing a reliable, fast, adaptive and robust ICT infrastructure.
Increased stock of ICT skilled and industry ready workforce in public and private sector institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensifying ICT research education and training in all sectors; and • Developing capacity to generate reliable and accurate local content.
Improved efficiency in postal services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing economic and social services in the Postal Sub-sector; • Enhancing the current postal services; and • Promoting innovations in postal services.

6.6 Health and Population

Health is the linchpin for social economic development. It is a necessary foundation for improving the quality of human capital of any nation. Improving health outcomes is essential and also a prerequisite for increased national productivity, accelerated economic growth and poverty reduction. Good health enables more people to work and allows those who would have been care givers to spend more time generating income. In addition to health care provision, population health is influenced by social and environmental factors as well as food security. Cross sectoral collaboration is therefore imperative to improving health. Equally, health has significant trickle-down social-economic effects on other key elements of development including education, agriculture, and industry, among others. Health is a development goal in and of itself; ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages is essential to sustainable development.

Malawi made substantial health gains under the MGDS II. MDGS II targets for Under-5 mortality and infant mortality were surpassed, 63/1000 live births against a target of 78/1000 livebirths for the former and 42/1000 livebirths against a target of 45/1000 for the latter.

There was also a steady decline in the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) which was estimated at 439/100,000 live births in 2016, down from 675/100,000 in 2010. The HIV prevalence among women and men age 15-49 age decreased between 2010 and 2016 from 10.6% to 8.8%. Neonatal Mortality Rate was estimated at 27/1000 live births in 2016, down from 31/1000 live births in 2010. Despite the progress, Malawi's MMR and neonatal mortality rate (NMR) are among the highest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Malawi also has a low life expectancy at birth, 57 years for males and 60 years for females. Malawi suffers from a high disease-burden from communicable diseases and increasing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Population size, structure and distribution have strong linkages with social and economic development. Rapid population growth and increased densities can cause environmental setbacks due to expansion of agriculture, settlements and other livelihood activities. Ultimately, this leads to increased vulnerability especially for women, children, persons with disability and other vulnerable groups to natural disasters such as floods, drought and epidemics, poor health and nutrition, and a host of other issues. On the other hand, proper population planning and management, improves access to quality basic services and amenities; enhances economic variables; and reduces environmental damage.

Health and population are intervening variables in their interactions with development. These are determinants as well as consequences of each other. For instance, health status influences all components of population change as it directly and indirectly affect levels of mortality, fertility and migration. Conversely, a high population growth rate contributes to increased need for basic necessities of life such as food, health and shelter. Climate change and environmental degradation also have linkages to population dynamics and health through several factors, including migration and potential spread of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and cholera.

Malawi has one of the world's highest population growth rates, (3% per year), and is expected to double in 23 years. This is leading to a rising demand for healthcare services amidst limited resources and low economic growth. The country's health sector in particular is faced with myriad challenges including high disease burden, poor sanitation, inadequate infrastructure and medical equipment; less than optimal stock levels of essential drugs and medical supplies, and inadequate as well as poorly trained human resources. Amidst these high fertility rates, Malawians increasingly desire smaller families; while current family size is about 4.4, ideal family size reported by both men and women, is 3.7. Thus, the continued high population growth rate is an indicator of several development failures, including high rates of child marriage, teenage pregnancies, and lack of access to and use of quality family planning services.

The health care system faces challenges. They include shortage of essential medical products and technologies; high vacancy rates for human resources for health, inadequate medical equipment and infrastructure; parallel data reporting systems which weaken the mainstream monitoring and evaluation system and weak governance structures at all levels. In the area of investment, Malawi has the lowest per capita investment in Southern Africa at \$39 against the SADC regional average of \$229 and is highly dependent on external resources, it is also highly dependent on external (donor) resources. Adjusting for population growth in 2022, Malawi will need to spend at least \$775 million on health per year just to maintain the status quo, and about US\$2,8 billion⁹ per year if it were to meet the SADC average, compared to the 2017-2018 health budget allocation of approximately US \$177 million. Amidst these challenges, Malawi is the only country that offers free public healthcare in the entire region. Despite high poverty levels, households' out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure for health stands at 24% of household income which is one of the highest in Africa. This is in contradiction with the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) policy on health-financing which recommends that countries move towards reducing financial burden on households when accessing healthcare.

In the next five years there is need to ensure that all people in Malawi access the greatest possible quality of healthcare. There is also need to increase investment in population related programmes such as modern family planning. This is crucial to the nation's economic and social success; unlocking people's potential to achieve sustainable development.

Goal

Improve health and quality of the population for sustainable socio-economic development.

Table 7: Outcomes and Strategies for Health and Population

Outcome	Strategy
HEALTH	
Effective health sector planning at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening health organizational structures at national, regional and facility level; • Implementing full decentralization in the technical, administrative, and management functions of the health sector; • Increasing utilization of Health Management Information System (HMIS); and • Promoting evidence-based decision making in the health sector.
Improved access and equitable health service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening health care systems at community level; • Expanding comprehensive primary and reproductive health care programmes; • Promoting community participation in planning, implementation, and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of health issues; and • Improving health infrastructure in health facilities;
Improved quality of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing use of ICT in health care provision

⁹ MOFEPD. 2017. RAPID Projections.

health services, patient safety and people-centred services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening co-operation with donor agencies as well as NGOs involved in the delivery of health care services; • Developing a harmonious working relationship between traditional and modern practitioners; • Improving health campaign initiatives; and • Enforcing health policies and legislation at all levels.
Improved domestic financing for health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing allocation of national budget to health; • Expanding user fees and insurance schemes to ensure sustainability of health service provision; and • Expanding Service Level Agreements (SLAs) beyond Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM) to include other private practice facilities.
Increased retention of human resources for health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building human resources capacity at all levels; and • Developing a career structure that is inclusive of both male and female staff within areas of expertise and specialization.
Reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening prevention and management of infectious diseases such as: malaria, bilharzia (schistosomiasis), tuberculosis, diarrhoeal diseases, acute respiratory infections, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases; • Designing appropriate programmes to deal with emerging non-communicable diseases such as diabetes mellitus, hypertension, heart disease, cancer and other diseases; and • Generating quality health information and make it accessible to all intended users for evidence-based decision-making.
Reduced morbidity and mortality due to malnutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to timely and effective management of common nutrition disorders; • Promoting nutrition education and counselling, especially amongst low income groups; • Integrating nutrition in value chains for nutrition improvement; and • Promoting dietary diversity and consumption of high nutrient value by addressing the production and marketing bottlenecks particularly of fruits.
Improved hygienic and sanitation practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing and promoting use of improved and accessible sanitation facilities in all public places; • Promote adoption of safe water and sanitation practices at individual and household levels; and • Improving management and disposal of both liquid and solid waste.
POPULATION	
Slowed population growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting family planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR); • Improving access, delivery and utilization of sexual and reproductive health services to all; and • Providing age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education for both in- and out-of-school youth.

Skilled and empowered youth population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing completion rate up to secondary school level for boys and girls; • Increasing access to affordable credit facilities for youth; • Creating job opportunities for the youth; and • Introducing innovative school based curriculum.
Increased maternal, neonatal, infant and child survival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring increased utilization and access to Basic Health Package (BHP) within 5km radius; • Increasing distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (LLINs) for pregnant women and children; and • Increasing coverage of immunization services.
Increased Policy and Legislative Measures focusing on population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Population Act and a National Population Policy framework; • Addressing the vulnerabilities caused by population ageing; • Managing migration and urbanization; and • Enforcing legislation against harmful practices that impact adversely on population and development including child marriage.
Effective population and development planning at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating demography in national planning and development; and • Strengthening national vital registration systems.
Increased awareness on population and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensifying Information Education and Communication (IEC) on population and development; and • Reviewing cultural practices and discouraging those that impact adversely on population and development.

CHAPTER 7: OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS

7.1 Financial Services

The financial sector plays a critical role in mobilizing and channelling financial resources for long term investment and economic development of any country. The sector will be critical to achieving economic growth envisaged in this strategy as it will support the attainment of the objectives of the key priority areas through mobilization of both domestic and international resources to support those areas. In order to meet the financing needs of the country's growing economy the financial system needs to be efficient, stable, deep and inclusive.

Malawi's financial system is still in developmental stage. Although it is considered sound and functioning well, the sector is still facing several challenges which are affecting it to more meaningfully contribute to the overall performance of the economy. Some of the challenges facing the sector include:

- High interest rates that is causing challenges to financial intermediation.
- Underdeveloped capital markets that remain narrow and illiquid, thereby limiting access to long-term financing and hindering country's capacity for local debt and equity financing.
- A lack of innovative financial instruments, notably those geared towards Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs), which constitute a majority of the businesses in Malawi but remain too often confined to the informal sector due to inadequate financial services.
- Lack of national identification system which makes it difficult for financial institutions to identify customers.
- Low financial literacy affecting the uptake of financial services and products.

Due to these challenges, access to financial services in Malawi has remained low, below the regional average. Many people still do not have savings accounts; they do not receive credit from formal credit providers; they do not have insurance to manage their risks; and rarely make or receive payments through formal channels thereby increasing their financial vulnerability. FinScope 2014 indicated that more than half of the adult population in Malawi (51 percent) is without access to any type of formal or informal financial service. The focus of MGDS III in the area of financial services will, therefore, be financial inclusion, which is effective access by citizens to a range of quality financial services

Goal

To create a vibrant, efficient, stable and inclusive financial sector that will meet the financing needs of all in the country.

Table 8: Outcomes and Strategies for Financial Services

Outcome	Strategies
Improved digital payments ecosystem in the financial service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancing bank reach through broader distribution footprint;• Increasing mobile money penetration and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> utilisation; • Empowering alternative financial services distribution channels (including the post office, retail chains and filling stations); • Enhancing utilization of financial infrastructure such as national switch; • Digitising Government payments (both receipts and payments); and • Supporting the enabling regulatory framework.
Increased savings and investment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging savings groups by exploring partnerships with formal financial service providers; • Introducing voluntary personal pension targeting both formal and informal sector; and • Improving product development by service providers to make them relevant to the low income people and MSMEs • Facilitating issuance of long term debt instruments by the Government and other public and private institutions.
Increased access to credit targeting farmers and other MSMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting expansion of microfinance institutions as the primary formal providers of MSME and agricultural credit; • Facilitating extension of input credit to farmers through existing value chains; • Creating an enabling environment to support growth of MSMEs and farmers; and • Establishing development finance institutions to support agriculture and MSMEs.
Increased insurance penetration to mitigate risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and implementing a strategy for the insurance sector to ensure sustainable growth of key sectors of the economy; • Improving insurance business model; and • Developing regulatory framework for micro-insurance;
Enhanced consumer empowerment and effective financial education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting service-provider-led education; • Strengthening consumer protection framework; and • Promoting financial literacy initiative.
Enhanced policy and regulatory framework for the financial sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and enforcing financial sector laws and regulations.

7.2 Disaster Risk Management and Social Support

Malawi faces a number of disasters, both natural and human induced, which include floods, droughts, stormy rains, strong winds, hailstorms, landslides, earthquakes, pest infestations, disease outbreaks, fire and accidents. The intensity and frequency of disasters has been increasing, in light of climate change, population growth, urbanization and environmental degradation. Disasters disrupt people's livelihoods, endanger human and food security, damage infrastructure and hinder socio-economic growth and development. Disasters

exacerbate poverty of rural and urban households and erode the ability of the nation to invest in key sectors. It is, therefore, important to recognize and address the various livelihood risks faced by Malawians build resilience to individual, households, and community-level shocks and disasters for socio-economic development of the country. The development of individual, household and community-level resilience will mainly be operationalized through the extension and strengthening of existing social support programmes of the Malawi National Social Support Programme (MNSSP II) that are effective in reducing chronic poverty and provide protection against livelihood shocks and disasters, while supporting the development of resilient livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable.

There is wide knowledge about hazards affecting Malawi among different sectors including government ministries and departments, non-governmental organisations and development partners. In addition, a National Disaster Risk Management Policy (DRM) is in place and a DRM Bill is being finalised. Interventions to address disaster risk and vulnerability are being implemented by stakeholders in different districts of the country. There is, however, need to ensure proper coordination of the interventions to create synergies and maximum impact in order to build resilience of communities to disasters in the country. However, the trend of both hazards and vulnerabilities are not well defined because comprehensive risk assessment has not been undertaken in the country. Further, there is limited risk knowledge downscaled to grass root levels. This makes it difficult to design relevant risk reduction measures, including EWS for specific areas. Most sectors also do not know the disaster risks relevant to them as they have not yet mainstreamed disaster risk reduction into their sectors. In addition, integrated and scaled-up social support programmes will contribute towards addressing chronic and transient poverty and build resilience of households and communities to respond and withstand shocks and disasters.

In this respect, there is need to build or enhance risk knowledge at all levels, from household, community, district to national level. There is also need to undertake comprehensive disaster risk assessment and mapping covering all sectors and disseminate the results to enhance risk-informed development planning.

Goal

Reduce vulnerability and enhance the resilience of the population to disasters and socio-economic and shocks.

Table 9: Outcomes and Strategies for Disaster Risk Management

Outcome	Strategy
Improved understanding of disaster risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting awareness, access, distribution and utilization of reliable and relevant DRM information; • Establish an effective system to identify, assess and monitor national and cross-border risks; • Develop, update and disseminate location specific disaster risk information, including hazard and risk maps to decision makers, the general public and communities at risk; • Build the knowledge of government officials, civil society, communities, the private sector and other stakeholders through sharing experiences, lessons learnt and good practices in disaster risk management; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the collection, analysis, management and use of relevant data and disaster risk information.
Increased resilience of communities to disasters through investing in disaster risk reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement disaster risk reduction interventions in disaster prone areas; Promote the mainstreaming of disaster risk assessment, mapping and management into rural development planning; Devolve DRM functions to local councils; and Promote the dissemination and use of safer house construction guidelines and building codes at national and local level, including in informal settlements, to have resilient infrastructure
Strengthened disaster risk management governance at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream DRM into development policies, strategies, plans and programmes; Strengthen the capacity of DRM coordination structures at national and local levels to facilitate effective coordination of DRM programmes; and Encourage the establishment of mechanisms and incentives to ensure compliance with existing safety-enhancing provisions of sectoral laws and regulations, such as land use and urban planning, building codes, and environmental and resource management.
Enhanced disaster preparedness for effective response, and to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance disaster preparedness for effective response; Develop and strengthen people-centred integrated early warning systems, including community based early warning systems; Enhance disaster management planning and response; and Promote the use of ‘building back better’ in recovery interventions.
Improved social support to vulnerable population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening targeting mechanism for social support beneficiaries Broadening and scaling up the social support programmes and packages, Up scaling government contribution towards social and financial support for sustainability Engaging private sector and other non-state actors in the provision of social support Expanding Social Cash Transfer to address poverty and deprivation among the ultra-poor and labour constrained households

7.3 Gender, Youth Development, Persons with Disability and Social Welfare

Gender, and Social Welfare is a cross-cutting area which is crucial for the socio-economic development as it impacts all sectors of the economy. Systematic mainstreaming of gender, children, youth, persons with disability and the elderly can facilitate effective development planning and coordination, budgeting, implementation and monitoring. In addition, inclusive sport initiatives will also contribute to the national socio-economic development through improved health of young Malawians and income earnings that come with it.

The comprehensive achievement of the outcomes outlined below will entail inclusive national growth and development. Because of limited success with ordinary gender mainstreaming to address structural gender inequalities, there is need to develop awareness that challenges and redefines rigid gender norms using gender transformative approaches. Gender transformative approaches (GTA) are programs and interventions that create opportunities for individuals to not only actively challenge gender norms but to promote positions of social and political influence for women in communities, and address power inequities between persons of different genders.

Goal

To build an equitable society where opportunity is not defined by sex, age, disability and other vulnerabilities

Table 10: Outcomes and Strategies for Gender, Youth Development, Person with Disability and Social Welfare

Outcome	Strategy
Gender and youth mainstreamed in all sector plans, policies, programmes and development frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing equitably access, control and utilization of social and Economic services by youth and women; and Ensuring the consistent implementation of gender responsive budgeting across sectors.
Increased Women & youth representation in decision making structures and politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the effective participation of children, youth and women in decision making processes; and Increasing youth and women participation in the economy including development initiatives at all levels.
Increased sporting activities and training in other life skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing the development and quality of sports in Malawi among all ages with special focus on the youth.
Equitable access to essential quality ECD services for survival, protection and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting access and school retention in education; and Promoting early childhood development and pre-primary education.
Strengthened national child protection systems to reduce vulnerability violence, abuse, and exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting advocacy and awareness on children's issues; Strengthening inter-sectoral coordination and capacity of all stakeholders; and Enforcing legislation against harmful practices against children.
Effective delivery of social welfare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing access to social justice and other welfare services; Promoting compliance to standards in the delivery of Social Welfare services; Enhancing capacity of social welfare workforce for effective delivery of quality social welfare services; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing and strengthening coordination structures in the provision of social welfare services at all levels.
Improved welfare and health status for the elderly, persons with disability and albinism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating the implementation of enabling and inclusive mechanisms within small and medium enterprises; Promoting employment and decent work for persons with disabilities and albinism; and Increasing access to health services and social assistance.
Improved coordination and Equitable access to social services among the elderly, persons with disabilities and albinism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating the inclusion of the elderly, persons with disabilities and albinism in social support programs; and Improving capacity to effectively undertake and coordinate elderly and disability programmes
Enhanced mainstreaming of disability issues across sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting inclusion of needs of persons with disability in sectoral policies, laws and programs.
Strengthened national protection systems for older persons and persons with albinism;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting children, older persons and persons with albinism against violence, abuse and exploitation ; Promoting advocacy and awareness of elderly and albinism; Enhancing community participation in the protection of older persons and persons with albinism.

7.4 Human Settlement and Physical Planning

Malawi lack a human settlement framework but human settlement and physical planning is crucial in the provision of safe, planned and adequate housing. Malawi is experiencing profound demographic changes which influence the unprecedented growing need for land and housing. This has led to the growth of slums and squatter areas, encroachment, illegal developments on public land and various land conflicts. These challenges are particularly acute in urban centres where the benefits of urban citizenship are not enjoyed equally by residents.

For example, some reports indicate that as many as 76% of Lilongwe residents live in sub-standard housing and/or informal settlements, characterized by lack of access to public services, tenure insecurity, and inadequate housing. Sometimes with complicity of planning authorities human settlements have spread to fragile and high risk areas such as wetlands, steep slopes and river banks. Effective mechanisms will be developed to make sure that all physical developments take place in accordance with physical development plans in all statutory planning areas and rural growth center which are alternative destination of rural-urban migration.

Despite the high rate of urbanisation in Malawi, the majority of the people still live in rural areas eking out a living from agriculture and other natural resource based enterprises. However as indicated earlier, climate change threatens their livelihoods while natural resource based coping strategies are threatened by the loss of natural forest biodiversity and

the associated benefits such forest products. These dynamics highlight the need for strategies that support the delivery of multiple benefits from rural landscapes by increasing synergies and minimizing or mitigating trade-offs among food production and other land use. With the reduced landholding size for most small holder farmers, it is hard to see how agricultural transformation can happen within the current land use system. This calls for an innovative integrated landscape management approach.

Goal

An integrated and sustainable land use and human settlement

Table 11: Outcomes and Strategies for Human Settlement and Physical Planning

Outcome	Strategy
Improved access to land and tenure security for sustainable economic development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register customary land parcels across the country through pilots and later roll out • Computerize land records, systems and processes • Conduct property valuation and assessment. • Build capacity in land administration and management at all levels. • Decentralise land administration and management functions • Conduct public awareness on land related laws, policies, procedures and services
Improved availability of geospatial information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernise geodetic network • Enforcing and monitoring adherence to land related standards and guidelines • Establishing a National Spatial Data Centre
Improved land use planning and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide spatial framework for coordination of implementation of social and economic development programmes and projects • Enforce adherence to Physical Development Plans, Planning Guide Lines and Standards, Land use policy
Increased access and availability of affordable and decent houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide policy direction and guidance • Develop and manage Government owned property • Enhance decentralization of housing • Building more houses • Upgrading informal settlement
Improved and sustainable urban systems for sustained development and economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop policy and legal framework to support urban development planning and management • Build capacities for self-sustaining urbanizing systems • Promote the development of sustainable and resilient cities and urban centres

7.5 Environmental Sustainability

The environment plays a very significant role in influencing social and economic development at both household and national levels. The success of many important sectors of the economy relies on environment and natural resources to enhance their productivity. The

degradation of the environment and natural resources continue to be a major threat to the social and economic development of Malawi. These include deforestation; decreasing soil fertility and increasing erosion; water depletion, loss of biodiversity; and increasing pollution and increased vulnerability to climate change. It is therefore imperative that the environment and natural resources are sustainably managed.

Goal

Promote sustainable management of the environment and natural resources

Table 12: Outcomes and Strategies for Environmental Sustainability

Outcome	Strategy
Strengthened environmental management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrating Environmental management in development activities; • Promoting public participation in environmental management programs; • Promote integrated afforestation for wood fuel, fruit production windbreak and shade, timber and poles at household and community level to address wood fuel shortage and curb encroachment into reserves; • Ensuring that public works programmes comply with principles of environmental sustainability • Promoting environmental education, awareness and information sharing among stakeholders; • Enhancing community based natural resource management; • Conserving and sustainably use of water sources such as lakes, rivers and wetlands; • Enhancing conservation and sustainable utilization of biological diversity; and • Promoting research, planning, monitoring and evaluation of Environment Natural Resources Management (ENRM) programs.
Enhanced environmental degradation preventive measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and other related environmental laws; • Enhancing trans-boundary initiatives in environmental and natural resources programmes; • Strengthening compliance on pollution control and waste management; and • Strengthening nuclear safety and security to ensure protection of the people and the environment.

7.6 HIV and AIDS Management

Over the last ten years, Malawi has witnessed significant progress in the delivery of effective HIV and AIDS prevention, care, support and treatment interventions. However, the disease burden related to HIV and AIDS remains high and this has adversely effected all sectors of the economy, and the general population. Management of HIV and AIDS disease burden costs the Nation US\$ 145.5 million which is equivalent to 10.2% of the GDP and of which 32% is spent on treatment¹⁰. By 2014 Malawi had 1.1 million people living with HIV

¹⁰ National AIDS Spending Assessment (NASA), 2014. National AIDS Commission

(PLHIV), out of which 51% were on treatment. To counter the effects of the pandemic, there is need for more concerted and accelerated efforts from all stakeholders in the implementation of interventions on prevention, treatment, care and support, and impact mitigation.

Goal

Reduce new infections, HIV and AIDS related deaths and stigma and discrimination

Table 13: Outcomes and Strategies for HIV and AIDS Management

Outcome	Strategy
Reduced new HIV infections, HIV/AIDS related morbidity and mortality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaling up HIV and AIDS prevention and management services; • Increasing universal and targeted HIV testing and counselling; and • Improving knowledge and skills in nutrition management of HIV related conditions, diseases and drug side effects.
Improved legal and regulatory environment for PLHIV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening the social and legal environment for protection of PLHIV; • Promoting ‘test and treat’ intervention to upscale HIV treatment.
Improved planning, management and coordination of HIV and AIDS interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing strategic information management system on HIV and AIDS; • Undertaking HIV and AIDS research for evidence based planning; and • Advocating for implementation of HIV and AIDS workplace policies.

7.7 Nutrition

Adequate nutrition throughout the lifecycle is the centrepiece for physical and intellectual development of every individual. Nutrition is a major determinant of one’s intellectual performance, academic and professional achievements, and overall work productivity at later stages. It is therefore a prerequisite for human growth and development, and an integral element for the socio-economic development of the country.

The percentage of children under five years of age who are stunted has decreased from 47.1 in 2010 to 37.1 in 2015-16. However, the prevalence of under nutrition is high among adolescent girls (15.6 percent). The DHS 2015-16 showed relatively stagnant or worsening rates of anaemia in children since 2010, reported at 62.5 percent and 62.6 percent, respectively. Similarly, the Infant Young Child Feeding practices need to be improved as only 7.8 percent of children aged 6–23 months consumed foods that met the minimum acceptable diet. Even with the noted decline in under nutrition, continued efforts are needed to address micronutrient deficiencies and the high rates of stunting.

The causes of under nutrition are manifold: repeated infections including acute respiratory infections, diarrhoea, and malaria; suboptimal breastfeeding and infant feeding practices resulting in inadequate dietary intake are the immediate causes of malnutrition. The underlying causes include food insecurity; gender inequality; poor hygiene practices and lack of safe water and sanitation. As such, malnutrition is a complex problem that persists due to multiple causes rooted in various sectors. In addition to nutrition-specific interventions, nutrition-sensitive interventions that are multi-sectoral are essential in reducing and eradicating malnutrition in Malawi.

In addition to a high prevalence of under nutrition, the prevalence of overweight and obesity is higher in women (24 percent are overweight and 6 percent are obese) than men (17 percent are overweight and 3 percent are obese). The prevalence of cardiovascular diseases (e.g., heart disease and stroke), cancer, respiratory diseases, and diabetes mellitus are increasingly becoming significant causes of morbidity and mortality in Malawi. As overweight, and more so obesity increase, the risk of nutrition-related NCDs also increases. These statistics demonstrate the need to address all forms of malnutrition including overweight and obesity

Under nutrition is mainly characterized by **wasting** - a low weight-for-height, **stunting** - low height-for-age and **underweight** - low weight-for-age. In early childhood, under nutrition has negative life-long and intergenerational consequences; undernourished children are more likely to require medical care as a result of under nutrition-related diseases and deficiencies. This increases the burden on public social services and health costs incurred by the government and the affected families. Without proper care, underweight and wasting in children results in higher risk of mortality. During schooling years, stunted children are more likely to repeat grades and drop out of school, thus reducing their income-earning capability later in life. Furthermore, adults who were stunted as children are less likely to achieve their expected physical and cognitive development, thereby impacting on their productivity.

As per Cost of Hunger 2012 report, the estimated losses due to under nutrition in Health is US\$ 46 million and the losses due to under nutrition in Education is US\$ 14 million and the losses in Productivity is US\$ 537 million (equivalent to 9.3 % of Malawian GDP). So, the total estimated losses due to under nutrition for the Country is US\$ 597 million, which is equivalent to 10.3% Malawian GDP.

Eliminating stunting and other forms of malnutrition is a necessary step for inclusive and sustained development in the country. This therefore requires a renewed collective action and effective multi-sector coordination if we are to meet the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Goal

Improve nutrition wellbeing of the population that effectively contributes to economic growth and prosperity.

Table 14: Outcomes and Strategies for Nutrition

Outcome	Strategy
NUTRITION	
Reduced prevalence of Stunting, Wasting and Underweight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting adolescent and women's nutrition before, during, and after pregnancy. • Promoting optimal breast feeding practices for children 0-6 months and appropriate complementary feeding of children aged 6–24 months and beyond. • Promoting hygiene, water and sanitation practices at individual and household levels for improved nutrition • Promoting consumption of high nutritive value and diversified diets • Integrating nutrition in value chains for nutrition improvement • Integrating and scale up nutrition in the Early Childhood Development programme • Improving nutrition among adolescents and school going children • Promoting male involvement and address gender and socio-cultural issues in maternal, infant and young child nutrition, child care, and household duties. • Strengthening implementation of Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition and Nutrition Care, Support and Treatment in routine services and emergencies. • Promoting community involvement and ownership for behavioural change to improve nutrition knowledge, attitudes, and practices. • Improving intake of minimum acceptable diet among under five children, pregnant and lactating women.
Reduced prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Public-Private Partnerships in food production, processing, fortification, and consumption. • Promoting consumption of micronutrient rich foods and bio-fortified foods • Ensuring micronutrient supplementation; and • Promoting fortification and standardisation of centrally-processed food for improved nutrition.
Reduced prevalence of overweight and nutrition-related Non-Communicable Diseases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to services for prevention, early detection, and management of nutrition-related NCDs. • Strengthening capacity of service providers' to provide nutrition and lifestyle counselling services at the facility and community level. • Promoting awareness campaigns and behaviour change communication on prevention of nutrition-related NCDs.

7.8 Peace and Security

Peace and security are essential preconditions which must be guarded for national social, economic and political prosperity. Furthermore, nations in conflict tend to fail to concentrate

on national growth and development policies. In view of this, peace and security arrangements need to safeguard the nation's sovereignty, territorial integrity and interests. This entails ensuring efficient and effective security mechanisms for the protection of public and private sectors for socio-economic development.

Goal

To promote peace and protect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and vital interests of Malawi against both external and internal threats.

Table 15: Outcomes and Strategies for Peace and Security

Outcome	Strategy
Improved methods of promoting community, national, regional and international security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing military assistance to civil authorities in times of emergencies and disasters; • Enhancing community integration and participation in promoting a secure peaceful and crime free environment; and • Promoting regional peace and international order.
Develop a professional and modern security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining a healthy well trained, equipped, disciplined and gender sensitive, combat ready force; and • Maintaining a sustainable size of security force.
Protected constitutional order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the responsiveness of all security sectors to national needs by ensuring quick reaction and operations.
Improved migration mechanism in line with national population policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing capacity of migration management institutions; • Promoting national registration among the Malawian citizens; and • Developing integrated information management system at all levels.
Enhanced management of prisons at local as well as national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instituting gender responsive and disability friendly prison facilities; • Improving prison infrastructure; • Fast-tracking execution of cases for observance of human rights; and • Improving rehabilitation interventions in all prisons.

CHAPTER 8: IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

8.1 Implementation Modalities

The MGDS III has been developed to allow all stakeholders to participate in the development of the country. Its implementation will, therefore, involve all stakeholders, including the three arms of Government: the Executive, Parliament, and Judiciary; and civil society and Faith Based Organizations (FBOs); private sector and the general public. Government will lead the implementation process through technical coordination and its consolidated national budget. It is expected that all stakeholder institutions including donors, development and co-operating partners will continue to align their activities and support to MGDS III.

The alignment to the budget will be critical for its successful implementation. The Ministry responsible for national planning and development will facilitate and ensure that all MDAs align their sectoral plans, activities and budgets to the development strategy. Wherever sectoral plans do not exist, efforts should be made to develop them. Budget submissions, therefore, will be expected to include only activities that are aligned to this national strategy.

To ensure that the MGDS III is formulated, implemented and monitored with full participation of all stakeholders, Government instituted Sector Working Groups (SWGs). Membership of the SWGs is diverse and includes line Ministry clusters, civil society, private sector, nongovernment organizations, donors and cooperating partners. The private sector was included as an active partner in all the Sector Working Groups to enhance dialogue between Government and the private sector led growth. “

MGDS III has identified five priority areas. The following have been identified as critical issues for effective implementation of MGDS III:

- Change of the mindset among the public; ‘
- Government and Parliament will play their constitutional roles in ensuring that the ultimate objective of MGDS III is achieved thereby taking the country towards achieving its development goals;
- Government will continue to improve donor coordination through the development and adherence to the Development Assistance Strategies (DAS);
- Donors and co-operating partners will align their support and activities to the MGDS III. Government will lead the dialogue with donors on this alignment and seek to ensure that aid flows are predictable. On its part, Government will seek to ensure that resources are disbursed in a timely manner; and
- There is need to develop a strong, motivated and committed civil service that will ensure that Government remains committed to its policies, targets and obligations;

8.2 Roles of Stakeholders for MGDS III Implementation

8.2.1 Government

The main responsibility of Government shall be to provide public goods and services as well as regulatory framework. These include roads, railways, airports, education, health services, and social services among others. It shall also provide the necessary environment and incentives to promote private sector activities. Government shall safeguard the interests of all Malawians by correcting market failures through policy, legal and regulatory framework reviews

8.2.2 National Planning Commission

The Commission will be responsible for facilitating the implementation of the strategy and undertake rigorous monitoring and evaluation of various development interventions in the country. The NPC will carry out mainstreaming and policy harmonisation function to ensure that policies at sector levels are talking to the national and international agendas. In addition, it will also be responsible reporting development progress at all levels.

8.2.3 Parliament

The Parliament will continue to enhance Parliamentary oversight, transparency and accountability in the implementation of the MGDS III. This will be done through members of parliament involvement in the scrutiny, consideration and approval of Government budgets, reviewing and making laws. It shall ensure that the budget is being used to provide resources for the prioritised activities in the MGDS II. In this regard, the interests and priorities of Malawians shall be protected.

8.2.4 Judiciary

The judiciary will provide justice system and ensure observance of law and constitutional provision. The successful implementation of the strategy will largely depend on constitutional order and law abiding citizens.

8.2.5 Private Sector

The role of the private sector is to invest in both economic and social sectors to generate economic growth and create wealth. In this context, the private sector is expected to take up opportunities outlined in the MGDS II during its implementation. The scope of the private sector participation will be widened to involve them in the provision of other public goods and services through PPPs.

8.2.6 Civil Society

The role of the civil society to implement some specific activities in various sectors and to complement government's oversight and accountability functions to safeguard the interests of Malawians.

8.2.7 Development Partners

The role of donors, development and cooperating partners shall be to provide financial and technical support to implement MGDS III. In doing so, they will be expected to support and align their activities with the MGDS III priorities in line with the Addis Ababa development effectiveness Agenda for Action on Financing for development towards the realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

8.2.8 Community

The role of the community will be to ensure ownership and smooth implementation of development activities through inclusive and participatory planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. In addition, the community will contribute in kind towards some development activities.

8.3 Financing Sources

The MGDS III will largely be financed through three sources, namely, domestic revenues; external grants; and borrowing (both internally and externally). Additionally, PPPs for infrastructure programmes shall be encouraged. Other likely sources of financing are regional and international financing initiatives.

Development assistance will continue to play a key role in supporting Malawi's development objectives and the achievement of the SDGs and other international development frameworks. Guided by the principles set out in major international aid effectiveness documents such as the Paris Declaration (2005), Accra Agenda for Action (2008), and the Busan Outcome Document (2011), the Government promotes a transparent, harmonized and results-driven development cooperation that is aligned to national priorities. The Development Cooperation Strategy (DCS, 2014-2018) sets out strategies for improving quality and effectiveness of development cooperation in Malawi. The aim is to ensure that all support is coordinated, harmonised, focused on results and aligned to national priorities, institutions and systems to achieve national development goals. The DCS recognizes diverse sources of finance to support sustainable and inclusive development. However, it calls upon cooperating partners to collaborate with government to improve capacities for domestic resource mobilization and collaborate with Government to promote aid-for-trade as an engine for sustainable development. Where technical assistance is provided, it should be demand driven and responsive to institutional and humanitarian capacity needs of Malawi.

The Government's policy is that as far as possible aid should be in the form of grants. Where loans are contracted, they should be concessional. Non-concessional loans will only be contracted for strategic projects with high rates of return.

The Government will also take advantage of the evolving architecture of development finance with a wide range of financing sources. A large number of vertical funds for specific purposes have been set up, often associated with large volumes of money. Similarly, new large-scale benevolent funds have been created. South-South cooperation partners have a

growing presence in many countries. At the same time, traditional development partners have pledged, through the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (2015), to scale up Aid to Least Developed Countries, particularly in Africa. This implies that Malawi could have access to an increasing array of funding sources.

To ensure effectiveness of development cooperation, Government will lead a Division of Labour process, aiming at a more balanced distribution of DPs and aid across different sectors. To reduce further fragmentation of assistance and overcrowding of development partners in some sectors, the Government will define for each development partner core areas of support not exceeding three sectors depending on: (i) comparative advantage, (ii) volume, (iii) global experience, (iv) mandate, (v) flexibility to align to national priorities and to use Government preferred aid modalities, (vi) historical track record in Malawi, and (vii) performance on development effectiveness indicators.

Development partners are encouraged to co-finance programs and use delegated partnerships to reduce aid fragmentation and duplication of efforts. Humanitarian aid, General Budget Support (GBS) and support of cross cutting areas and Government-wide reforms such as PFEM and public sector reforms will be considered as additional to the three core areas of support agreed with each development partner.

CHAPTER 9: MONITORING AND EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

9.1 Overview

Malawi has a national M&E Master Plan which outlines the main framework for monitoring development policies and programmes in the country. The M&E system is a multi-layered system from national, sectoral down to district level. The MoFEPD acts as the M&E Secretariat which assesses progress towards development and approves ministerial programme documents. The secretariat develops guidelines for formulation of programmes, as well as guidelines and formats for M&E and reporting. All Ministries and departments implementing public sector investment programmes have sectoral M&E systems managed by their respective planning units. These ministries monitor their annual programmes and report to the MoFEPD on a quarterly basis through the sectoral M&E working groups.

Districts have M&E officers who are tasked to monitor and evaluate all projects in their respective councils. Local data is collected through district offices that report to their line ministries and DECAs. The MoFEPD generally focuses on monitoring priority projects, development partner-funded projects, and the aggregate outcome and outputs at national level. The release of national budgetary funds is linked to reporting (which is generally in relation to physical output progress). On the other hand periodic evaluations are based on specialised evaluation studies and surveys mostly conducted by the NSO and the wider National Statistical System (NSS).

This section therefore provides guidance on what is required to ensure that the M&E system for the MGDS III is comprehensive enough to provide the necessary information to monitor and evaluate implementation of the strategy.

9.2 Lessons from MGDS II M&E Framework

Whilst there is a National M&E system and guidelines in place, the MGDS II saw very limited operationalisation of the M&E system. Ministries and departments were at different stages of moving to the new Results Based Approaches. Some of the challenges faced by M&E system in the MGDS II included the following:

- The national indicators proposed were mostly output indicators and not outcome and impact indicators. The indicators were therefore used for monitoring rather than for evaluation or further programme development at national level;
- It was difficult to track progress during MGDS II implementation because most of the data on key performance indicators were not available. Some indicators could not be measured and reported throughout the life span of the MGDS II;
- Most of the MGDS II targets were too ambitious considering the available resources;

- The MGDS II M&E framework neither outlined nor considered possible risks and assumptions;
- The MGDS II tracking table assumed to track impacts and outcomes annually, which was difficult and unrealistic as impacts appear in the medium to long-term;
- Linkage of sector policies and strategies to the MGDS II strategies was weak.
- There was no demand for information from either Parliamentary Committees or Cabinet for Performance Contract Agreement reports, Joint Sector Review (JSR) reports and MGDS Review Reports, which are reviewed by the meeting of Principal Secretaries.
- There has been inadequate appreciation of M&E as a management tool at all levels with only 7 out of 42 government agencies submitting quarterly reports during the last MGDS II review.
- Lack of M&E policy;
- Inefficient M&E system due to shortage of staff at sectoral and district levels
- Non-functional M&E TWGs resulting from lack of funding.

9.3 Institutional Coordination of MGDS III Monitoring and Evaluation

The M&E Division of the MoFEPD as the secretariat for monitoring and evaluating MGDS III and international frameworks, will be responsible for coordinating all outcome and impact assessments across all sectors. It will act as a data repository of socioeconomic statistics and analysis. The secretariat will also be responsible for disseminating information through various channels which are to be articulated in the communication plan.

The PSIP will serve as the basis for monitoring the implementation of the MGDS III. This will involve close collaboration with the Development and Budget Divisions in MoFEPD as well as monitoring and evaluation divisions within key line Ministries. The Budget Division in the MoFEPD will drive the MGDS III implementation across the institutions and will ensure that essential complementary reforms to the MTEF and budget are made. In addition it will coordinate the annual PER and will work with the secretariat to coordinate the annual MGDS III review process.

The NSO is involved primarily in impact and outcome monitoring by conducting surveys and censuses. It will play a role in MGDS III implementation monitoring and evaluation with the introduction of the NSS strategy and management of the Malawi Socio-Economic Database (MASEDA).

At the District level, MGDS III implementation monitoring will be based on national, sectoral and district planning frameworks. This entails close integration of national level monitoring with the district-level monitoring systems. District M&E officers will be responsible for collecting district reports; managing and maintaining the district database and producing databank abstracts for dissemination or input into the data warehouse. District

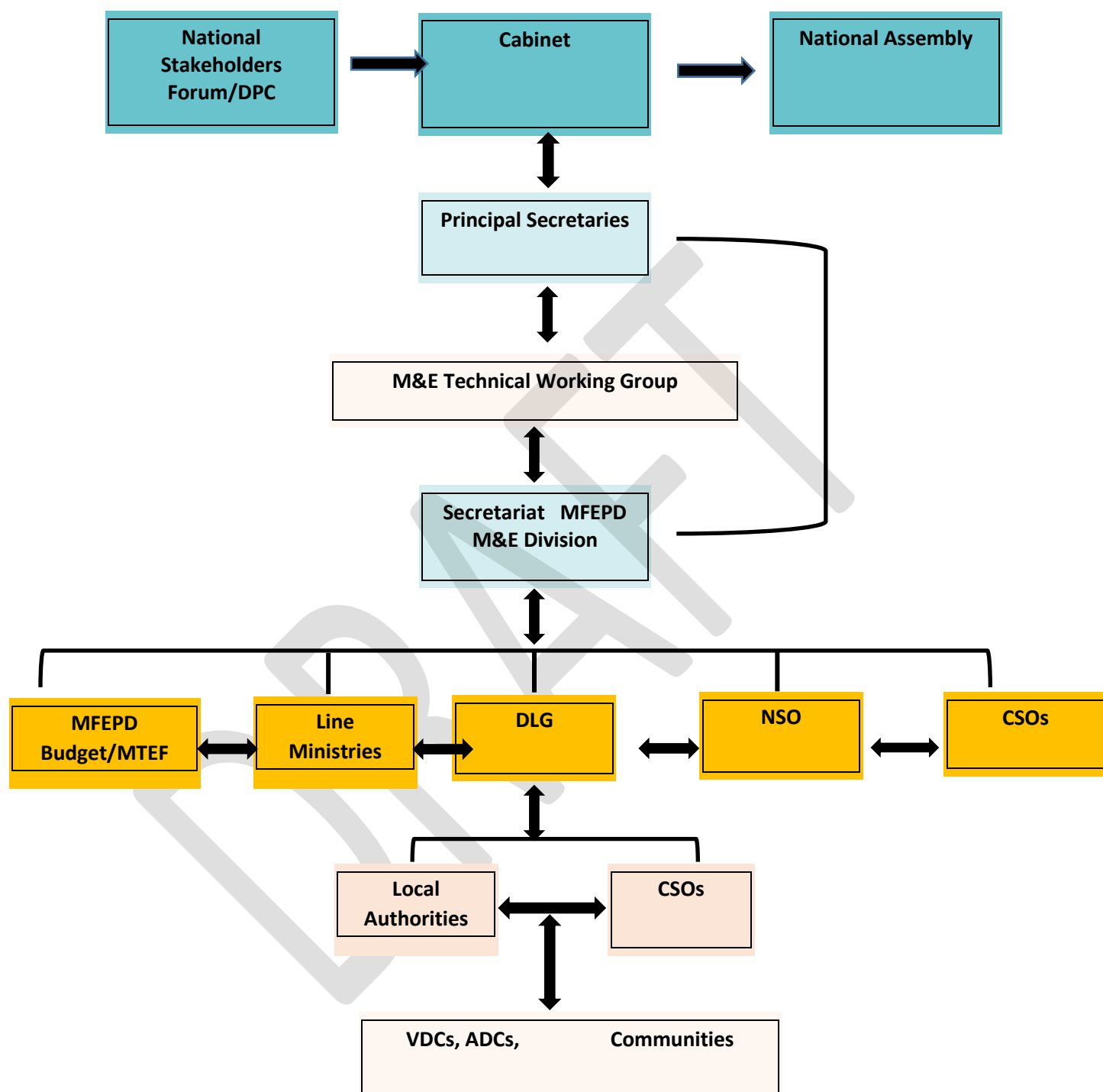
Monitoring and Evaluation Coordination Committees (DMECC) have been formed at district level to facilitate the discussion and dissemination of district specific monitoring results. These draw participation from line ministries and NGOs at district level.

CSOs play a key role in data collection, analysis and dissemination. A key role of the MGDS III monitoring is to link up efforts undertaken by CSOs with those of government for comparability of results and overcome duplication of efforts. CSOs are to carry out independent programme monitoring assessments in addition to that of the MGDS III M&E. CSOs will also play a crucial role in the implementation of community based monitoring activities by facilitating and training communities in Community Based Monitoring and Evaluation (CBM&E).

The National M&E Technical Working Group (TWG) is highly involved in reviewing technical reports and recommendations from the secretariat including progress reports from implementing institutions and making recommendations to the Steering Committee. Membership to the M&E TWG will be drawn from the various SWGs and heads of missions. Reports from the Principal Secretaries will be considered by the Cabinet to ensure participation, achievements of results and accountability. In addition, the minister responsible for the MoFEPD will be required to make an annual presentation of review findings of the MGDS III to Parliament during the budget sessions.

There will also be a Development Partners Cooperation (DPC) which comprises CSOs, donor community, media, academia, private sector and parliament. This forum will be involved in the review of the MGDS III implementation. It will also act as a national accountability forum for the implementers and be highly involved in facilitating information dissemination, discussion and policy recommendation.

Figure 1: The MGDS III Monitoring & Evaluation Institutional Arrangement



9.4 Standard Operating Procedures for the MGDS III M&E Plan

The MGDS III M&E framework is based on Results Based Management (RBM) principles and a theory of change, with a clear results chain, indicators, targets, milestones, means of verification, responsible institution, risks and assumptions. The Results Framework of the MGDS III will have a midterm review three years after implementation (2020) at the point the strategy will be reviewed. The review process shall be a national structured process, involving a participatory consultative process.

Monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes that are both government funded and with development partner support is mandatory within the Government of Malawi. Based on the developed guidelines for formulating programmes as well as guidelines and formats for M&E, ministries are expected to report on their annual programme of activities agreed with the MoFEPD. Any sectoral priority programmes and development partner funded projects are also to be reported on.

The MGDS III M&E activities will be undertaken at different levels to support effective implementation, maintain the strategies focus and direction, and provide information for addressing constraints and ensuring delivery of outputs. The MoFEPD will undertake progress reporting at least every quarter to assess the status of the MGDS III implementation and evaluate direction. It will also provide technical assistance to undertake a mid-term review during year 3. As a starting point, baseline status for key outcome and impact indicators of the five priority areas will be gathered to benchmark the existing situation and provide targets against which progress will be measured.

9.4.1 Key Performance Indicators

The MGDS III implementation monitoring will ensure regular reporting against a wide range of key impact, outcome and output indicators. Many of these indicators, particularly those relating to outputs, will be monitored from routine sectoral administrative sources. The monthly reports of the Treasury will be useful to monitor macroeconomic developments.

9.4.2 Means of verification

Verification of the progress made in MGDS III implementation will use annual reports of sector ministries and surveys conducted by the NSO and some line ministries under the NSS. These include: the Malawi Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), the Integrated Household Survey (IHS), Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey (MICS) and the Agricultural Production Survey/Census. The NSO also provides technical support to government and other implementing bodies on statistical data keeping and builds capacity continuously for registration, administrative data gathering, compilation, analysis and reporting systems.

Data for M&E at the district level will be collected mainly from the district offices. District Councils and some of the district offices Planning Sections are responsible for monitoring the implementation of national and/or locally funded programmes. The district M&E officers are responsible for consolidating all district progress reports into a database called the District Management Information System (DISTMIS) that is linked to the MASEDA. Information from private sector and civil society organizations will be sought to enrich the available data.

9.4.3 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the AU Agenda 2063

Malawi has committed to implement SDGs and AU Agenda 2063. These frameworks have been localised in the national development plan for easy implementation. This implies that global reporting will be done alongside the national reporting as per the county's obligation to report on the progress of these globally agreed targets. Out of the 241 indicators for the 161 SDGs targets and the indicators for Agenda 2063, a selected number will be chosen and reported on based on national priorities.

9.4.4 Performance Contract Agreements (PCA)

The introduction of PCA is more in line with values of accountability at a higher level. This is a Compact Agreement between the Chief Secretary and the respective Government agencies based on their mandates and results related to planned targets and resources provided. All public sector agencies are expected to account for resources and results agreed with the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) through the Chief Secretary. Signing and commitment by controlling officers is at the Ministry level. Some Districts and Ministries have their own Public Service Charters, against which the public can monitor performance.

9.4.5 MGDS III Annual Monitoring Operations

The MGDS III annual planning, budgeting, and monitoring cycle will be aligned to the national budget cycle, and will run concurrently. The MGDS III targets will be disaggregated at sectoral and district level, whenever possible and/or relevant. This will allow sectors and districts to plan and budget their activities. Based on approved plan and budget for the coming financial year, the various sectors will start to implement their activities. This will ensure that there is a link between the annual plans and the monitoring reports. Sectors will provide quarterly reports in October, January, April and July, within 15 days of the end of the quarter. Reports will be based on output indicators and their planned targets. Reports will also be submitted quarterly, the 2nd quarter report being the main input to the midyear budget report and the 4th quarter report being the Annual MGDS III review report. The various reports, their frequency and deadlines are summarized in the table below.

Table 17: Reports, Frequency and Deadlines

Type of Report	Institution	Frequency reporting
Quarterly Progress Report	Districts, & Implementing Ministries and departments, MoFEPD, M&E TWG	Quarterly (October, January, April and July)
MGDS III Annual Review Report	MoFEPD	Annual
Monthly expenditure report	Districts, Implementing Ministries and departments, MoFEPD	Monthly
Quarterly financial Report	Ministry of Finance	Quarterly
Midyear Expenditure Report	Ministry of Finance	Mid-year
Annual Financial Statement	Ministry of Finance	Annual
Annual Financial Expenditure Audits	National Audit Office	Annual

9.4.6 MGDS III Periodic Evaluation Operations

The MGDS III M&E system and its indicators will be evaluated through regular surveys and a set of routine sources of information. 2015/2016 will be used as the baseline year and future programme achievements will use the values given in the baseline as a reference point in their activities. A mid-term evaluation is planned 3 years after programme implementation (2020) and an end line impact assessment survey at the end of the strategy period. Regular programme studies will be conducted by implementing ministries and departments, so as to provide data for the intermediate outcome indicators foreseen in the MGDS III results framework.

9.5 Tracking Table for the MGDS III National Indicators

MGDS III M&E Indicator tracking table for the key priority sectors has been set up for monitoring and data collection. The monitoring of implementation will be done through a table including the key indicators and baseline. The MGDS III M&E framework has outcome and impact indicators that will be reviewed periodically and performance/output indicators that will be reviewed annually.

ANNEX 1: LIST OF FLAGSHIP PROJECTS FOR MGDS III KEY PRIORITY AREAS

PRIORITY AREA 1: AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE CHANGE

OUTCOME: INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY

PROJECT NAME: SHIRE VALLEY TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project will increase agricultural productivity by developing 42,500 ha of land for irrigation and commercial agriculture in the Lower Shire Valley.

PROJECT OUTPUT: Water supply and Irrigation infrastructure developed; Private sector and communities mobilized.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To sustainably enhance incomes and food security of 100,000 households in the lower shire valley.

STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP

The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development. The project will be co-financed by the Government of Malawi, World Bank and African Development Bank.

PROJECT LOCATION

Lower Shire valley(Nsanje and Chikwawa)

ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT

The total estimated cost is MK 198,750,000,000 (US\$265 million)

PROJECT NAME: GREEN BELT INITIATIVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is developing 7,500 ha of Land for irrigation along lake shore areas and major rivers.

PROJECT OUTPUT.

7,500 ha of land under irrigation along lake shores and major rivers

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To attain food and nutrition security, increased household incomes and exports through sustainable irrigation and agro-processing

STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP

The project will be implemented by the Green Belt Authority.

PROJECT LOCATION

Chikwawa scheme (Salima) Nthola-Ilola-Ngosi scheme (Karonga) and Malombe scheme in Mangochi

ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT

The total estimated cost is MK14,174,000,000 and will be funded by the Government of Malawi and Government of India.

PROJECT NAME: SMALL FARMS IRRIGATION PROJECT II	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will establish a surface irrigation system (800 ha), procure and establish mechanization fleet and farmers support services.	PROJECT OUTPUT. 800 ha of irrigated land developed
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To increase and improve family food security and incomes by enhancing the productivity of resource poor smallholder farmers with land holding size of about one hectare.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development and co-financed by the Government of Malawi and BADEA.
PROJECT LOCATION Nkhatabay and Mangochi	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total project cost is estimated at MK4,943,715,450
OUTCOME: INCREASED ACCESS TO WATER RESOURCES	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER SOURCE FROM LIKHUBULA RIVER IN MULANJE TO BLANTYRE	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will involve the construction of a new water supply system from Likhubula river in Mulanje to Blantyre and surrounding areas	PROJECT OUTPUT Construction of an intake structure on Likhubula river in Mulanje; Pipe laying of gravity main for a total length of 50km from Likhubula to Nguludi; Construction of a commercial water treatment plant and pumping station including installation of a storage tank at Mpingwe Hill in Bangwe and pipe laying; and Mains from storage tank to Bangwe and Limbe.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To improve the water supply in Blantyre and all surrounding areas.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by Blantyre Water Board. It will be financed by a line of credit from the Exim Bank of India.
PROJECT LOCATION Mulanje, Chiradzulu, Blantyre and surrounding areas.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The estimated total cost of the project from the detailed design study is MK 17,625,000,000 (US\$23.5 million).

OUTCOME: INCREASED EMPOWERMENT OF THE YOUTH, WOMEN, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IN AGRICULTURE	
PROJECT NAME Agriculture Infrastructure and Youth in Agribusiness (AIYAP) Project	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will develop two large scale irrigation schemes at Linga (Nkhata-Bay) and Dwambazi (Nkhotakota) in the central region of the country. It will cover 1,945 hectares and targets 10,000 beneficiaries with special focus on the youth who constitute about 50% of the beneficiaries.	PROJECT OUTPUT irrigation schemes constructed at Linga in Nkhata-Bay and Dwambazi in Nkhotakota at 4,600 agribusinesses developed and trained Agripreneurs
PROJECT OBJECTIVES The project aims to increase agricultural productivity and incomes of households, develop youth entrepreneurs in agribusiness and poverty reduction in the project areas.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be jointly implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development and the Ministry of Labour, Youth and Manpower Development. The project will be financed by the African Development Bank, European Union and Government of Malawi.
PROJECT LOCATION Nkhata-bay and Nkhotakota	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The project total cost is MK20,625,000,000 (US\$27,020,000).The African Development Fund's (ADF) concessional US\$ 22.33 million loan, the EU will provide a grant of US\$ 2.23 million and the government of Malawi will contribute US \$ 2.46 million).

PRIORITY AREA 2: EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

OUTCOME: IMPROVED ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF HIGHER EDUCATION	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF MOMBERA UNIVERSITY	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves construction of a university which will offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Animal Science and Veterinary Medicine in Mzimba district.	PROJECT OUTPUT. A leading teaching and research intensive university offering Animal and Veterinary Sciences.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP

To improve accessibility to quality tertiary education to Malawians.	The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Public Works. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi
PROJECT LOCATION The University will be constructed in Mzimba district in the northern region of the country.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The cost is MK72, 550,000,000.00 and will be funded by the Malawi Government
OUTCOME: IMPROVED QUALITY OF SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION AND REFURBISHMENT OF SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND LIBRARIES IN COMMUNITY DAY SECONDARY SCHOOLS.	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will construct science laboratories and libraries in selected Community Day Secondary Schools (CDSSs) in all districts in the country.	PROJECT OUTPUTS Laboratories and libraries constructed and refurbished in 200 CDSSs
PROJECT OBJECTIVES. To enhance quality of secondary education and infrastructure	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with finances from the Malawi Government and cooperating development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION All districts in Malawi.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT MK16,800,000,000.00 for 200 CDSSs (MK 82.4 million per school) and MK 875.06 million for desks and chairs for CDSS
OUTCOMES: INCREASED EQUITABLE ACCESS TO BASIC EDUCATION. IMPROVED QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION.	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing new primary schools and providing learning and teaching materials in both urban and rural areas.	PROJECT OUTPUTS Primary schools constructed in urban and rural areas Teaching and learning materials provided in urban and rural areas

PROJECT OBJECTIVES To improve access to primary education by creating a conducive environment.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with finances from the Malawi Government and cooperating development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION The programme will be implemented in various districts of the country.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT MK24.0 billion for urban areas and MK56 billion for rural areas.
OUTCOME: INCREASED ACCESS TO SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTELS IN SECONDARY AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves construction of hostels in both secondary and tertiary institutions in order to provide a more conducive environment for students.	PROJECT OUTPUT Girls and boys hostels constructed in both secondary and tertiary institutions.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Provide girls and boys with accommodation at their schools in order to provide a more conducive learning environment for them and improve time efficiency by reducing distance travelled every day.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP In secondary schools, government and cooperating partners will construct the hostels. In tertiary institutions, public private partnerships will be employed together with cooperating partners to construct the hostels.
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented in various districts of the country.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT MK 30, 000,000,000.00 for secondary schools. MK 119, 700,000,000.00 for tertiary. UNIMA MK 46.8 billion (12.3 billion for CHANCO, 4.9 billion for COM, 9 billion KCN, and 20.3 billion for Polytechnic) LUANAR MK 36 billion MZUNI MK 12.3 billion MUST MK 24.6 billion

OUTCOME: IMPROVED ACCESS AND EQUITY IN BASIC EDUCATION	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION INSTITUTE	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing a special needs education institute to train Special Needs teachers who will serve the increasing number of learners with special educational needs.	PROJECT OUTPUT Specialized teacher training facility and specialist education providers.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To increase the number of qualified teachers for special needs education.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP This project will be implemented by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology through the education Infrastructure management unit. The project will be financed by Malawi Government.
PROJECT LOCATION Lilongwe District	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The estimated cost of construction is estimated at MK 7,000,000,000
OUTCOME: IMPROVED QUALITY AND RELEVANCE OF BASIC EDUCATION.	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF THREE TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing three new teacher training colleges providing teacher development programme in order to improve pupil/qualified teacher ratio in primary education level.	PROJECT OUTPUT Three Primary school teachers training colleges constructed
PROJECT OBJECTIVES The Government of Malawi intends to increase qualified teacher supply through establishment of a new teacher training colleges providing teacher development programme in order to improve pupil/qualified teacher ratio in primary education level in the long	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with finances from the Malawi Government and cooperating development partners.

run.	
PROJECT LOCATION: Rumphu, Mchinji and Chikwawa	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT MK 20, 000,000,000.00

PRIORITY AREA 3 ENERGY, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

OUTCOME: Accessible, reliable and affordable alternative sources of energy	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF COAL FIRED POWER PLANT AT KAMMWAMBA	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will involve construction of 300MW coal fired power plant at Kam'mwamba to add to the existing national grid. The project aims at constructing six units of coal fired power generation plants, each with a capacity of 50 MW.	PROJECT OUTPUT. Six units of coal fired power generation plants constructed, each with a capacity of 50 MW.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To construct a 300 megawatt thermal electricity generation plant.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The funding of the project will come from the Peoples of Republic of China and the Malawi government
PROJECT LOCATION The project is located at Kam'mwamba in Neno district in the Southern Region of the country	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total estimated cost of the project is MK575,250,000,000
OUTCOME: ACCESSIBLE, RELIABLE AND SUSTAINABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY	
PROJECT NAME: SONGWE RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves construction of a dam on the Songwe River for hydropower generation and irrigation in Karonga and Chitipa.	PROJECT OUTPUT A multipurpose dam, hydropower plant and irrigation scheme.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To contribute to economic growth, reduced poverty, improved health, better living conditions, and enhanced food and energy security for the people in the Songwe Basin as well as economic development of the two countries.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be owned by the Governments of Malawi and Tanzania. It will be financed by the African Development Bank with commitments from both governments.
PROJECT LOCATION	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT

The project is located at the Songwe Basin in Karonga and Chitipa districts for Malawi	The proposed total estimated cost of the project is MK 580,000,000,000 (US\$829 million)
PROJECT NAME: DEVELOPMENT OF HYDRO-POWER PLANTS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will involve the development of hydro power plants and associated transmission lines to the nearest grid substation at Fufu in Rumphi, Kholombidzo in Nkhosachota and Mpatamanga in Chikwawa.	PROJECT OUTPUT. Three new hydro-power plants at Kholombidzo, Fufu and Mpatamanga.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To increase power supply in the country to meet the increasing demand.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Department of Energy. The project will be financed by the government of Malawi with support from development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented at Kholombidzo Shire River, Fufu and Mpatamanga	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total cost will be estimated upon completion of feasibility studies.
OUTCOME: UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES BE ABLE TO USE RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	
PROJECT NAME: MALAWI RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will increase access to electricity in rural areas including 336 trade centers and health facilities. The project therefore envisage to increase the 1% access rate to electricity in rural areas and also to provide alternative and modern source of energy to rural areas.	PROJECT OUTPUT. Rural areas, 336 trade centres and health facilities electrified.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To construct power lines and electrify rural al areas	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Department of Energy Affairs in collaboration with Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi Limited (ESCOM). PPP arrangement can fast track the project.
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented across all the districts in the country.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total estimated cost of the project is K23,226,260,000.

OUTCOME: IMPROVED QUALITY OF TOURISM PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF MALAWI INSTITUTE OF TOURISM	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing an Institute of Tourism as learning institution with a capacity of accommodating 480 students in order to enhance skills of offering services and customer experience in the tourism sector labour force. In this way, the project will improve quality of service in the tourism industry and help contribute to the growth of the sector.	PROJECT OUTPUT. A learning institution with a capacity to accommodate 480 students.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To build required human capacity in the tourism sector.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Department of Tourism. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi and will also seek development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be located in Lilongwe	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The project is estimated at US\$5,715,000 or MK4,286,250,000.
OUTCOME: INCREASED TOURISM INVESTMENTS	
PROJECT NAME : ACCELERATING INVESTMENT IN THE TOURISM SECTOR; MAPPING AND ZONING	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will map and zone sites with potential for tourism which will constitute investment profiles of tourist sites across the country. The project will also put in place competitive incentives for investment in tourism sector.	PROJECT OUTPUT. Investment profiles of tourist sites across the country.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES The project will undertake a mapping exercise for the country to identify areas with potential for tourism development and zone, demarcate and secure the identified land for investment.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Department of Tourism and Malawi Investment and Trade Centre
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented across the country in identified tourist sites.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The cost is estimated at MK1,500,000,000

OUTCOME: IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT FOR INVESTMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT	
PROJECT NAME: DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project entails establishing special economic zones aimed at contributing to the growth of the industrial sector and economic development of the country. The economic zones will be developed in line with the identified areas for appropriate investment for development of industrial parks by government of Malawi.	PROJECT OUTPUT Industrial parks in the identified districts comprising various industries.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES The project aims to attract foreign investments in industrial development and boost domestic production.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism Development with coordination from the Malawi Investment Trade Centre. The project will also be implemented under PPP arrangements.
PROJECT LOCATION Mzuzu, Nkhata-Bay, Lilongwe, Liwonde Mangochi and Blantyre	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The costs of the industrial parks will be after completion of feasibility studies.

PRIORITY AREA 4: TRANSPORT, ICT INFRASTRUCTURE AND NSANJE WORLD INLAND PORT

OUTCOME: ENHANCED ACCESS TO INPUTS AND TO LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKETS BY PRODUCERS	
PROJECT NAME: REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF RAILWAY LINE (LIMBE TO MARKA, NKAYA TO MCHINJI RAILWAY LINES)	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves rehabilitating as well as expanding railway	PROJECT OUTPUT 697 Km of railway line rehabilitated and upgraded.

lines from Nkaya to Mchinji and Limbe to Marka which will lead to improved railway system in Malawi.	
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To rehabilitate and expand the railway line and related infrastructure.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Public Works under department of Railways. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi
PROJECT LOCATION The project is located in the central and southern region of the country covering Mchinji, Salima, Lilongwe, Dowa, Dedza, Ntcheu, Balaka, Blantyre, Thyolo, Chikwawa and Nsanje	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total estimated cost is MK562.5 billion (US\$ 750,000,000).
OUTCOME: ENHANCED WATER TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SAFETY	
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF PORTS AND JETTIES (Chipoka, Chilumba, Nkhatabay, Likoma and Nkhotakota)	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves rehabilitation of Chipoka and Chilumba ports; rehabilitation of Nkhatabay jetty and construction of new jetties at Likoma and Nkhotakota.	PROJECT OUTPUT. Rehabilitated ports at Chilumba and Chipoka; rehabilitated jetty at Nkhatabay; new constructed jetties at Likoma and Nkhotakota.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To rehabilitate and construct ports and jetties.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Public Works under department of Marine services. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi
PROJECT LOCATION The project is located in the northern and central regions of the country covering Karonga, Likoma, Salima and Nkhotakota.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total estimated cost is MK17.00 billion.
PROJECT NAME: DEVELOPMENT OF NSANJE WORLD INLAND PORT	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will provide a direct Waterway transport system between the port in Nsanje in Malawi and the port of Chinde at the mouth of Zambezi on the Indian Ocean. In addition the project will provide a multi-modal inland transport linkage for	PROJECT OUTPUT A navigable waterway link from Nsanje to Chinde on the Indian Ocean.

Malawi and neighboring countries within the region.	
PROJECT OBJECTIVES The overall objective of the project is to open the Shire and Zambezi rivers for navigation to the Indian Ocean and developing an efficient transport System	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport and Public Works. It will be financed through a consortium made up of donor agencies, the private sector and governments of the participating states.
PROJECT LOCATION The project falls within the territories of two countries namely Malawi and Mozambique.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total estimated cost is MK285,000,000,000 (\$380,000,000) for infrastructure developments.
OUTCOME: IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS AND THE TOURISM INDUSTRY	
PROJECT NAME: EXPANSION AND REHABILITATION OF AIRPORTS (CHILEKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KAMUZU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will rehabilitate and expand two airports namely: Chileka International Airport; and Kamuzu International Airport (KIA) in order to expand passenger handling capacity and improve the airports' surveillance capability which will lead to meeting the increasing demand in the aviation sub sector of Kamuzu and Chileka International Airports.	PROJECT OUTPUTS KIA: Passenger terminal Buildings expanded, Special Equipment and Airport surveillance System installed. Chileka: New International Terminal building fuel farm and cargo area constructed, Runways expanded, equipment installed/replaced; fuel farm and new cargo area constructed.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES. To increase airport capacity, improve efficiency of airport operations and secure safety of airport users.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP KIA will be implemented by the Ministry of Transport with financial support from Japanese government. For Chileka, implementation will be through a Joint Venture between government of Malawi and a Chinese contractor (AFECC LTD)
PROJECT LOCATION Lilongwe and Blantyre	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The project cost for KIA is JPY3,675,000,000 from Japanese government and for Chileka is US\$198,470,000 of which 85% is expected to be a loan from Exim Bank of China and 15% AFECC LTD.
OUTCOME: IMPROVED ACCESS TO INCLUSIVE SOCIAL AND PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE URBAN AND RURAL POPULATION INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF WALKING AND CYCLING	

PROJECT NAME: REHABILITATION AND UPGRADING OF ROADS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will upgrade and rehabilitate the following roads: Lilongwe Old airport- Kasiya-Santhe road, Thyolo-Thekerani-Makhanga, Ntcheu-Tsangano-Neno-Mwanza, Njakwa-Livingstonia-Chitimba, KIA junction-Kasungu-Jenda-Mzimba T/O, Kaphatenga-Nkhotakota-Dwangwa, Mzimba T/O- Mzuzu-Kacheche and Mangochi-chiponde-Naminga.	PROJECT OUTPUTS 1000KMs and 500KMs of road rehabilitated and upgraded respectively.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To improve road infrastructure which will stimulating economic activities in the projects areas thereby contributing to the national economic growth.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Roads Authority. Financing will be by the Government of Malawi and Development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented in various districts of the country.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROGRAMME The project will cost MK564 billion.
OUTCOME: INCREASED ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES	
PROJECT NAME: NATIONAL FIBER BACKBONE	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The Project will install fiber from the northern border district of Chitipa to Nsanje in the south, through Lilongwe, Blantyre and Zomba.	PROJECT OUTPUT Improved internet bandwidth capacity and connectivity
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Connect all major sectors of the economy and government agencies in the country to a high speed optical fiber based network	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by E-government through Huwaei company and financed by Exim Bank of China.
PROJECT LOCATION The fibre will be laid from northern border district of Chitipa to Nsanje in the Southern region, through Lilongwe, Blantyre and Zomba. The Project will have drop off points in Escom Substation in the districts.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The project is going to be financed through a soft loan from China Exim Bank and will be with the Contract Sum amounting to US\$ 22,888,388.21 (approximately MWK 17,000,000,000.00)

PROJECT NAME: DIGITAL MALAWI	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will invest in broadband infrastructure and digital enablers such as digital leadership, enabling policy regulation, accountability institutions and relevant digital skills. In this regard, the digital Malawi will lay the foundations of a digitally-enabled economy, increase access to services thereby improving quality of life for all citizens.	PROJECT OUTPUT Improved efficiency of government operations and service delivery through shared public service delivery platforms; Widespread access to internet by the citizens of Malawi.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To provide reliable, fast and adaptive ICT infrastructure, systems and an enabling environment that will facilitate provision of e-services thereby enhancing public service delivery.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by E-government and financed by the World Bank
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented in government premises throughout the country	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The cost of the loan from World Bank is amounting to US\$80 million.
OUTCOME: A WELL-DEVELOPED ICT BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WILL FACILITATE IT VALUE-ADDED SERVICE PROVISION	
PROJECT NAME: DIGITIZATION OF MALAWI BROADCASTING COOPERATION (STAR TIMES/MBC JOINT VENTURE)	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will digitize MBC, construct Startimes-MBC Base, National TV and Broadcasting Transmission network.	PROJECT OUTPUT Modernized MBC broadcasting studios and transmission infrastructure.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To improve operations of MBC by digitizing the studios and broadcasting transmission network	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented as a joint venture between the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation and Star Times of China. The project will be financed by a loan from EXIM Bank of China.
PROJECT LOCATION All the three cities	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The cost of the project is US\$132 million.

PRIORITY AREA 5: HEALTH AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: IMPROVED ACCESS AND EQUITABLE HEALTH SERVICE DELIVERY

PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DISTRICT HOSPITALS	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing new fully fledged district hospitals for selected districts facilitate improved service delivery at the district level	PROJECT OUTPUT Modern hospitals constructed in selected districts.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Construct modern district hospitals to improve the secondary health care delivery and referral system in the districts.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health with coordination from the Department of Buildings. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi
PROJECT LOCATION Lilongwe, Blantyre, Phalombe, Kasungu, Dowa, Mzimba North, Chikwawa, Likoma, Balaka and Chitipa	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The cost will be estimated upon completion of feasibility studies.
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION OF CANCER CENTRES; LILONGWE, BLANTYRE AND MZUZU.	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project encompasses construction of three Cancer Centers that will offer specialized and affordable treatment in order to address the growing problem of cancer in Malawi with over 20,000 new cancer cases reported every year.	PROJECT OUTPUTS Three specialized cancer centres offering specialized and affordable treatment to many Malawians in the country's three cities.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Construct three cancer treatment centres which will provide specialized cancer treatment.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health with coordination from the Department of Buildings .The project will be financed by the Malawi government and donors (OFID).
PROJECT LOCATION Lilongwe, Mzuzu, Blantyre	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The estimated cost of construction is estimated at MK 12,000,000,000.
PROJECT NAME: CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves Government constructing and upgrading hospitals offering primary health services to communities so that people do not travel long distances to access medical care.	PROJECT OUTPUTS Newly constructed and upgraded health centres Newly constructed community hospitals
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Increase primary health coverage by constructing and upgrading health centres and community hospitals.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health with coordination from the Department of Buildings. Financing will be through the Health Sector Joint Fund and the Government of Malawi.
PROJECT LOCATION Selected districts in the northern, central and Southern regions	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT MK27,414,162,500
PROJECT NAME: PROCUREMENT OF ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project will involve the procurement of equipment and maintenance of existing equipment in targeted health facilities	PROJECT OUTPUT Primary, Secondary and Tertiary health facilities equipped with medical equipment.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To equip health facilities with required medical equipment.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health. The project will be financed by the Government of Malawi and development partners.
PROJECT LOCATION Targeted health facilities in the country	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total cost of the project is MK36,498,000,000 (US\$86,900,000,000).
OUTCOME: INCREASED RETENTION OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH	
PROJECT NAME: UMOYO STAFF HOUSING	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The project involves constructing staff houses for health care personnel in selected facilities country wide which will assist in	PROJECT OUTPUT 10000 staff houses constructed Residential houses and flats constructed for health care personnel.

enhancing deployment of health care workers to health facilities across the country currently being hampered by lack of decent and adequate accommodation. This will, more importantly, improve health service delivery in hard to reach areas.	
PROJECT OBJECTIVES Construct decent accommodation for health care workers in selected areas nation wide	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Health with coordination from the Department of Buildings. The project will be co-financed by the Malawi Government and the Health Sector Joint Fund
PROJECT LOCATION Karonga, Likoma, Mzimba, Nkhata-Bay, Rumphi, Kasungu, Mchinji, Chikhwawa, Neno, Phalombe, Thyolo	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The estimated cost of construction is estimated at MK12,950,000,000.
OUTCOME: SKILLED AND EMPOWERED YOUTH POPULATION	
PROJECT NAME: JOBS FOR YOUTH	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION The Jobs for Youth Project seeks to economically empower young women and men for improved employability in decent work and sustainable entrepreneurship in the country.	PROJECT OUTPUT The project is expected to create an estimated 17,000 jobs 6,000 businesses for the youth.
PROJECT OBJECTIVES To address youth employment issues by fostering entrepreneurship and job creation.	STRUCTURE OF PARTNERSHIP The project will be will be coordinated through the Ministry of Labour, Youth and Manpower Development. It will be co-financed by the Government of Malawi and African Development Bank
PROJECT LOCATION The project will be implemented nationwide targeting university and community college graduates to encourage entrepreneurship.	ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT The total cost is MK9,180,000,000 (US\$12.24 million of which US\$1.74 million is a grant)

ANNEX 2: IMPLEMENTATION PLAN / OPERATIONAL MATRIX

AGRICULTURE, WATER DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT

GOAL: To achieve sustainable agricultural transformation that is adaptive to climate change and enhances ecosystem services			
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution
AGRICULTURE			
Increased agricultural production and productivity.	Promoting and strengthening agricultural extension and rural advisory services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct trainings including refresher trainings for extension officers. • Reinforce standards for regulating provision of extension and advisory services. • Create a database of all agriculture extension programs and providers. • Strengthen coordination among all extension service providers at all levels. • Harmonize extension messages on various agricultural technologies amongst extension service providers. • Promote use of innovative extension approaches such as model village farmer field schools, farmer business schools, plant clinics, lead farmers. 	MoAIWD NGOs Academic institutions Non State actors DPs
	Supporting inclusive agricultural innovation systems for research, technology generation, and dissemination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote participation of the private sector and farmer organizations in the development of new seed varieties, livestock breeds, fish fingerlings, fish feed and other agricultural technologies. • Develop programs aimed at arresting agro-biodiversity deterioration and integrating diverse species in agricultural production. • Promote soil nutrient analysis for efficient fertilizer application and utilization. • Facilitate commercial application of agricultural biotechnologies, • Facilitate private sector imports of germ plasm, foundation seed, and varieties that have been empirically tested, approved, and certified • Foster collaboration among DARS, national universities, private sector and other entities involved in the development of new agricultural technologies. • Promote demand-driven and participatory research, which involves farmers and consumers. • Develop technologies for agro-processing, preservation and storage to reduce post-harvest loss. • Integrate indigenous knowledge with scientific research for agriculture. • Develop mechanisms for protecting and enforcing plant breeder's and other intellectual property rights in agricultural research. 	MoAIWD NGOs Academic institutions Non State actors Farmers Organisations Research Institutions DPs DARS ICRISAT
	Increasing agricultural mechanisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a revolving fund for maintenance and repair • Capacity development on the use and maintenance of equipment • Conduct research on the feasibility of adopting different technologies • Acquire appropriate machinery based on the analysis outcome 	MoAIWD NGOs Academic institutions Non State actors Farmers Organisations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide taxation incentives on agricultural machinery 	Research Institutions DPs DARs MRA
	Promoting infrastructure investments for large scale irrigation schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainably develop areas with irrigation potential to facilitate utilization of irrigable land. • Promote year round diversified irrigation farming. • Promote partnerships between the private and public sectors (PPPs) in irrigation investments. • Mobilize resources for increased public investment in irrigation development. • Promote and invest in water harvesting technologies and storage systems for irrigation. • Ensure environmental and social impact assessments and environmental mitigation and management plans are implemented for all irrigation projects. 	MoAIWD NGOs Academic institutions Non State actors DPs Private Sector MCCCI
	Facilitating and supporting improved coordination and capacity as well as infrastructural development for improved agricultural service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize resources to improve extension delivery systems within districts and EPAs. • Strengthen pluralistic demand-driven extension policy and its implementation. • Build capacity to coordinate the pluralistic and decentralized extension system • Conducting stakeholder mapping • Acquire equipment and Personal protective gear. • Build and rehabilitate housing and offices for agricultural staff. • Mobilize resources for construction and maintenance of infrastructure for cutting-edge research. • Collaborate on rural electrification programs for agricultural area offices, staff houses, and agro-processing hubs. 	MoAIWD NGOs MoTPW NGOs Non State actors DPs
	Promoting reforms of agricultural institutions and programmes to make them more sustainable and cost effective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore manufacturing or blending fertilizers locally or regionally to reduce costs. • Encourage and broaden private sector participation in fertilizer and other farm input markets. • Review subsidy programmes such as FISP • Incorporate complimentary integrated soil fertility management practices in the FISP package. • Promote zoning and crop diversification. 	MoAIWD MoFEPD NGOs Academic institutions Farmers organisations DPs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the procurement efficiencies of farm inputs to ensure timely delivery. • Improve and scale up innovative approaches for delivery of agricultural services. • Improve the targeting criteria of subsidies to be in line with the commercialization of subsistence farmers. 	
Increased land under irrigation	Developing areas with irrigation potential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying areas with irrigation potential • Construct small, medium and large scale irrigation schemes • Provide credit facilities to smallholder and commercial irrigation farmers • Undertake integrated planning in irrigation programmes • Provide support infrastructure • Create an enabling environment for private sector participation • Rehabilitate and maintain existing irrigation schemes and small earth dams 	MoAIWD OPC GBIA DPs Private Sector Non-sate Actors
	Conducting and promoting research and use of appropriate technologies in irrigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct research in irrigation technology • Increase water harvesting technologies • Enhance technology transfer and absorption 	MoAIWD, OPC, GBIA, DPs, Private Sector, Non-sate Actors
	Enhancing technical and institutional capacities in irrigated agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance capacity in irrigation institutions • Establish and empower cooperatives and water user associations • Promote collaboration among stakeholders 	MoAIWD, OPC, GBIA, DPs, Private Sector, Non-sate Actors
Increased agricultural diversification.	Promoting diversified crop and livestock production and utilization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake awareness campaigns • Produce crop and livestock utilization material • Translate into vernacular languages • Conduct training of trainers on crop and livestock diversification • Identify and train Lead Farmers on crop and livestock diversification 	MoAIWD NGOs Academic institutions Farmers organisations DPs
	Promoting and encouraging sustainable fisheries management and commercial aquaculture development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct fish ponds • Enhance production of fingerlings • Enforce fishing regulations • Develop integrated fish farming schemes • Encourage cage aquaculture 	MoAIWD DPs Research institutions Private sector e.g. MALDECO World Fish Centre
Improved nutrition and food security.	Fostering adequate market supply of diverse and nutritious foods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct acute and chronic food security vulnerability assessments • Review tax on high nutritional value food stuffs • Sensitize communities on use of indigenous nutrient dense foods • Scale-up social protection programs to cater for the most vulnerable food insecure households. 	MoFEPD MoAIWD MRA DHAN MoGCDSW DPs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review targeting mechanisms for the delivery of safety net programmes 	MoH MVAC
	Promote technologies that reduce post-harvest losses in storage, preservation and food processing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake research to identify technologies Undertake sensitization campaigns to raise awareness Train farmers in both technological and non-technological post-harvest management Encourage traditional way of storing and processing traditional crops Construct communal metallic silos Link farmers to readily available markets 	MoAIWD MoLMDS MoFEPD MoITT DPs Academic Institutions Vocational training institutions
	Promoting private sector investments in production, processing and marketing of high quality nutritious foods; including complementary food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide tax incentives for large investments Enter into PPPs Improve access to credit and finance for private sector business to encourage the production of nutritious foods. Facilitate private sector branding or generic advertising and branding that meets global quality standards 	MoAIWD MoFEPD MoITT DPs Financing institutions Private sectors MCCCI MRA MBS
	Promoting bio-fortification and fortification of major staple food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage investment in food value chain for fortification and nutrient supplementation. Enhance plant breeding and biotechnology techniques Undertake awareness campaigns on bio-fortified and fortified foods. Link private sector firms to bio-fortification initiatives. 	MoAIWD MoFEPD MoITT DPs Private sectors MCCCI MBS Research institutions
	Promoting food and nutrition education for all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link local farmer organizations with community-level Nutrition Care Groups to create nutrition-focused synergies. Undertake extension education and behavioral change communication for improved nutrition. 	MoAIWD MoEST MoLGRD LUANAR DHAN Private sectors Non-state actors
	Promoting education and research into use, propagation and conservation of indigenous Malawian food.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify existing high value indigenous food Conduct research on the use and conservation of indigenous food Undertake sensitisation campaigns Collaborate with other research institutions 	MoAIWD MNREM LUANAR Research Institutions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilise resources for indigenous food research 	ICRISAT
Increased agriculture market development, agro processing and value addition.	Promoting regional and global exports of value-added agricultural commodities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor trade barriers in Malawi's agriculture export markets Conduct extensive promotion of agricultural products abroad Undertake market research to develop a profile for high impact agricultural enterprises that provide good returns on investment. Encourage compliance and commitment to bi-lateral and multi-lateral regional integration instruments. 	MoAIWD MoITT MCCCI MBS MoFAIC RBM MRA Private sector Academic institutions
	Supporting improvements in quality standards and grading systems for all agricultural commodities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve product quality and safety for export-oriented processing clusters Develop and enforce the use of grading and quality standards in oil seed and sugarcane products, livestock and meat, dairy products, and fisheries. Facilitate the development of process control, product examination and certification services for agricultural commodities. Strengthen audit and accreditation systems for the agriculture sector. Develop customized training programs to improve quality, control disease, and assure on-farm food safety 	MoAIWD MoITT MCCCI MBS RBM MRA Private sector Commodity Exchange
	Promoting the development of efficient and inclusive agricultural value chains.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage joint ventures, linkages, and partnerships for value addition between farmer organizations and processors. Strengthen functionality of commodity exchanges and warehouse receipt systems. Conduct intensive finance literacy and agribusiness training, especially among women, youth and persons with disability Initiate and implement consumer literacy programs along the agricultural value chains. Construct and maintain agriculture-related infrastructure Promote niche markets for non-traditional products for exports, e.g., oil seeds and fisheries. Facilitate the use of contract farming, out-grower schemes, and other value chain coordinating mechanisms for smallholder commercialization. 	MoAIWD MoITT MCCCI MBS MRA CAMA Private sector Commodity Exchange
	Facilitating the creation of new structured markets, especially in oilseeds, sugarcane, livestock, animal feed and fisheries products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a representative coordinating body to develop value chains. Develop a policy framework for the pricing of agricultural produce and products. 	MoAIWD MoITT MCCCI MITC

			CFTC Private sector
	Strengthening and harmonizing agricultural market information systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support collaborative collection, processing, and dissemination of agricultural market data. • Facilitate access to modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools among farmers and agro-businesses in rural communities and households. • Build capacity for producers and farmers in the use of market information systems. • Strengthen national agricultural information management programmes using ICT based technologies. 	MoAIWD MoICT E-Government AHL Commodity Exchange
	Ensuring transparency in trade policies and regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support policy consistency and coherence on food security, food safety and trade. • Promote evidence-based trade policy formulation, dialogue and implementation. • Support capacity development for trade policy formulation and implementation; impact assessment; and negotiation on agro-based products. • Enforce adherence to food safety standards. 	MoAIWD MoITT OPC MBS CAMA
	Promoting agricultural value addition and agro-processing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage creation of processing and value addition clusters and hubs especially in rural areas. • Building the capacity of male and female smallholder farmers in managing value chains and enterprise management • Mobilize resources to cater for small and medium agro-processing enterprises through enhancing partnerships with other state and non-state actors. • Strengthen national agro-processing forums to coordinate the implementation of agro-processing interventions by all stakeholders. • Conduct expos for agricultural value added products in the domestic and export markets. • Promote value addition in selected agro-based products for import substitution. • Support district level alignment of localized agro-processing strategies. 	MoAIWD MoITT MoFEPD MBS Private Sector MCCCI DPs Academic Institutions
	Coordinating and strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote partnerships for all agro-processing related institutions 	MoAIWD

	agricultural marketing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity development in agricultural marketing • Procure and provide agro-processing facilities • Enhance availability and utilization of market information • Develop supportive infrastructure • Enhance farmers' cooperatives and associations • Provide appropriate storage facilities • Organize and strengthen local produce markets • Encourage contract marketing • Strengthen market infrastructure 	MoITT GBIA Private Sector Non-state Actors Farmer Organizations
Enhanced agricultural risk management.	Promoting climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs mitigating land degradation, such as catchment area protection and appropriate farming practices. • Designate protected land areas, forests, and water shores for conservation. • Promote agro-ecological zoning and implementation of farming systems on the basis of spatial comparative advantage. 	MoAIWD MoLHUD MoNREM DPs NGOs LEAD
	Promoting integrated soil fertility management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote conservation agriculture. • Promote and invest in agroforestry technologies and systems. • Promote the use of nitrogen-fixing plants in crop farming systems. • Promote the judicious use of organic and inorganic fertilizers. • Promote application of lime in high acidic soils. 	MoAIWD MoNREM DPs NGOs LEAD Academic Institutions
	Promoting sustainable irrigation in crop production.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and rehabilitate irrigation schemes • Conduct research on irrigation and irrigation technologies • Establish and build capacity of Water Users Associations (WUA) • Build technical capacity for irrigation management • Establishing rain and ground water harvesting systems • Integrate irrigation initiatives with other livelihood activities • Facilitate management of water catchment areas • Enforce regulation on irrigation farming • Regular monitoring of soil pH in irrigation schemes. • Provide credit facilities to commercial irrigation farmers 	MoAIWD MoTPW MoNREM NGOs DPs Farmer Organisations Research Institutions
	Promoting integrated conservation and utilization of Malawi's rich agro-biodiversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote labour saving technologies that enhance natural resource conservation. • Promote natural resource management systems and technologies. • Promote participation in natural resource management • Strengthen the capacity of national repository center (Genebank) for plant 	MoAIWD MoNREM DPs NGOs LEAD Academic Institutions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and livestock genetic resources Strengthen conservation of indigenous animal breeds Empower communities, through capacity strengthening initiatives for on farm conservation and sustainable utilisation of agro-biodiversity Designate in situ conservation sites for crop wild relatives in protected areas 	
	Promoting market risk management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance food market information system. Promote contract farming Monitoring prices and exchange rates Promoting the use of warehouse receipts 	MoAIWD Commodity Exchange AHL
	Harmonising key messages and incentives on climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing literature on climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management. Develop a communication template with a harmonised message Undertake sensitisation campaigns 	MoAIWD MoNREM LEAD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
	Promoting integrated pest and disease management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest in and maintain infrastructure and equipment for pest and disease management including dip tanks and mist blowers Empower communities through capacity strengthening initiatives to manage infrastructure for pest and disease control Test and explore bio-technology options for disease and pest control 	MoAIWD MoNREM LEAD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
Increased empowerment of the youth, women, persons with disability and vulnerable groups in agriculture.	Promoting establishment of cooperatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate community mobilization Build capacity of the community members Linking cooperatives to financial institutions Organize exchange visits 	MoAIWD MoITT COMSIP NGOs SMED
	Promoting access to, ownership and control of productive resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community sensitization on human rights Build capacity of women, youth and persons with disabilities 	MoAIWD MoGCDSW MoCECCD DPs FEDOMA
	Promoting agricultural education and technical training for women, youth, and vulnerable groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review curriculum Conduct training of trainers Identify and build capacity of lead farmers 	MoAIWD MoEST Academic Institutions DPs FEDOMA
	Promoting access to finance for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link rural women and youth to financial services and agricultural credit. 	MoAIWD

	women, youth and vulnerable groups in agriculture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the strengthening of micro-finance institutions in rural areas. • Build capacity of farmer organizations to facilitate delivery of financial services to their members. • Design and implement innovative financing schemes for rural farmers. • Strengthen farmer and agro-entrepreneur understanding and adherence to loan and agricultural credit procedures. • Advocate for the establishment of an agricultural development fund or bank which is reinsured through insurance companies. 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD DPs Financial Institutions
WATER DEVELOPMENT			
Increased access to water resources.	Improving efficient and sustainable use of water in all irrigation schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake sensitisation campaigns • Conduct research on efficient water technologies • Rehabilitate existing infrastructure to reduce water loss • Promote efficient water use technologies. 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
	Supporting intergration of irrigation in power generation in sustainable water management investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake feasibility studies • Rehabilitate irrigation infrastructure to support power generation • Construct multipurpose dams • Undertake integrated planning in water development programs. 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
	Enhancing rainwater harvesting, conservation and utilization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing water harvesting technologies • Conduct research on water harvest technologies • Develop springs for multipurpose use including tourism 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
	Improving water supply in rural and urban areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and rehabilitate boreholes • Install and rehabilitate pipe water in urban and rural areas • Update the water management information system • Develop and rehabilitate other types of water infrastructure 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions Private Institution
	Promoting empowerment of local communities to properly develop and manage catchment areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and develop capacity of WUAs to maintain catchment areas • Undertake sensitization on the management areas • Support catchment protection initiatives • Enhance ground water and catchment management • Promote the integrated watershed management approach to deal with land degradation challenges 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions
Enhanced integrated water resources management at all levels.	Institutionalizing practical Operations and Maintenance (O&M) framework at all levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop capacity in O&M • Enhance stakeholder coordination and participation • Review existing regulations • Review institutional arrangement 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions

	Promoting community-based management of rural water supply facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake capacity development of WUAs Establish revolving funds for maintenance purposes 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs
	Strengthening monitoring and evaluation system for water utilization and management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop capacity to undertake monitoring and evaluation Conduct routine monitoring exercises Maintain database 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs
	Promoting scientific research and investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with other research institutions Strengthen collection and management of data. Mobilise resources for water resource management Enhance stakeholder coordination 	MoAIWD DPs NGOs Academic Institutions Private Sector Research Institutions
CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT			
Improved weather and climate monitoring for early warning, preparedness and timely response.	Promoting effective and efficient generation, analysis and utilization of reliable, responsive, high quality, up to date and timely climate services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and communicate information on weather and climate Modernize climate change database Establish Global Telecommunication System (GTS) linkages Undertake data management activities Establish and rehabilitate meteorological archive Establish and run district climate information centers Strengthen collection of climate change and meteorological data Promoting dissemination of weather/climate information for early warning, preparedness and response Promote harmonisation of hydromet and agromet services for efficient, timely and integrated early warning system. 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS EAD DPs
	Improving spatial (by area and agro-ecological zone) weather and climate monitoring and prediction systems through automation and other IT advances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Table Driven Codes Manual Expand and modernize station network Create customized weather forecasts Derive customized climate seasonal forecasts Introduce new weather patterns observing sites Conduct research on indigenous rainfall indicators Strengthen coordination among stakeholders Acquire and install modern equipment Conduct user needs assessment survey on climate change and meteorological services 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS DPs
Strengthened policy operating environment for	Harmonizing climate change related policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, formulate and harmonize strategies and policies related to climate change 	MoNREM DCCMS

climate change and meteorological services.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the draft National Meteorology policy 	OPC MoJCA
	Developing and enforcing legal and regulatory framework in climate change management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate and review a Climate Change Policy and Act Review meteorological data policy 	MoNREM DCCMS EAD OPC
	Mainstreaming climate change issues in sectoral policies, plans and programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporate climate change issues into national and sectoral development plans and policies Incorporate climate change and meteorology in school curricula Conduct advocacy and awareness campaigns Undertake capacity development in climate change management 	MoNREM DCCMS EAD OPC MoEPD
Enhanced community resilience to climate change impacts.	Promoting the adoption of low carbon emission development strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish air pollution monitoring network Establish UV radiation warnings Undertake inventories on greenhouse gases 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS EAD DPs Research Institutions
	Improving adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake sensitisation on adaptation and mitigation measures through extension services Advocate and undertake sensitisation on crop weather insurance. Review and disseminate crop weather calendar Review agro-climatological requirements on selected main crops, livestock and wildlife Harmonize and integrate social protection and agriculture interventions to effectively build the resilience of vulnerable ultra-poor households. 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS EAD DPs Research Institutions Financial Institutions
	Enhancing cross sectoral coordination of climate change programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revamp and strengthen sector working groups, technical and steering committees Promote networking with international organisations Undertake stakeholder sensitisation 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS EAD DPs
	Improving access to domestic, bilateral and multilateral climate financing and private sector investments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lobby for resources to implement for specific adaptation and mitigation programs Establish a National Climate Change Management Fund Enter into agreements with bilateral and multilateral institutions Provide incentives for adoption of cleaner technologies 	MoNREM MoFAIC MoFEPD MoJCA EAD

Enhanced climate change research and technology development.	Promoting research, technology development and transfer in climate change and meteorology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop guidelines for research grants on climate change • Collaborate with other research institutions • Acquire and install modern equipment • Strengthen collection of climate change and meteorological data. • Mobilise resources for climate change research and technology 	MoNREM MoAIWD DCCMS EAD DPs Research Institutions
EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT			
GOAL: Improve quality and relevant education and skills for all			
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT			
Improved access and equity to Early Childhood Development (ECD)	Promoting ECD active feeding and stimulation-learning activities at an early stage for all children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and renovate purposefully ECD centers. • Provide sanitation facilities in CBCCs • Sustain and scale-up the targeted Feeding Program • Link community care delivery to CBCCs • Develop and distribute IEC materials and guidelines • Enhance and strengthen transitioning programs to primary education 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD MoEST MoLGRD NGOs DPs
	Promoting early detection, intervention and inclusion of children with special needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake community sensitization campaigns • Train ECD instructors in special needs • Conduct scouting exercises • Provide special incentives for children with special need 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD MoEST MoLGRD NGOs FEDOMA DPs
	Promoting early childhood care for orphans and vulnerable children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish orphanages and child care facilities • Establish linkages between CBCC/ECD and existing nutrition and HIV/AIDS services • Support poor families in provision of alternative care 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD MoEST MoLGRD NGOs DPs
Improved quality ECD services for children in Malawi.	Enhancing service delivery in ECD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a curriculum for ECD that takes on board needs of children with disabilities • Training of ECD teachers. • Providing parental education and support groups on ECD. • Acquire TLM for ECD centers • Institute in-service training for primary school teachers in ECD • Review remuneration to caregivers 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD MoEST MoLGRD NGOs DPs

	Strengthening the institutional framework for the delivery of ECD services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an ECD Act. Review and implement the ECD policy. Develop ECD database that includes Special Needs Education (SNE) and gender segregation. 	MoGCDSW MoCECCD MoEST MoLGRD NGOs DPs
PRIMARY EDUCATION			
Improved quality and relevance of primary education.	Improving teaching inputs to facilitate more effective learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquiring teaching and learning materials Distribute TLM to needy schools especially in the rural areas 	MoEST MoTPW MoFEPD MoLGRD DPs
	Reducing class sizes to facilitate more effective learning through progressively recruiting trained teachers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train, recruit and deploy primary school teachers including special needs teachers Develop capacity of teachers in specialized fields Construct and rehabilitate Teacher Training Colleges (TTCs) Implement double shifting and overlapping classrooms systems Revise double shifting allowance 	MoEST MoTPW MoFEPD DPs TTCs Academic Institutions
	Enhancing the relevance of primary school curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the primary school curriculum Conduct primary school needs assessment Disseminate the revised curriculum to all schools 	MoEST MIE Academic Institutions
	Ensuring the availability of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) for special needs learners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply TLMs for special needs Supply TLMs through districts and schools. Support central supply of TLMs 	MoEST MoLGRD DPs FEDOMA
	Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of primary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct sensitization campaigns Conduct frequent inspection and advisory visits to schools Provide support infrastructure and equipment for supervision including mobility infrastructure Provide incentives for PEAs/Inspectors and DEMs 	MoEST MoLGRD District councils TTCs
	Improving incentives to teachers and supervise their performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct in-service training for primary school teachers Provide Continuous Professional Development to primary school teachers Institutionalize rural allowances for primary school teachers 	MoEST MoFEPD DPs TTCs Academic Institutions
	Improving access to basic health services that meet girls' and boys'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train selected teachers in basic healthcare Provide all public primary schools with first aid kit 	MoEST MoH

	needs in all primary schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage all private schools to have first aid kit at all times 	MoFEPD DPs NGOs
	Regulating and standardising private sector participation in basic education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review private sector operational guidelines Ensure standardization of curriculum. Enforce adherence of private schools to regulations Accredit private institutions which meet required standards 	MoEST DPs TTCs Private Schools Association of Malawi
Improved access and equity in basic education	Improving net enrolment and completion rates, including those disadvantaged by gender, poverty, special needs and geographical location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide special needs teaching and learning materials such as Braille materials. Conduct awareness programs on early child marriages Encourage communities to send children to school Develop capacity for teachers in special needs education Sustain and scale-up the targeted Feeding Program Provide social safety nets for needy learners Construct girl friendly sanitation facilities Introduce compulsory primary education, free of direct and indirect costs and accessible to all children. 	MoEST MoFEPD MoGCDSW MoTPW DPs TTCs Academic Institutions FEDOMA
	Improving, expanding and maximising the use of permanent infrastructure such as classrooms, school facilities and teachers' houses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build and rehabilitate classrooms, school facilities and teachers houses Implement double shifting and overlapping classrooms systems Promote community participation in infrastructure development 	MoEST MoFEPD MoTPW MoLGRD DPs NGOs
	Strengthening complementary basic educational modalities for learners including Interactive Radio Instructions (IRI) and Open and Distance Learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train teachers in complementary basic education Provide incentives for private education institutions. Increase private sector participation in teacher training 	MoEST MoFEPD DPs MCCCI Private Schools Association of Malawi (PSAM)
	Building and upgrading education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe and effective learning environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct disability friendly facilities Construct gender friendly sanitation facilities Acquire equipment to facilitate mobility of persons with disability Provide sanitary accessories 	MoEST MoFEPD MoGCDSW MoTPW DPs FEDOMA

	Introduce comprehensive programmes at the formal and non-formal levels including adult education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the school day to 4 hours • Increase the number of Complementary Basic Education (CBE) centres • Implement Early Grade Reading Assessment (EGRA) programme • Implement basic skills test at standard 4 	MoEST MoLGRD MoGCDSW MoFEPD NGOs DPs
Improved governance and management of basic education.	Mobilising communities to participate in school development and management activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake sensitisation campaigns • Facilitate development of Parent Teachers Associations (PTAs) • Train PTAs in community based monitoring and evaluation • Establish home-grown school feeding model in all public primary schools 	MoEST MoFEPD MoGCDSW MoLGRD MoCECCD DPs
	Monitoring performance and strengthening internal efficiency of basic education system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalize a performance-based promotion framework • Conduct routine monitoring exercises • Maintain a functional database 	MoEST MoFEPD DHRMD
	Ensuring full decentralisation of education services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralize primary school teachers' payroll (Personal Emoluments-PE-budget) • Implement school based procurement of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLMs) • Implement community based construction of school facilities 	MoEST MoFEPD MoLGRD District Councils
SECONDARY EDUCATION			
Increased access to secondary education for both boys and girls and those with special needs.	Constructing and expanding secondary school physical infrastructures that are disability and gender sensitive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain, rehabilitate and refurbish existing infrastructures to make them user friendly for students with special needs. • Construct resource centres for students with special needs • Construct and rehabilitate sanitary facilities in all secondary schools • Construct special needs friendly infrastructure • Upgrade and expand CDSSs • Scale up double shifting in secondary schools • Construct new fully fledged secondary schools 	MoEST DPs MoTPW MoLGRD NGOs
	Providing bursaries and cash transfers to disadvantaged learners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct targeting exercise to identify disadvantaged learners • Mobilize resources among donors and private sectors 	MoEST DPs MoFEPD MoLGRD MoGCDSW NGOs
	Supporting mainstreaming of special needs in secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate Special Needs Education support system into the teacher development programs 	MoEST DPs

	education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide special needs programs and related resources and facilities • Conduct a targeted in-service training for special needs teachers 	NGOs TTCs PSAM Academic institutions
	Increasing number of qualified teachers equitably deploying them in secondary schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct more training institutions. • Introducing appropriate incentives to teachers based on performance. • Improve the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) • Increase the number of teachers employed and deployed in secondary. • Mobilize more resources for the training and deployment of teachers to secondary schools • Train and upgrade secondary school teachers. 	MoEST DPs MoTPW NGOs TTCs
Improved quality of Secondary school education.	Providing TLM to secondary schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve resourcing and management of TLM provision • Build capacity for Head teachers on procurement procedures of TLMs 	MoEST DPs MoFEPD NGOs
	Enhancing the relevance of secondary school curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructure the curriculum to promote critical thinking, enquiry and creativity. • Enforce the Secondary School Curriculum. 	MoEST DPs NGOs MIE Academic Institutions
	Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of secondary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic and regular inspection of institutions • Develop and implement a new inspection framework based on national education standards. • Develop a comprehensive performance monitoring system 	MoEST MoLGRD DPs NGOs
Improved governance and Management of secondary education.	Ensuring full decentralisation of secondary education services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralization of the TLM resource mobilization and procurement. • Ensure transfer of employment and deployment of teachers to the districts 	MoEST DPs MoFEPD MoLGRD NGOs
HIGHER EDUCATION			
Improved Access and Equity in higher education	Institutionalising Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in higher education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage Research and Development (R & D) activities as well as Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in higher education. • Improve the linkage between higher education institutions and the relevant private sector through PPPs • Promote mechanisms for resource mobilization through PPPs for ODL activities 	MoEST, MCCCI Private and Public Colleges and Universities NCHE

	Providing targeted scholarships and loans to needy students in both accredited public and private universities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish scholarship programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate studies in science and technology Encourage students in sciences accessing scholarships 	MoEST MCCCI MoFEPD Private and Public Colleges and Universities
	Providing alternative modes of higher education provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutionalize alternative modes of teacher training (that includes those with special needs) Encourage alternative modes of higher education provision 	MoEST Private and Public Colleges and Universities TTCs
	Providing special needs programmes and related resources and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate Special Needs Education support system into the teacher development programs Institutionalize special needs education in higher education Promote affirmative action on selection of female and special needs students for the science and technology courses Encourage remedial courses for sciences for the special needs students 	MoEST FEDOMA DPs Private and Public Colleges and Universities
Improved quality of higher education	Expanding higher education infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct and rehabilitate hostels, lecture theatres, lecture rooms, and laboratories Provide adequate and appropriate infrastructure and facilities for delivery of quality education Establish mechanisms for schools to meet minimum infrastructure standards Construct, expand and rehabilitate existing physical infrastructure in higher learning institutions 	MoEST MoLMPD MoTPW DPs NGOs
	Improve usage and access of ICT in higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce and intensify computer lessons in schools Promote awareness of science, technology and innovation; Review the science curriculum to include practical components; Promote use of ICT in Open and Distance Learning (ODL) 	NCHE MoEST MoICT National Commission of Science and Technology Public and Private Colleges and Universities
	Promoting research, technology development and transfer in all higher education institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop TEVET system that is capable of promoting innovation and applied research Develop research findings dissemination system Create conducive environment for research and development Ensure adequate funding for research and training in higher institutions 	MoEST NCHE MoLMD TEVET National Research Council NCST
	Developing higher education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update curriculum for higher education 	MoEST

	institution programs that are relevant to the prevailing needs of the nation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the updated curriculum to all higher education institutions • Ensure that all higher education institutions meet required standards 	NCHE MCCCI Public and Private Colleges and Universities
Improved Governance System of higher education.	Harmonizing higher education institutions' Legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance interface between government and private institutions • Recruit relevant human resource in governance, coordination, leadership, and change management for ODL programmes and services • Review and implement the Higher Education Act 	MoEST NCHE MoJCA Public and Private Colleges and Universities OPC
	Encouraging cost sharing in all public universities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance collaboration and peer learning among teachers • Strengthen capacity building and professionalism in public universities • Adopt modern construction technologies which are efficient and cost effective 	MoEST NCHE MCCCI Public and Private Colleges and Universities NGOs
	Establishing collaboration mechanisms with external Colleges and Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish external quality control and accreditation (National Quality Assurance Framework) • Create more programs with external examiners. 	MoEST NCHE Public and Private Colleges and Universities
	Legislating the National Qualification Framework (NQF).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold consultations on the NQF • Enact and implement the NQF 	MoEST NCHE MoJCA MCCCI Public and Private Colleges and Universities
	Strengthening higher education ICT and Management Information System.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve teacher management information system to assist decision-making • Develop a comprehensive higher education management information system 	NCHE MoEST MoICT E-Govt Public and Private Colleges and Universities
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT			
Improved access and equity in skills development training.	Increasing training centres for skills development in the artisanal, technical and professional fields.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and rehabilitate institutions • Monitor construction of the community colleges • Transform former Malawi Young Pioneers (MYP) bases into multi skills training centers 	MoEST MoLYMPD MoLGRD NGOs

			Private Sector DPs
	Ensuring the equitable participation of women and other marginalised groups in the skills development training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equip technical colleges with modern facilities conducive to girls and vulnerable groups Supply of special needs TLMs in training centers Maintain, rehabilitate and refurbish existing infrastructure to make them user friendly for students with special needs Construct resource centers for students with special needs 	MoEST MoGCDSW FEDOMA MoLGRD NGOs MCCCI TEVET
	Providing financial support to needy students in accredited training institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide bursaries and cash transfers to needy students in training institutions Provide merit-based scholarships Streamline conditions and procedures for providing loans to needy students Review targeting programs of social security to deliberately include persons with disabilities 	MoEST MoGCDSW MoFEPD FEDOMA NGOs
	Enhancing workforce capacities and supportive systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve and strengthen regulatory and institutional frameworks Reintroduce national youth service programme as a tool for transforming young people into responsible citizens 	MoEST MoLYMPD TEVET MoLGRD
Improved quality of labour force.	Providing necessary and relevant equipment and skills for teachers in the training centers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure TLMs in training centres Build capacity of teachers in training centres Equip training centres with modern facilities 	MoEST NGOs MCCCI DPs
	Linking up training institutions to companies for hands on training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish web based job search facilities Implement a career guidance and attachment program Conduct labour market research Provide incentives for those that offer internships. 	MoEST MoLPD NGOs MCCCI
	Reviewing secondary education curriculum to inspire students to take up blue collar jobs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct needs assessment Incorporate national needs in the curriculum Develop and review curriculum and guidelines in line with the current labour market demand 	MoEST MoLPD NGOs MCCCI DPs
ENERGY, INDUSTRIAL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT			
GOAL: Provide sufficient sustainable energy for industrial and socio-economic development			
Medium term Expected	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution

outcomes			
ENERGY			
Improved access to reliable and sustainable energy supply.	Ensuring reliable supply of electricity to key social and economic development areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand electricity grid network to rural growth centres. Mobilize resources for rural electrification Consult and provide incentives for IPPs Encourage the construction of mini-grids Rehabilitate and expand the transmission and distribution system. 	ESCOM MoNREM MERA MoFEPD
	Ensuring the connectivity to the international power grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in interconnection meetings to finalise negotiations Mobilise resources for regional interconnectivity Review regulatory framework 	MoFEPD ESCOM EGENCO MoNREM MoFAIC MoJCA DPs
	Constructing additional hydro power stations along major rivers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop other power stations such as Mpatamanga on Shire, Lower Fufu, Songwe river basin and Mpatamanga sites. Conduct feasibility studies along the major rivers to identify potential hydro power sites Conduct environmental and social impact assessment Acquire site for power plants construction 	MoFEPD MoNREM EAD MoLHUD
	Promoting private sector investment in energy generation and distribution through PPPs and Independent Power Producers (IPPs).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect lines from all IPP-developed power stations Undertake awareness campaigns for the PPPs and IPPs on the standards of construction of power substations and transmission lines Review the tax regime for PPP arrangement Establish cost-reflective pricing policies for all types of consumers 	ESCOM MoNREM MERA MoFEPD DPs Private sector
Improved access to affordable alternative sources of energy.	Promoting the use of energy efficient technologies and designs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake market research to identify affordable technologies and designs Introduce new technologies to reduce the cost of connection and billing errors. Increase awareness on energy efficient technologies among the public 	MERA ESCOM Academic institutions MoNREM Private sector
	Promoting the production and use of alternative sources of energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in extensive exploration and drilling to determine coal reserves Construct the Kammwamba coal plant. Create awareness for non-renewable resources such as gases Subsidise other sources of energy such as Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) and solar energy equipment 	MoNREM Private sector Academic institutions NGOs DPs

Enhanced use of renewable and clean energy in the underserved communities	Ensuring sustainable fuel wood management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging the use of alternative energy sources to biomass • Replant and rehabilitate forest plantations • Create awareness of sustainable management of fuel wood 	MoNREM (Dept. Forestry, EAD) NGOs DPs
	Promoting the use of renewable and clean energy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create awareness of the use of renewable energy (solar, wind, biomass, and micro hydro). • Enhance private sector participation in the provision of renewable and clean energy 	MoNREM MZUNI NGOs DPs
	Promoting sustainable environmental and social management principles in energy development programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the catchment area along the Lake and Shire River. • Promote the use of environmental protection and management Practices. • Strengthen coordination and enforcement of compliance to environmental laws and regulations 	EAD MoNREM NGOs DPs
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT			
Improved environment for investment and private sector development	Addressing barriers to investment for both local and foreign investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance service delivery by public agencies and coordinated donor support • Strengthen the capacity of investment supporting institutions • Reduce regulatory burden by fostering pro-business legal reforms • Enhance access to long term financing for investment 	MoITT OPC MoFEPD NGOs DPs Private sector
	Broadening the one-stop centre initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish one-stop centres across the country • Encourage the use of one-stop centres • Create awareness of the one stop centres 	MoITT Private sector
	Establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and business sourcing initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct evidence based location assessment for the SEZs • Facilitate infrastructure development for economic zones • Provide incentives to firms operating in the SEZs 	MoITT MoFEPD MoTPW MITC SMEDI Private sector
	Reforming the regulatory framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the institutional and regulatory framework for private sector investment and development • Review and formulate business friendly laws and regulations • Develop new competition policies and legislation • Strengthen law enforcement and dispute resolution mechanisms 	OPC MoJCA MoITT
	Creating a platform to link up players for market access and competitiveness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop various sub-sector extension programs • Facilitate structured dialogue between the players involved in the industry • Facilitate participation of various players in the industry 	MCCCI MITC MoITT

			Private sector
	Providing rational incentives throughout the supply chain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for improved and attractive incentives for the private sector investments and development • Provide incentives and rewards to innovators • Facilitate the negotiations of Investment Promotion and Protection Agreements and Double Taxation Agreements 	MoITT MoFEPD MITC
Increased production and export of manufactured products	Developing industrial extension program linking farmers and agro-processing industries.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop various sub-sector extension programs linking farmers to agro-processing industries • Develop and rehabilitate support infrastructure (roads, rail ,airports, utilities and telecommunication) • Identify and link SMEs to markets 	MoITT MoTPW Private sector Farmers organizations
	Promoting diversification of export goods and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training to exporters to increase compliance with international standards • Undertake research to explore and identify potential export commodities and markets • Advocate for the use of National Export Strategy (NES) • Participate in international market fairs 	MoITT MoTPW Private sector
	Promoting dissemination of products and market information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop marketing strategy • Facilitate market access • Conduct promotional campaigns • Conduct market and product research. • Identify target markets. • Identify unique selling proposition. • Identify niche products 	MoITT MITC MCCCI MIRTDC Private sector
	Negotiating for preferential market access for Malawi products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake negotiation meetings • Promote buyer/trader negotiation forums • Participate in trade negotiations • Develop capacity for negotiating bilateral and multilateral agreements 	MoITT MoJCA MoFEPD MITC MCCCI MIRTDC Private sector
Enhanced production and sound management of non-renewable resources.	Reviewing legal and institutional framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Mines and Minerals Act. • Recruit and train legal personnel. • Facilitate formation of mining cooperatives and associations • Streamline procedures for obtaining mining licenses • Enforce mining regulations 	MoNREM Academic institutions MoFEPD MoJCA Private sector

	Improving participation and regulation of artisanal, small and medium scale miners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realign mining policies to regional and international protocols • Develop standard mining agreements • Establish a transparent framework for managing mineral rights • Review mining royalties • Promote mineral research and development • Improve coordination among stakeholders • Conduct sensitisation campaigns 	MoNREM Academic institutions MoFEPD MoJCA Private sector
	Increasing exploration and mining of mineral resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct geological, geochemical and geophysical mapping • Intensify drilling and sample analysis for mineral identification • Procure modern equipment • Produce and disseminate mineral resources and occurrence map • Create an integrated data management systems 	MoNREM Academic institutions MoITT MoLHUD EAD
	Improving transparency in the management of the sector through the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual auditing and dissemination of the audit report • Encourage the use of EITI • Encourage transparency in rights allocation • Enhance accountability and transparency 	Office of the audit general MoNREM Private sector NGOs
	Enforcing legislation on sustainable use and management of mineral resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote awareness and encourage community participation in sustainable use and management of mineral resources • Develop guidelines on the management of mineral resources • Imposing fines on the mismanagement of the mineral resources • Encourage environmentally sustainable mining practices • Train the ASM enterprises on sustainable use and management of mineral resources • Conduct sensitisation campaigns • Conduct field inspections on compliance 	MoNREM Academic institutions EAD Private sector NGOs DPs
TOURISM			
Improved investments in tourism infrastructure	Ensuring participation of local investors in the tourism industry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting PPPs in the tourism investment. • Conduct awareness campaigns • Provide investment incentives • Encourage participation of communities in managing and conserving tourism resource base 	MoITT MoFEPD Private sector NGOs
	Providing disability and gender friendly infrastructure that is supportive to tourism development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and maintain transport infrastructure to tourist attraction sites. • Provide reliable utilities to tourist areas • Maintain and improve tourism website • Develop tourism database and e-library 	MoITT MoTPW MoICT Private sector

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislate and use a Tourism Satellite Accounting system 	
	Promoting Malawi as a tourism investment destination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destination branding. Brand development and marketing. Conduct targeted promotional campaign. Create a tourism information management system. Update and disseminate real time data at border entries Promoting the development of high quality tourism facilities in disgnited areas including Lake Malawi 	MoITT Private sector MoICT NGOs DPs
	Zoning and developing prime land for tourism investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct mapping and zoning Identify and allocate areas of potential for tourism investment 	MoITT MoLHUD Private sector
	Creating conducive environment for tourism investment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review laws and regulations governing tourism investment Review policy framework Lobby for improved and attractive tourism investment Facilitate the development of high quality tourism facilities in designated areas 	MoITT MoJCA MoFEPD
Improved quality of tourism products and services.	Promoting conservation of wildlife and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map out ecotourism attractions inside and outside PAs Provide protection of wildlife and culture Facilitate public events focusing on Malawian culture Establish and restock of protected areas 	MoITT NGOs DPs Private sector
	Enhancing marketing of Malawi's tourism products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct market and product research. Facilitate market access. Participate at travel, trade and investment forums Develop marketing strategy. Conduct promotional campaigns. Identify unique selling proposition. 	MoITT MCCCI Academic institutions Private sector DPs NGOs
	Promoting eco-tourism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct sensitization meetings and workshops Conduct tourism promotion events Provide eco-tourism investment incentives Develop and rehabilitate environmentally friendly support infrastructure Encourage environmentally friendly technologies Protect and rehabilitate natural resources 	MoITT EAD Academic institutions Private sector DPs NGOs
	Enforcing tourism industry standards and planning controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review laws and regulations governing tourism and hospitality standards. Intensity implementation of quality inspections and grading system. 	MBS MoITT Tourism council

	Strengthening institutional capacity to manage and conserve protected areas and ecosystems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and implement human resource development programmes. Facilitate apprenticeships and applied learning. Construct tourism training institutions and conduct tourism training. Lobby for the extensive coverage of tourism in national primary and secondary curriculum. 	MoNREM MoFEPD Private sector NGOs EAD
	Promoting and regulating wildlife farming and utilization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote IGAs and implement benefit sharing in PAs Construct and rehabilitate lodges in PAs Translocate and introduce new animals to increase sightings Monitor wildlife trends Conduct economic analysis including product prices for wildlife Promoting alternative livelihood sources for communities surrounding protected areas Develop standards and guidelines for wildlife farming, ranching and utilization 	MoNREM MoFEPD Private sector NGOs ADCs
	Encouraging community wildlife conservation and monitoring.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support wildlife community conservation efforts. Develop and implement a collaborative tsetse fly and trypanomiasis control and monitoring program in the affected areas. Facilitate the formation of legally constituted CBOs and build capacity in existing CBOs Review co-management agreements. 	MoNREM MoFEPD Academic institutions Private sector NGOs ADCs
	Improving law enforcement and effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity in law enforcement. Procure law enforcement equipment. Recruit and train law enforcement personnel. 	MoNREM MoFEPD MoHAIS MoLGRD
Improved conservation and management of cultural heritage resources.	Developing and maintaining cultural and natural heritage sites.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct research in cultural and natural heritage. Increase visibility, awareness and development of cultural heritage Provide purpose-built infrastructure. 	MoNREM Private sector NGOs ADCs
	Promoting the preservation of museum artefacts and specimens and upgrading retrieval system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate arts festivals. Present Malawi traditional dances. Carry out cultural exchange programs. Develop an inventory of museum artefacts and specimens. Upgrade museum artefacts storage and retrieval system. Provide preserving materials and equipment. 	Division of antiquities and arts and crafts Museums Archives MoNREM Private sector NGOs
	Facilitating construction of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop heritage site management plans Construction and rehabilitate community cultural infrastructure. 	MoTPW MoITT

	community cultural infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the development of creative industry production centres. 	MoFEPD DPs
	Developing and updating cultural legal framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update cultural Acts of parliament. Formulate National Arts and Heritage Council legal framework. 	MoJCA MoITT NGOs
	Preserving Malawi's history and cultural values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate national public events. Repatriate artefacts and documents in foreign countries. 	MoITT Museums Archives NGOs
TRANSPORT AND ICT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT			
GOAL: Develop a safe, affordable, reliable, equitable and sustainable transport and ICT infrastructure			
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution
TRANSPORT			
Reduced travel time and costs for persons and goods	Undertaking systematic maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor adherence to required maintenance and rehabilitations standards Mobilize adequate funding for routine and periodic maintenance of infrastructure Implement the roads maintenance strategy Administer and manage infrastructure rehabilitation contracts Provide timely and adequate maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure Build Capacity for both maintenance and operating personnel Support Rural Infrastructure Development Programme (RIDP) to strengthen village road maintenance clubs Expand the principles of village road maintenance clubs to non-RIDP Districts Review alternative forms of maintenance management and mechanisms for funding 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies MoLGRD ADCs Private sector DPs
	Ensuring an integrated, well-managed, viable and sustainable transport infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use and enforce appropriate road design standards that take into account road safety measures and traffic levels Encourage the construction of economically justified domestic and inter-country roads Procure navigation and Surveillance Equipment 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies ADCs Private sector DPs
Improved transport reliability, levels of service	Providing a framework for the development of an efficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen institutional and regulatory framework Ensure the autonomy of Road Agencies and Roads Fund Administration 	MoTPW MoFEPD

and efficiency	transport system	(RFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an up to date framework appropriate to the operation of the transport system • Develop an appropriate organizational framework • Improve traffic flow with ring and bypass road networks in major urban cities 	Roads Agencies ADCs Private sector DPs
	Promoting inter-modal competition or complementarity, where feasible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage PPPs in other forms of transport besides roads • Explore options for improved service provision including both road and rail-based option • Conduct public awareness campaigns on other forms of transport 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies Private sector DPs
	Providing safe, reliable, effective and efficient transport operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish training institutions for transport operators • Train staff in the Ministry of Transport on PPP development, management and monitoring • Ensure participation of qualified and certified operators in transport industry 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies Private sector DPs
	Developing an efficient and productive marine time transport infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate of Marine Training College • Construct and rehabilitate marine transport infrastructure • Procure aids to navigation and ferries • Rehabilitate jetties • Develop Shire-Zambezi Waterway 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies Private sector DPs
Enhanced access to local and international markets	Developing transport corridors in order to improve the competitiveness of Malawian goods and services on the regional and international markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and rehabilitate transport infrastructure that link to regional and international markets. • Identify funding modalities for establishment of inland dry ports • Ensure that infrastructure along the major corridors is maintained and rehabilitated to improve access to ports • Enhance intermodal coordination and integration of transport planning across all modes. • Improving transport system to tourism centres across the country 	MoTPW MoFEPD MoITT Roads Agencies Private sector DPs
	Developing the Nsanje World Inland Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize negotiations with neighboring countries • Carry out feasibility study for the port's operations • Identify funding modalities for the construction of the port • Develop a bankable project on Nsanje World Inland Port 	MoTPW MoFEPD OPC Marine Authorities Private sector DPs NGOs
Improved access to	Providing access to safe,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct and expand non-motorised transport systems 	MoTPW

inclusive social and public services.	affordable and sustainable transport system with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations including pedestrians and cyclists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote incorporation of facilities for non-motorized road users including women, children, the elderly and persons with disabilities Promote equality among all road user 	MoFEPD MoITT Roads Agencies Private sector DPs NGOs
	Promoting an environmentally sustainable and climate resilient transport system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for disaster preparedness and contingency planning in all Transport sub-sectors. Strengthen transport sub-sectors capacity to effectively do contingency planning in preparedness for disasters. Build the capacity of construction industry players in developing appropriate designs and construction methodologies that take into account various disaster risks. 	MoTPW DODMA Roads Agencies Private sector NGOs
Reduced accidents and their derived human and economic costs	Reviewing and enforcing transport regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review road transport services regulations and licensing Impose a charge on those who violate the rules Conduct awareness campaigns and training on transport regulations. Improve road safe standards and regulations. Enforce speed monitoring measures 	MoTPW Roads Agencies Private sector NGOs MoEST
Increased private sector investment in the operation and management of transport infrastructure.	Mobilising private businesses to engage in transportation sector to improve competition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote effective and fair competition among and within all modes of transport Provide incentive to new-entry businesses in the sectors. Enforce minimum standards of transport facilities 	MoTPW MoFEPD Roads Agencies Private sector
	Promoting PPP in operation and management of transport infrastructure such as toll-gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include incentives for local participation in the PPP arrangement Undertake scoping study on PPPs in provision of transport services Review laws, regulations and procedures relating to PPPs Review tax and tariff regimes to create conducive environment for private sector investment Introducing Build, Operate and Transfer arrangement with private sector organizations. 	MoTPW MoFEPD MoITT Roads Agencies Private sector DPs
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY			
Increased access to information and communications services.	Promoting the participation of community broadcasting stations, private couriers and privately owned tele-communication service providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and provide incentives to private ICT service providers Provide licenses to service providers Monitor availability of connectivity of the providers 	MoICT Macra Non state actors Private sector

	Improving regulatory framework of the ICT sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an ICT Act • Review mandate of the Regulator • Review and enforce adherence to ICT regulations, standards and guidelines 	MoICT Macra MoJCA
	Developing public online services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the Hybrid Mail System for the Postal Sector • Build capacity in the provision of public online services • Promote the provision of health, agriculture and education informative messages through SMSs • Provide internet connectivity to public institutions including social facilities • Operationalize government data centres 	MoICT MACRA DISTMS Dept. E-Govt
	Promoting community ICT and multipurpose information centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop telecentres in all Post Offices • Establish rural libraries • Implement Rural Banking system at Postal Telecentres 	MoICT MACRA DISTMS Malawi Post Corporation
A well-developed ICT broadband infrastructure service provision	Improving broadcasting distribution, content and coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire appropriate equipment • Build capacity in broadcasting • Install antenna and transmission lines 	MoICT MACRA DISTMS MBC Private Sector
	Creating a conducive environment to attract investment in ICT infrastructure and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop new and review existing policies. • Provide incentives to ICT service providers. 	MoICT MACRA
	Enhancing enforcement of ICT regulation to protect the public from undesirable effects of ICT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop capacity of the regulatory framework • Implement cyber security strategies 	MoICT MACRA
	Promoting integration of ICT into core sector policies, strategies and operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote mainstreaming of ICT in sector policies, strategies and operations. • Develop capacity in ICT 	MoICT MACRA MoEPD
	Developing a reliable, fast, adaptive and robust ICT infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Regional Communications Infrastructure Programme (RCIP) • Increase connectivity to overseas fiber optic cables • Increase and enhance Government Wide Area Network (GWAN) 	MoICT MACRA MoEPD DISTMS
Increased stock of ICT skilled and industry ready	Intensifying ICT research education and training in all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review ICT curriculum • Undertake research in ICT • Mobilise resources for ICT research 	MoICT MACRA DISTMS

workforce in public and private sector institutions.	sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce provision of patents and rights for innovations 	Academic Institutions
	Developing capacity to generate reliable and accurate local content.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake exchange programs with other countries Conduct customised trainings for media personnel Provide sponsorship for international training 	MoICT MACRA DISTMS Academic Institutions DPs
Improved efficiency in postal services.	Introducing economic and social services in the Postal Sub-sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upscale rural banking services Provide internet connectivity to public institutions 	MoICT MACRA Malawi Postal Corporation
	Enhancing the current postal services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build and rehabilitate postal infrastructure Build capacity in provision of postal services Build infrastructure and acquire equipment 	MoICT MACRA Malawi Postal Corporation
	Promoting innovations in postal services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish postal physical addressing system Undertake research in postal services Implement hybrid mailing system Establish one stop centre facilities across the country 	MoICT MACRA Malawi Postal Corporation
HEALTH AND POPULATION			
GOAL :Improve health and quality of the population for sustainable socio-economic development			
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution
HEALTH			
Effective health sector Planning at all levels.	Strengthening health organizational structures at national, regional and facility level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support coordination among health facilities, local councils and central government Support systems and procedures for planning, monitoring and evaluation, at the district councils Build capacity of local government structures 	MoH MoLGRD DPs CHAM NGOs
	Implementing full decentralization in the technical, administrative, and management functions of the health sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devolve incrementally health services to district and local councils Enhance implementation of the decentralization process in the health sector Reinforce inter-sectoral collaboration at a local level, as a response to the increasing burden of disease Strengthen community participation 	MoH MoLGRD DPs NGOs CHAM
	Increasing utilization of the Health Management Information System (HMIS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the use of computers and other gadgets as a basic equipment in health Procure and supply HMIS health registers and training manuals 	MoH MoICT DPs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that HMIS is used by private practitioners • Build capacity in HMIS to all health sector staff • Encourage all Malawians to have a health passport • Devise a system of monitoring and evaluation along with check lists in order to ensure compliance, identify problem areas and assist in supervision of the HMIS system • Institutionalize HMIS reviews for improving data quality and enhancing information use in decision-making processes. 	NGOs CHAM Private Sector MoFEPD
	Promoting evidence-based decision-making in the health sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set appropriate procedures and guidelines to accelerate quality health research • Mobilize and provide increased budget for health related research • Facilitate research on the trends and economic consequences of disease, disability and ill-health • Promote research on major socio-cultural and economic determinants of health that affect the health and well-being of the nation • Develop capacity in research for health staff at different levels • Pro-actively encourage private sector participation in health research activities 	MoH – Research Unit & PHIM Academia NCST Research Institutions DPs Private sector
Improved access and equitable health service delivery.	Strengthening health care systems at community level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit and train community health workers including community nurses, public health officers and health surveillance assistants • Establish and institute health units within every 5km radius. • Equitably deploy health workers to all health facilities • Improve transport system in communities for easy mobility to health facilities 	MoH CHAM DPs NGOs MoLGRD
	Expanding comprehensive primary and reproductive health care programmes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensify outreach and village clinics • Strengthen referral systems and protocols which link primary, secondary and tertiary health care • Build mechanisms that are sensitive to cultural issues for involving communities in decision making • Maintain effective surveillance systems • Ensure that access to primary health care is continued for all populations • Ensure access to relevant drugs 	MoH MoLGRD DPs CHAM NGOs Private sector
	Promoting community participation in planning, implementation, and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a community M&E framework • Promote community participation in development of the District Implementation Plan (DIP) • Train community based workers in health promotion 	MoH CHAM DPs MoLGRD

	issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for the development of by-laws at community level that would empower them to demand better health services 	NGOs MoFEPD
	Improving health infrastructure in all health facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehabilitate and upgrade all existing health infrastructure Construct new health facilities and staff houses Provide medical and non-medical equipment at all facilities based on relevant policy. Establish a maintenance programme of all medical and non-medical equipment in all health facilities Promote corporate and social responsibility in construction and rehabilitating health infrastructure Improve health transport system for emergencies and referral services 	MoH MoFEPD DPs NGOs Private Sector MoLGRD CHAM MoTPW CMS Trust Central Government Stores
Improved quality of health services, patient safety and people centred services	Enhancing use of ICT in health care provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase access to ICT equipment and services in health facilities Increase awareness on eHealth among medical professionals and citizens Improve social capacity of citizens and medical professionals to utilize eHealth technologies Implement a web based reporting system Empower citizens with chronic conditions through lifelong learning and self-monitoring 	MoH CHAM DPs NGOs MoICT
	Strengthening co-operation with donor agencies as well as NGOs involved in the delivery of health care services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate actively in (and incorporate best practice experiences from) sub-regional, regional and global health organizations while serving health interests of the country. Promote participation of NGOs, voluntary, professional associations, religious and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) in planning, organization, operation and management of health programs and services Develop modalities and institutionalize appropriate processes to effectively govern organizations operating in the health sector in line with government's national and sectoral plans Identify and address challenges that affect the collaboration Lobby for more partnership with other international NGOs 	MoH MoFAIC CHAM NGOs MoLGRD DPs
	Developing a harmonious working relationship between traditional and modern practitioners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake research studies to identify and develop plant species that could be used to treat disease symptoms Promote education and training in traditional medicine practices. Provide for the regulation of the practice of traditional health practitioners as well as traditional medicines Protect indigenous knowledge relating to traditional medicine and guard against bio-piracy 	MoH – Research Unit & PHIM CHAM MoLGRD NCST Traditional Healers Academia Research institutions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect intellectual and patent rights of individuals and institutions involved in research and development of new drugs from traditional medicines. • Harmonize traditional with conventional medicine practices within health delivery system. • Promote collaboration among traditional health practitioners, researchers, and training institutions. • Provide legislation and legal framework for the practice of traditional medicine in Malawi 	
	Improving health campaign initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensify the mobilization of "Health for All" through nation-wide health education campaigns. • Develop and sustain national programmes of education and prevention • Undertake studies to understand how health messages are received and interpreted by the society 	MoH - HEU MoICT CHAM Academia Research institutions
	Enforcing health policies and legislation at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and amend the Public Health Act to take care of the issues that have emerged in Malawi • Regulate the private sector practice in line with existing national laws and regulations • Enforce a common code of practice for health workers in the Health Sector • Inspect health institutions and individuals regularly • Review all health policies and implementation plans that have reached their expiry • Enact new health policies on pertinent and emerging health issues. Review constitutions for all councils and associations of health workers • Intensify registration of all health practitioners with relevant councils and associations • Promote liaison and standardization in medical training both locally and internationally. • Support relevant regulatory bodies to ensure a functional drug quality control system. 	MoH MoJCA Parliament OPC Medical Council Nurses Council Pharmacy, Medicine and Poisons Board CHAM MFEPD Health Associations
Improved domestic financing for health.	Increasing allocation of National Budget to health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a health fund • Allocate 15% of the Total National Budget to Health (Abuja Declaration) • Collaborate with international organizations to coordinate and optimally mobilize and harness their support and assistance 	MoFEPD MoH DPs NGOs
	Expanding user fees and insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a Health Financing Policy 	MoH

	schemes to ensure sustainability of health service provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalize National Health Accounts to provide evidence about sources, uses, and expenditure • Introduce an affordable national health insurance scheme • Reform hospital operations with the aim of increasing their autonomy, (making them Public Trust Hospitals) 	MoFEPD MoJCA Private sector
	Expanding Service Level Agreements (SLAs) beyond CHAM to include other private practice facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve service level agreements between CHAM facilities and district health offices • Extend SLAs to include private hospitals and clinics offering specialized care • Promote PPP arrangements in health service provision 	MoH CHAM DPs NGOs Privatization Commission
Increased retention of human resources for health.	Building human resources capacity at all levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the numbers of key health workers being trained, and ensure high quality training at all training institutions • Expand an in-service training system (refresher courses) for all health professionals • Increase collaboration and partnerships in provision of in-service trainings • Institutionalize a performance management incentive scheme. • Extend housing scheme to health cadres 	MoFEPD MoH CHAM DPs NGOs Private Sector MoLGRD
	Developing a career structure that is inclusive of both male and female staff within areas of expertise and specialization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster collaboration with teaching institutions to introduce more specialized fields in medicine • Review organizational structure to include more fields of practice • Introduce an internship program for all health workers-in-training • Revise curricula for training health workers to address health needs of modern Malawi in line with WHO recommendations on transformative education for health professionals. 	MoH Academia CHAM DPs NGOs
Reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases	Strengthening prevention and management of infectious diseases such as: Malaria, bilharzia (schistosomiasis), Tuberculosis, Diarrhoeal Diseases, Acute Respiratory Infections, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review protocols and guidelines for management of all diseases • Strengthen national procurement, distribution and stock management systems for medical and non-medical consumables. • Develop programs to reduce infectious disease transmission • Strengthen laboratory screening and other diagnostic services • Scale-up the provision of HTC services • Promote preventive measures including long lasting insecticide nets (LLINs) use, circumcision and condom use • Scale-up quality management in health facilities for all infectious diseases • Implement integrated vector control management 	MoH CHAM DPs NGOs Private sector
	Designing appropriate programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote healthy life styles based on global and national evidence 	MoH

	to deal with emerging non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Heart Disease, Cancer and other diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote health seeking behaviour for all Malawians Increase screening other diagnostic services to detect non-communicable diseases at the earliest stage possible Institute NCD units in all health facilities Construct the National Cancer Centre 	CHAM DPs NGOs MoTPW Private sector
	Generating quality health information and make it accessible to all intended users for evidence-based decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote collection of vital information by all health care providers Improve systems for filing patients records Train health care providers on operations of computer and related gadgets as an aid to disease management Make available health information while protecting identities of patients for evidence-based decision making 	MoH CHAM Private sector
Reduced morbidity and mortality due to malnutrition	Increasing access to timely and effective management of common nutrition disorders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide treatment of moderate and severe nutrition Provide micronutrient supplementation Promote infant and child feeding Scale-up and sustain baby friendly initiative Review and disseminate guidelines for management of malnutrition Deworm under-five children on a regular basis 	MoH DNHA MoFEPD MoAIWD DPs NGOs Private Sector
	Promoting nutrition education and counselling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct sensitization and awareness campaigns Provide school health and nutritional services to all including Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Provide health and nutritional services in all Community-based Organization (CBO) centres 	MoH DNHA MoFEPD MoAIWD MoLGRD MoCECCD DPs NGOs Private Sector
	Integrating nutrition in value chains for health improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train care giver committees, parents and field workers in nutritional values Invest in the competitiveness of legume and dairy value chains where large numbers of smallholders participate Enhance nutritional value and appeal of legumes through appropriate handling and processing practices and technologies Link increased market-oriented production of legumes and dairy to household consumption and improved nutrition Support community programs targeting behavioral change in nutrition. Increase capacity for agriculture and nutrition related organizations to 	MoH DNHA MoFEPD MoAIWD DPs NGOs Private Sector

		sustainably implement project components	
	Promoting dietary diversity and consumption of high nutrient value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity of front line workers on dietary diversification • Promote consumption of a variety of foods with an emphasis on common indigenous foods • Develop and disseminate food recipes in various food combinations • Promote consumption of adequate food in both quality and quantity to meet nutrition needs for various groups 	MoH DNHA MoFEPD MoAIWD DPs NGOs Private Sector
Improved hygienic and sanitation practices.	Providing and promoting use of improved and accessible sanitation facilities in all public places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns on the importance of constructing and using sanitation facilities • Promote provision of sanitation facilities that are user friendly to all • Facilitate and enforce construction of sanitation facilities such as wash rooms in all public places including banks • Introduce ventilated improved pit latrines • Enter into PPP arrangements to provide sanitation facilities in public places 	MoH MoFEPD MoAIWD MoNREM MoLGRD DPs NGOs Private Sector
	Promoting adoption of safe water and sanitation practices at individual and household level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns on sanitation and general hygiene • Increase collaboration between various stakeholders at all levels to advocate for, as well as address issues related to sanitation and hygiene • Promote appropriate rural water sanitation technologies 	MoH MoAIWD MoNREM MoLGRD DPs NGOs Private Sector
	Improving management and disposal of both liquid and solid waste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and implement guidelines for disposal and management of household and industrial waste • Provide incentives for private sector participation • Improve refuse collection • Provide support infrastructure such as refuse bins and dumping sites • Improve community health surveillance systems 	MoH MoAIWD MoNREM MoLGRD DPs NGOs Private Sector
POPULATION			
Slowed population growth.	Promoting family planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns on various family planning methods • Advocate for male involvement in family planning • Promote use of modern family planning methods • Provide contraceptives through social marketing and community outreach • Expand coverage of youth friendly health services 	MoH – RHU CHAM MoCECCD MoGCDSW DPs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase resources for family planning programs 	NGOs Private sector
	Improving access, delivery and utilization of SRH services to all.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community based distribution of contraceptives • Expand coverage of youth friendly reproductive health services • Conduct advocacy forums on SRHR with various stakeholders • Provide skilled attendance at antenatal care, during birth, postnatal care, and under five services • Provide Elimination of Mother to Child Transmission (eMTCT) services • Increase PPP in provision of SRH services. 	MoH – RHU CHAM MoCECCD MoGCDSW DPs NGOs Private sector
	Providing age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education for both in- and out-of-school youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and implement SRHR awareness activities for different age groups • Review curriculums to incorporate SRHR issues • Review a life-skills curriculum in both primary and secondary schools • Provide contraceptives through social marketing and community outreach 	MoH – RHU CHAM MoCECCD MoGCDSW MoEST DPs NGOs Private sector
Skilled and empowered youth population.	Increasing completion rate up to secondary school level for boys and girls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make secondary education compulsory for both boys and girls • Advocate for retention in schools at all levels • Provide bursaries for needy learners • Strengthen school clubs to address SRHR issues • Increase investment in economic empowerment programs • Expand coverage of youth friendly reproductive health services 	MoH – RHU CHAM MoCECCD MoGCDSW MoEST DPs NGOs Private sector
	Increasing access to affordable credit facilities for youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish income generating activities in rural areas • Embrace alternative guarantee mechanisms to lower the risk of lending to young people • Introduce a systematic approach for loan recovery within this program • Intensify capacity building and training on Financial Literacy • Organize youth into cooperatives and clusters • Mobilize resources in collaboration with development partners for financing this program 	MoITT MoLMD MoEduc DPs NGOs Private sector
	Creating job opportunities for the youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sports among in and out of school youth as a medium for job creation and development of positive a healthy life style • Equip youth with life skills • Strengthen behavior change interventions 	MoITT MoLMD MoEduc

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen services and treatment of substance abuse 	DPs NGOs Private sector
	Introducing innovative school based curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review school curriculum to include SRHR and contemporary issues Create a learning environment which provides learners opportunities to enjoy learning Allow learners to explore their interests, talents, personal and social resources Encourage collective and interactive participation in school and extra-curricular work Offer opportunities for learners to put to practice what they have learnt in class 	MoEdu MIE Academia MFEPD DPs NGOs
Increased maternal, neonatal, infant and child survival.	Ensuring increased utilization and access to Basic Health Package (BHP) within 5km radius.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the delivery of community health services Strengthen the prevention management and control of common conditions and illnesses using cost effective interventions Improve diagnostic services at all levels Improve health care infrastructure at all levels 	MoH CHAM MoFEPD MoLGRD DPs NGOs Private sector
	Increasing distribution of Long Lasting Insecticide Nets (LLINs) for pregnant women and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct awareness campaigns on the importance and use of LLINs Promote local production of LLINs Procure and distribute LLINs 	MoH CHAM MoFEPD MoLGRD MoCECCD DPs NGOs Private sector
	Increasing coverage of immunization services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale-up extended programs of immunization Encourage inter-sectoral collaboration to plan and coordinate immunization activities Locate and reach pockets of low immunization coverage Improve disease surveillance 	MoH MoFEPD CHAM DPs NGOs Private sector
Increased Policy and Legislative Measures focusing on population.	Developing a Population Act and a National Population Policy framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop population act Review the current policy and its implementation plan 	MoFEPD – Population Unit Parliament OPC DPs

	Addressing the vulnerabilities caused by population ageing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate a policy on the aged to guide programs that mitigate their social economic challenges Up-scale social protection programs to support the aged. Train community based paramedical personnel to provide basic health care to the aged at community level Civic educate communities on the rights of elder persons to reduce incidence of abuse 	MoH CHAM MoFEPD MoLGRD MoCECCD MoGCDSW DPs and NGOs Private sector
	Managing migration and urbanization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand provision of basic amenities in both rural and urban areas Encourage integrated planning and provision of services Deal with gaps and limitations in collecting and analyzing migration data Develop a migration policy to guide migration issues in the country 	MoHIS MoLHUD OPC DPs and NGOs Private sector
	Enforcing legislation against harmful practices that impact adversely on population and development including child marriage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen birth registration system as a first step to enforcing laws Invest in girls' education, especially at primary and secondary levels Create girl friendly facilities and environment within the schools Design effective child marriage monitoring systems Engage elders, community and religious leaders in advocating against early marriages Intensify life skills education and economic empowerment programs for girls 	MoH CHAM NRB MoEST MoLGRD Private sector DPs
Effective population and development planning at all levels	Integrating demography in national planning and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elevate the Population Unit in EP&D to a Directorate Assign population focal persons in all government institutions including local councils Improve data collection, research and analysis techniques relating to population issues Encourage community involvement in the planning, implementation, and M&E of population programs 	MoFEPD Unima – DPS OPC DPs MDAs
	Strengthening national vital registration systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for improved Civil Registration Vital Statistics (CVRS) systems among high-level policy-makers Create local registration offices to improve accessibility to the public Review and enforce regulatory framework 	MoH NRB MoHIS MoLGRD MoCECCD MoJCA

Increased awareness on population and development	Intensifying IEC on population and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an integrated infrastructure for communication on population issues Develop innovative approaches to reach young people with population messages Disseminate messages on issues of population through social networks, community gatherings and media 	MoFEPD Unima – DPS MDAs OPC DPs MoCECCD MoICT Religious leaders
	Reviewing cultural practices and discouraging those that impact adversely on population and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen awareness on harmful practices/domestic violence that have a negative effect on SRH Increase screening, treatment and follow up on victims of harmful practices including post exposure prophylaxis Strengthen research on the magnitude of harmful practices and domestic violence 	OPC MoLGRD MoGCDSW MoH Academia Research institutions

ANNEX 3: OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	Actions and Activities	Coordinating Institution
FINANCIAL SERVICES			
GOAL: To create a vibrant, efficient, stable and inclusive financial sector that will meet the financing needs of all in the country			
Improved digital payments ecosystem in the financial service provision	Enhancing bank reach through broader distribution footprint;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure partnerships to develop ATM, POS and agency networks Interoperability with MNO Revisit bank business models for sustainable rural provision 	RBM, MoF, Banks, MNOs
	Increasing mobile money penetration and utilisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve interoperability with banks and other MNOs Improve mobile money business models 	MNOs, Banks, RBM, MACRA
	Empowering alternative financial services distribution channels (including the post office, retail chains and filling stations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post office partnership with banks for cash distribution and savings 	MPC, Banks
	Enhancing utilization of financial infrastructure such as national switch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit interchange fees to encourage distribution infrastructure roll out 	RBM, MoF
	Digitizing Government payments (both receipts and payments)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digitize Government payments (both receipts and payments) 	RBM

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage government payments to provide scale especially for rural areas 	
	Supporting the enabling regulatory framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop payment systems regulations 	MoF, MRA, Banks, MNOs
Increased savings and investment opportunities	Leveraging savings groups by exploring partnerships with formal financial service providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link savings groups to the formal system: formalise savings, graduation path, security • Capacity support to savings group members in income generating activities etc 	FSPs, Donors
	Introducing voluntary personal pension targeting both formal and informal sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Pension Act, 2011 	MoF, RBM
	Improving product development by service providers to make them relevant to the low income people and MSMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product development for targeted savings products (e.g. saving wallets) • Collective investment schemes for low value investments, and other investment opportunities 	FSP, RBM
	Facilitating issuance of long term debt instruments by the Government and other public institutions and the private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue longer term treasury bonds and infrastructure bonds to establish reference rate for long term debt 	MoF
Increased access to credit targeting farmers and other MSMEs	Supporting expansion of microfinance institutions as the primary formal providers of MSME and agricultural credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out national ID to improve loan collections • Improve the efficiency of the judiciary to allow providers to more quickly realise loan security • Develop capital market and improve macro-economic environment to reduce the cost of credit • Issue longer term treasury bonds to establish reference rate for longer term debt 	NRB, MOJ, MoF, RBM
	Facilitating extension of input credit to farmers through existing value chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased partnership for credit provision (e.g. NASFAM, MFIs, tobacco merchants) • Product development tailored to farmers and MSMEs • Expand agro-value chain financing • Support credit information sharing initiatives 	FSPs, CRBs, RBM
	Creating an enabling environment to support growth of MSMEs and farmers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills development and mentoring of MSMEs • Develop alternative capital models beyond debt such as venture capital, private equity • Development of tighter value chains and value chain finance • Enhance warehouse receipt systems to be used as collateral by farmers 	MITT, Donors, MoF, RBM, FSPs
	Establishing development finance institutions to support agriculture and MSMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a development bank • Establish Agriculture Cooperative Bank 	MoF, RBM

Increased insurance penetration to mitigate risks	Developing and implementing a strategy for the insurance sector to ensure sustainable growth of key sectors of the economy;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate insurance sector strategy 	MoF, RBM
	Improving insurance business model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop low value health insurance products such as hospital cash plans and hospital vouchers Explore partnerships with MNOs, pharmacies, agro dealers and SACCOs to extend distribution Improve product development including exploring potential to embed insurance into other products Increase general awareness of insurance products 	FSPs, RBM,
	Developing regulatory framework for micro-insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop micro-insurance directives/regulations Publish AML/ CFT guidelines with exemptions for low value insurance to encourage access 	RBM, FIA, MoF
Enhanced consumer empowerment and effective financial education	Promoting service-provider-led education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research target audience and train sales team for improved communication Make statements inexpensive and simple to obtain to encourage usage and trust Publicity for new and more financially inclusive products 	FSPs, RBM
	Strengthening consumer protection framework;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a financial ombudsman to reduce cost and improve access to fair treatment Develop a financial consumer protection law 	MoF, RBM
	Promoting financial literacy initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve coordination of existing financial capability initiatives Promote school based financial literacy 	MoEST, RBM, MoF
Enhanced policy and regulatory framework for the financial sector	Reviewing and enforcing financial sector laws and regulations,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate and review financial sector policies Review and enforce financial sector laws and regulations/directives 	MoF
VULNERABILITY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SUPPORT			
GOAL: Reduce vulnerability and enhance the resilience of the population to disasters and socio-economic shocks.			
Improved understanding of disaster risks	Promoting awareness, access, distribution and utilization of reliable and relevant DRM information;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement the national DRM communication strategy; Strengthen media capacity to enhance the dissemination of DRM information to the community Strengthen and coordinate DRM information gathering and sharing among stakeholders through systems and networks; and Develop IEC materials for school learning. 	DoDMA, MoICE, DCCMS, EAD, CSOs

	Establish an effective system to identify, assess and monitor national and cross-border risks;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a national DRM information management system, including a fully functional and gender disaggregated DRM database; and Develop national standards and guidelines for conducting disaster risk assessments; 	DoDMA and CSOs
	Develop, update and disseminate location specific disaster risk information, including hazard and risk maps to decision makers, the general public and communities at risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the incorporation of disaster risk knowledge, including disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation into the primary, secondary and tertiary curricula as well as in non-formal education; and Promote the use of space-based technologies in disaster risk management initiatives, including risk assessment and mapping. 	DoDMA, DoS, DCCMS, EAD, DoDMA and Dept of Water Resources, MoLGRD, MoEST, Academia, CSOs
	Build the knowledge of government officials, civil society, communities, the private sector and other stakeholders in disaster risk management;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold bi-annual National DRM Platform meetings; Update inventory of DRM stakeholders and interventions; and Support climate change information centres with IEC materials on DRM. 	DoDMA, DCCMS, EAD, CSOs
	Promote the collection, analysis, management and use of relevant data and disaster risk information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake comprehensive national hazard and disaster risk assessment and mapping; and Ensure the use of traditional, indigenous and local knowledge and practices to complement scientific knowledge in disaster risk assessment and early warning 	DoDMA, DoS, DCCMS, CSOs
Increased resilience of communities to disasters through investing in disaster risk reduction	Implementing disaster risk reduction interventions in disaster prone areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement disaster risk reduction projects at community level; Conduct awareness on risk reduction measures to communities in disaster prone areas; Identify and establish long-term locally-based disaster risk reduction mechanisms that can be implemented by communities in disaster prone area; and Develop deliberate DRR measures aimed at addressing urban risks. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs
	Promote the mainstreaming of disaster risk assessment, mapping and management into rural development planning;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement integrated environmental and natural resource management approaches that incorporate disaster risk reduction. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs
	Devolve DRM functions to local councils;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise the process of devolving DRM functions to local authorities; Allocate funds for disaster risk management to local authorities; and 	DoDMA, MoLGRD

	Promote the dissemination and use of safer house construction guidelines and building codes at national and local level, including in informal settlements, to have resilient infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit full-time DRM officers in all councils. Build the capacity of local artisans on safer house construction practices; Disseminate safer house construction guidelines to communities and local artisans; and Engage public and private college and universities to integrate key elements of safer house construction guidelines in their curricula. 	DoDMA, DCCMS, MoLHUD, CSOs, Academia
Strengthened disaster risk management governance at all levels	Mainstream DRM into development policies, strategies, plans and programmes;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop guidelines for mainstreaming disaster risk management in development; Develop and implement national and local disaster risk management plans; Mainstream DRM into development plans and strategies for local authorities; and Incorporate disaster risk reduction measures in urban and rural land-use development zoning and planning which are rigorously enforced. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD, DoEP&D, MoLHUD
	Strengthen the capacity of DRM coordination structures at national and local levels to facilitate effective coordination of DRM programmes;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance communication and collaboration among DRM stakeholders at all levels; Revamp or establish Civil Protection Committees in local authorities; Build capacity of DRM structures at all levels; and Establish the cluster system at district level. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD, CSOs
	Encourage the establishment of mechanisms and incentives to ensure compliance with existing safety-enhancing provisions of sectoral laws and regulations, such as land use and urban planning, building codes, and environmental and resource management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support councils to develop bye-laws aimed at reducing disaster risks; Support the review of national building codes and standards to incorporate resilience; Support the enforcement of land use planning and regulations and building codes; and Promote urban disaster management plans and mechanisms in the cities. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD, MoLHUD
Enhanced disaster preparedness for effective response, and to build back better in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction	Enhance disaster preparedness for effective response;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and review multi hazard contingency plans at community, district and national level; Mobilize resources for the implementation of contingency plans; Establish and operationalise emergency operation centres at national and district levels; Involve the private sector in preparedness planning, response and recovery; and Strengthening the capacity for response, recovery, and reconstruction among stakeholders including communities. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs, private sector

	Develop and strengthen people-centred integrated early warning systems, including community based early warning systems;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilise resources for developing up-to-date technologies for effective warnings; • Establish social and gender inclusive community based early warning systems; • Monitor hazards and generate forecasts and warnings; • Build capacity at national, district, area and village levels to enable stakeholders and communities to act appropriately to early warning messages; • Enhance research in early warning methodologies; and • Timely disseminate risk information and early warnings to stakeholders at all levels and in particular, to communities at risk. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs
	Enhance disaster management planning and response; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct disaster research and disseminate its findings to key stakeholders; • Undertake joint planning in disaster management, planning and response • Review the national contingency plan and develop district contingency plan • Provide humanitarian assistance to people affected by disasters, paying particular attention to the needs of vulnerable groups such as women, orphans, the elderly and people with disabilities; • Integrate the spirit of international humanitarian perspectives and minimum standards in disaster risk management policy and practice; and • Hold simulation exercise to test contingency plans. 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs
	Promote the use of ‘building back better’ in recovery interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct post-disaster needs assessments for major disasters; • Develop and review disaster recovery framework; and • Implement post-disaster recovery interventions that integrate risk reduction 	DoDMA, MoLGRD and all line ministries, CSOs
Improved social support to vulnerable population	Strengthening targeting mechanism for social support beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build awareness and capacity at both district and community levels; • Harmonise standards and guidelines for targeting beneficiaries; • Update the beneficiary database for easy identification; 	MoFEPD, MoGDSW, MoTPW, CSOs and DPs, MoLGRD
	Broadening and scaling up the social support programmes and packages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Social Support programmes and include more programmes; • Consult traditional leaders on the possible beneficiaries; • Mobilise resources more coverage of beneficiaries; 	MoFEPD, MoGDSW, MoTPW, CSOs and DPs, MCCCI, MoLGRD,
	Upscale government contribution towards social and financial support for sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct sensitisation workshops and training session for MDAs; and • Train stakeholders on social support mainstreaming in the national budget. 	MoFEPD, MoGDSW, MoTPW, CSOs and MCCCI, MoLGRD
	Engage private sector and other non-state actors in the provision of social support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilise and conduct discussion with private sector and other non-state actors to participate in the provision of social support; 	MoFEPD, MoGDSW, MoTPW, CSOs and DPs, MCCCI,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop guidelines for participation of non-state actors in providing of social support. 	
	Expanding Social Cash Transfer to address poverty and deprivation among the ultra-poor and labour constrained households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale up Social Cash Transfer Programme from 18 districts to 28 (covering 319,000 HH) Strengthen linkages of Social Cash Transfer Beneficiaries to other social protection and quality social services to maximise impact. Strengthen payment and e-payment and case management systems for social cash transfer programmes. Strengthen the systems for delivery and provision of cash transfers at all levels Improve targeting effectiveness of social cash transfer programme Develop clear graduation pathways for social cash transfer beneficiaries Support evidence generation around the impact of cash transfers on the economy and human development and well-being 	MoFEPD, MoGDSW, MoTPW, CSOs and DPs,
GENDER, PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND SOCIAL WELFARE			
GOAL: To build an equitable society where opportunity is not defined by sex, age, disability and other vulnerabilities			
Gender mainstreamed in all sector plans, policies, programmes and development frameworks	Increasing equitable access, control and utilization of social and Economic services by youth and women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity for mainstreaming gender, HIV and AIDS in macro and micro-level policy and legal frameworks. Support development and implementation of sector specific gender mainstreaming guidelines; Disseminate national and international gender and human rights instruments; Conduct capacity building in gender based budgeting among all stakeholders; Promote knowledge and information-sharing on gender equality and women empowerment to all sections of the society; and Promote visibility of gender related articles in sub-regional, regional and national development programming 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Ensuring the consistent implementation of gender responsive budgeting across sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream gender in the budget Advocate for sectoral gender budget line among institutions 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs CSOs
Increased Women &	Ensuring the effective participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake leadership training of women, men, girls and boys in decision-making; 	MGCDSW MFEPD

youth representation in all decision structures	of children, youth and women in decision making processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for the implementation of gender 60-40 quota for public service in the Gender Equality Act (2013) and civil society and private sectors; • Lobby for introduction of gender quota system in the electoral legal frameworks; • Promote gender related law reforms; • Formulate, enforce and implement laws and policies related to gender based violence; and • Lobby for transformation of negative social norms. 	MoLYMD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Increasing youth participation in development initiatives at all levels;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and strengthen youth development centers at T/A, District and National levels; • Conduct training in technical, vocational, entrepreneurial and business management skills; • Review curriculum of vocational training; • Implement a career guidance and attachment program; and • Facilitate formation and training of youth cooperatives. 	MGCDSW MFEPD MoLYMD All MDAs DPs, CSOs & NGOs
Increased sporting activities and training in other life skills	Enhancing development and quality of sports in Malawi among all ages with special focus on the youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct mass awareness on the importance of sports physical fitness, health, recreation and leisure for Malawian citizens. • Reinforce physical education in the national school curriculum • Undertake studies and research in all areas of physical education, sports and health • Establish national sports and games day • Modify the existing sports infrastructure to make them user friendly. • Adapt and improve sports programmes to cater for persons with disability, the aged, women and children • Increase private sector participation in sports development, and resource mobilisation and other related activities 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
Equitable access to essential quality ECD services for survival, protection and development.	Promoting access and retention in education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaling up nutrition programmes in primary schools and ECD Centres • Scaling up bursary programmes for vulnerable children • Scaling up of vocational and entrepreneurship skills training for vulnerable children • Increase access to children's corners • Stimulating child participation in policy development and implementation" • Design and develop CBCC/ECD play materials with nutrition and HIV and AIDS messages • Establish linkages between CBCC/ECD and existing nutrition and HIV and AIDS services • Train care givers, parents and committees on care for children with HIV and AIDS • Develop and distribute IEC materials and guidelines on care and support of HIV positive children 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support poor families in providing alternative care" 	
	Promoting early childhood development and pre-primary education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Early Childhood Development Centers and renovate existing and dilapidated ECD Centers • Development of tailor-made teaching and learning materials including for children with special needs • Train technical staff, caregivers, guardians and parents in ECD and parenting services • Conduct awareness campaign on ECD and parenting • Institute in-service training of primary school teachers in ECD • Cluster ECD centers around primary schools to enhance transition to primary school activities • Strengthening capacity of community male and female parenting educators • Strengthening transitioning programmes 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
Strengthened national child protection systems to reduce children's vulnerability to violence, abuse, and exploitation	Promoting advocacy and awareness on children's issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review, enactment and enforcement of national legislation and policies related to children • Develop and disseminate a comprehensive children's policy • Develop national plan for child protection and standard package of services • Raise stakeholder awareness on legislation and policies regarding children • Introduce Child Abuse Prevention in School (CAPS) programmes • Establishment of Child rights support systems in communities • Child participation systems strengthened • Promotion of District child friendly initiatives 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Strengthening inter-sectoral coordination and capacity of all stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish focal points for efficient coordination • Design and operationalize an Information Management System for social support • Mainstream child protection indicators in household surveys • Build capacity of Local Councils, ADCs & VDCs to provide leadership and to coordinate district and community level efforts on child protection. • Conduct sensitization of DEC and AECs on importance of child participation in decision making • Support coordination meetings (TWG meetings) 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Enforcing legislation against harmful practices against children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote awareness of children's rights • Strengthen legal framework 	MGCDSW MFEPD

Effective delivery of social welfare services	Increasing access to social justice and other welfare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale up reformation and reintegration of juvenile offenders • Expand provision of psychosocial and spiritual support to juvenile offenders • Mainstream social welfare positions in relevant institutions • Enforce laws and regulations to reduce violence against children, vulnerable people, youth and women and the elderly; • Undertake national headcount of all the less privileged persons for easy targeting national wide. 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Promoting compliance to standards in the delivery of Social Welfare services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish regulatory mechanisms for social welfare in Malawi • Develop and enforce a code of ethics for Social Welfare service provision as a professional practice • Establish a professional body for social workers in Malawi • Develop operational guidelines to regulate provision of Social Welfare Services. • Establish a mechanism for compliance to social welfare standards, guidelines and procedures 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Enhancing capacity of social welfare workforce for effective delivery of quality social welfare services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish regulatory mechanisms for social welfare • Develop and implement a staff capacity development strategy for social welfare personnel • Deploy social welfare personnel to all relevant government institutions • Recruit and train staff 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs &NGOs
	Establishing and strengthening coordination structures in the provision of social welfare services at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resuscitate national and district level coordination structures • Establish mechanisms for information sharing on social welfare issues • Facilitate establishment of stakeholder collaborate: on/partnerships 	MGCDSW, MFEPD, All MDAs, DPs, CSOs & NGOs
Improved welfare and health status for the elderly, persons with disability and albinism	Facilitating the implementation of enabling and inclusive mechanisms within small and medium enterprises as well as credit facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the small and medium enterprise policy, TEVET policy and all other related policies to better focus on persons with disabilities as a specific area for intervention • Operationalize the Disability Trust Fund • Appoint persons with disabilities in government boards of public vocational training and micro finance institutions • Set-up standards to prioritize individual persons with disabilities and their clubs in accessing credit loans 	MGCDSW, MFEPD, All MDAs, DPs, CSOs & NGOs

	Promoting employment and decent work for elderly, persons with disabilities and albinism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put in place measures that ensure job retention by employees who acquire a disability while in employment Establish a quota system of employment in any organization to comprise 2% workforce of persons with disabilities Undertake periodic review of rules and regulations that govern employment and including job retention in both the public and private sectors to ensure that they do not discriminate persons with disabilities Undertake awareness campaigns on occupational safety and health in work places for all employees to minimize work-related occurrences of disabilities 	MGCD SW, MFEPD, All MDAs, DPs, CSOs & NGOs
	Increase access to health services and social assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistive devices to older persons Lobby for subsidized medical schemes for older persons Introduce Elderly Friendly Health Services Provide food and non-food items to needy older persons Provide HIV and AIDS support services to infected and affected older persons Conduct HIV and AIDS research for persons aged 50 years and above Lobby for inclusion of geriatric health services in existing outreach clinics to improve management of health problems that are prevalent in old age Organize sporting and recreational activities for older persons 	MGCD SW, MFEPD, All MDAs, DPs, CSOs & NGOs
Improved coordination and Equitable access to social services among the elderly, persons with disabilities and albinism	Facilitating the inclusion of the elderly, persons with disabilities and albinism in social support programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate inclusion of persons with disabilities in all social support program committees at all levels Review targeting criteria of social support programs to deliberately include persons with disabilities Implement the Community Based Rehabilitation Programme Link CBR program with existing national social support programs Train sign language interpreters in all sectors Establish and train more self-help groups to promote village savings among persons with disabilities Provide educational support to learners with disabilities 	MGCD SW, MFEPD, All MDAs, DPs, CSOs & NGOs
	Improving capacity to effectively undertake and coordinate disability programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devolve disability functions to local councils Provide various local and external trainings to disability officers at all levels Lobby with development partners for more funding allocation to disability programs and activities Undertake research and surveys in specific areas of disability Collect disability disaggregated data through national censuses, household surveys and other national research studies 	MGCD SW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs .NGOs

Enhanced mainstreaming of disability issues across sectors.	Promoting inclusion of needs of persons with disability in sectoral policies, laws and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish and orient disability desk officers and disability mainstreaming committees in public institutions Undertake disability awareness campaigns targeting all Government Ministries and Departments Develop and monitor implementation of a National Disability Mainstreaming Strategy Operationalize National Coordination Committee on Disability Issues (NACCODI) 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
Strengthened national protection systems for children, older persons and persons with albinism	Protecting children, older persons and persons with albinism against violence, abuse and exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide care and support to victimized older persons Build the capacity of individuals, families and communities to effectively respond to violence, exploitation and abuse of older persons Establish Elderly Care centres Mobilize communities into Action Groups Against abuse and exploitation of children, older persons and persons with albinism Provide training for Traditional Leaders, law enforcement agencies and media practitioners on the legal rights of older persons within the family and community Conduct public sensitization and violence prevention campaigns 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Promoting advocacy and awareness of children, elderly and albinism issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and disseminate IEC materials on the rights of children, older persons, and persons with albinism Review laws and policies on poverty, property and land rights to provide for the needs of children, older persons and persons with albinism Review and enforce of national legislation and policies related to children, elderly and persons with albinism Raise stakeholder awareness on legislation and policies regarding children, elderly, and persons with albinism Introduce Child Abuse Prevention in School (CAPS) programmes Establish Child rights support systems in communities Promote District child friendly initiatives 	MGCDSW MFEPD All MDAs DPs CSOs NGOs
	Enhancing community participation in the protection of older persons and persons with albinism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct awareness campaign of elderly and albinism issues 	MGCDSW DPs CSOs NGOs
HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND PHYSICAL PLANNING			
GOAL: An integrated and sustainable land use and human settlement			
Improved access to land	Reviewing legal framework to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and review urban policies; 	MoLHUD

and tenure security for sustainable economic development	support urban development planning and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns on urban development, subsidiary legislation and emerging issues 	MHC MoLRD CSOs DPs
	Promoting land ownership by women and marginalised groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct public awareness on land related laws, policies, procedures and services 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD
Improved availability of geospatial information	Modernizing the geodetic network;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert geodetic network from Clarke 1880 to WGS84 • Densify geodetic network controls • Establish permanent GPS stations 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD CSOs DPs
	Enforcing and monitoring adherence to land related standards and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct routine inspections of leased land; • Disseminate the standards and guidelines to the general public • Build institutional capacity to all relevant stakeholders 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
	Establishing a National Spatial Data Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put in place legal instruments for the operation of the centre; • Establish coordination mechanisms; and • Advocate for and sensitize the data centre to the general public. 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs & CSOs
Improved land use planning and management	Conducting property valuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the enactment of the Land Bill • Acquire land for redistribution • Allocate serviced plots in urban areas • Undertaking surveys and registration of land parcels • Assess property for compensation and other land related taxes 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
	Undertaking surveys and registration of land parcels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expediting survey and allocation of affordable, serviced land for newcomers, to prevent further spread and growth of unplanned settlements • Promote green infrastructure and zoning in the cities for aesthetic, recreational and climate proofing benefits. • Promote drone technology to support planning and monitoring 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
	Creating a database for land records, systems and processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create capacity for land management, location and valuation; • Establish a computerized land and deeds registration system; and • Publicize the database for relevant institutions to utilize 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
Increased access and	Undertaking participatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review MHC Act; 	MoLHUD

availability of affordable and decent houses.	community led upgrading of informal settlements to enhance safety, service provision and compliance with environmental guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate housing act; Facilitate the provision of basic services such as water and electricity for sanitation and hygiene 	MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
	Increasing housing units for commercial and residential purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a national housing fund; Encourage private sector to participate in housing construction; Promote PPP in housing infrastructure; Incentivise private construction companies to build houses for commercial purposes; and Lobby micro-finance institutions to support housing development 	MoLHUD MHC MoLRD DPs and CSOs
	Promoting the use of cost effective building materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build capacity to building contractors at all levels in the use of the cost effective materials Allocate land to those in need including women, youth and person with disability 	MoLHUD, MHC, MoLRD, DPs and CSOs
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY			
GOAL: Promote sustainable management of the environment and natural resources			
Strengthened environmental management	Integrating environmental management in development activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the transition from the use of bricks burnt using firewood to alternatives to protect the environment Conduct screening of development projects including public works programs/ project for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Conduct environmental audits Monitor the implementation of ESMPs 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DPs, & Private Sector Organisations
	Promoting public participation in environmental management programs;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct awareness campaigns Facilitate PPP arrangements in environmental management initiatives 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DPs, & Private Sector Organisations
	Promote integrated afforestation for wood fuel, fruit production windbreak and shade, timber and poles at household and community level to address wood fuel shortage and curb encroachment into reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising seedlings Planting trees Facilitate the establishment of community forests Harmonize incentive rates for community participation in public works and other environmental management activities 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DPs, & Private Sector Organisations

	Promoting environmental education, awareness and information sharing among stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and disseminate environment, natural resources and climate change management awareness messages (biodiversity, biosafety, plastics, phase out of Ozone Depleting Substances, chemicals, wastes, Access and Benefit Sharing) Prepare District and National State of Environment and Outlook Reports Commemorate World Environmental Days and events Train and support electronic and print media personnel from radio and TV stations in production of environment and climate change programs Update and maintain databases on environment Review and update the National Strategy for Climate Change Learning Review environment and climate change strategy Conduct environmental education and awareness campaigns 	MoNREM EAD MoLGRD MoFEPD CSOs DPs Private Sector Organisations
	Enhancing community based natural resource management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate environment and climate change into Village action plans Facilitate development of Local Biodiversity Action Plans Enhance co-management of the environment and natural resources 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DP, & Private Sector Organisations
	Conserving and sustainably using water sources such as lakes, rivers and wetlands;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop legislation on environment and natural resources management Establish an Authority on Environment and Natural Resources Management Develop and implement Regulations for access and benefit sharing of biological resources 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DP, & Private Sector Organisations
	Enhancing conservation and sustainable utilization of biological diversity;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) Facilitate the development and implementation of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Clearing House Mechanism of biodiversity 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DP, & Private Sector Organisations
	Promoting research, planning, monitoring and evaluation of ENRM programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and implement ENRM projects and programme Conduct Integrated ecosystem assessments and economic analyses to evaluate the specific contributions of environment and natural resources to the national economy and human well-being. Monitor and evaluate ENRM programs and projects 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DP, & Private Sector Organisations
Enhanced environmental degradation preventive measures	Enforcing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and other related environmental laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct inspection of potentially polluted sites. Conduct monitoring visits for major development projects for compliance to environmental legislation Review of EIA reports/audits/ Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) Develop and Implement Environmental standards for environment and natural resource sector 	MoNREM, EAD, MoLGRD, MoFEPD, CSOs, DP, & Private Sector Organisations
	Enhancing trans-boundary initiatives in environmental and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforce implementation of Climate Change Investment Plan and Strategic Plan for 	MoNREM EAD

	natural resources programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Resilience Domesticate and implement the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (NAMAs, NAPAs and NDCs) Facilitate implementation of the National Climate Change Management Policy Review and update GHG inventories Facilitate review and approval of mitigation projects under Carbon Market Schemes Develop and implement National Adaptation Plan Establish a climate change fund 	MoLGRD MoFEPD CSOs DPs Private Sector Organisations
	Strengthening compliance on pollution control and waste management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct inspection of potentially polluted sites. Develop a strategy on polluter pays principle and waste management Review of ESIA reports/audits/ Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) Monitor implementation of approved ESMPs Develop and implement Environmental standards for environment and natural resource sector Reduce emission of ozone depleting substances into the atmosphere Enforce implementation of regulations on the management of ODS in the country 	MoNREM EAD MoLGRD MoFEPD CSOs DPs Private Sector Organisations
	Strengthening nuclear safety and security to ensure protection of the people and the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop relevant policies and regulations to ensure nuclear safety and security Update the National Nuclear/Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Resource Plan Implement the integrated Nuclear Security Support Plan Conduct public awareness programs of effects of ionizing radiation 	MoNREM EAD MoH Private sector
HIV/AIDS MANAGEMENT			
GOAL: Reduce new infections, HIV/AIDS related deaths and stigma and discrimination			
Reduced new HIV infections, HIV/AIDS related morbidity and mortality	Scaling up HIV/AIDS prevention and management services;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct targeted VMMC Demand creation of district campaigns targeting political, traditional and religious leaders. Train condom providers in Comprehensive Condom Programming (CCP). Sensitize Traditional, religious and opinion leaders on condom promotion. Train CBO clusters (including youth organizations) per TA level to ensure further advocacy for male and female condoms. Conduct Peer-to-peer education on use of lubricants for men who have sex with men (MSM) and FSW. Facilitate revision of school curricula to include comprehensive SRH and HIV 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders

		<p>prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise and disseminate the National STI guidelines. • Integrate STI treatment with HIV and other services. • Conduct STI service supervision • Train healthcare providers for key populations in syndromic management approaches, appropriate clinical skills and attitudes for working with key populations • Conduct peer-to-peer education on STI screening, diagnostics and management, and reorientation of existing “safe spaces”. • Conduct STI screening and treatment within Youth Friendly Health Services (YFHS) for youth 10 – 24 years in age. • Strengthen the capacity of YFHS providers on handling young people seeking services. • Integrate HIV services into SRH services. • Develop and distribute IEC on primary prevention of HIV among women of childbearing age 	
	Increasing universal and targeted HIV testing and counselling; and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train HTC providers; • Sensitise key and vulnerable populations on self-testing using oral swabs and oral fluid test kits; • Procure oral swabs and oral fluids test kits for vulnerable populations; • Integrate HIV testing into the care of patients with conditions such as TB and in ANC facilities; • Scale-up HTC services through mobile and door to door testing. • Conduct quarterly supervisory visits to HTC sites • Scale-up provision of mobile and outreach health care services • Conduct HTC campaigns and sensitization meetings • Train Community Based Organizations (CBO) clusters on HTC advocacy issues • Sensitize MSM and FSW to access HTC services. 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders
	Improving knowledge and skills in nutrition management of HIV related conditions, diseases and drug side effects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impart knowledge and skills in nutrition management of HIV related conditions, diseases and drug side effects to targeted population • Train volunteers in home based care 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders
Improved legal and	Strengthening the social and legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and integrate rights-based, and gender transformative guidelines for HIV 	DNHA, MoLGRD,

regulatory environment for PLHIV	environment for protection of PLHIV;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train health workers in HIV and HTC clinics in gender and human rights • Conduct high level meetings to advocate for legal reform • Train law enforcers on HIV and the law. 	NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders
	Promoting 'test and treat' intervention to upscale HIV treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase HTC uptake • Integrate HTC and ART services • Strengthen referral systems such that all HIV positive clients are enrolled on ART 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders
Improved planning, management and coordination of HIV and AIDS interventions	Developing strategic information management system on HIV/AIDS;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and (or) review HIV and AIDS policy and strategic documents; • Build institutional capacity for effective management of the information system; and • Facilitate collaboration among stakeholders to avoid duplication of efforts; 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, Faith Based Organizations, Traditional leaders
	Undertaking HIV/AIDS research for evidence based planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support HIV research and surveillance; • Disseminate research finding to the general public; and • Establish information centres in all district or strengthen the already existing ones. 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, FBO, Traditional leaders
	Advocating for implementation of HIV/AIDS workplace policies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop M&E coordination mechanisms for HIV and AIDS programs • Establish/revamp HIV and AIDS coordination structures • Develop capacity of HIV and AIDS coordination structures 	DNHA, MoLGRD, NAC, MACRO, NGOs, DPs, CSOs, FBO, Traditional leaders
Increased productivity of the youth and unemployed Malawians	Establishing national volunteer service programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing action plan involving the PPP • Developing a legal and regulatory framework on volunteerism • Developing an effective national coordination and implementation framework 	MoLYSMD NYCOM MoFEPD
Increased gainful and decent employment for all	Eliminating worst forms of child labour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and enforce child labour laws and regulations • Conduct sensitization campaigns on child labour and children rights • Build institutional capacity at all levels including at the traditional authority courts 	MoLYSMD NYCOM MoFEPD Judiciary CSO DPs
	Enhancing compliance to labour standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct sensitization campaigns on labour laws • Promote enforcement of labour laws and regulation 	MoLYSMD, NYCOM MoFEPD, MLC, Judiciary, CSO, & DPs
Nutrition			
GOAL: To improve nutrition wellbeing of the population that effectively contributes to economic growth and prosperity			

Reduced prevalence of Stunting, Wasting and Underweight	Promote adolescent and women's nutrition before, during, and after pregnancy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and Disseminate IEC materials on optimal maternal nutrition, healthy lifestyle and care before, during and after pregnancy through different channels Review the Essential Nutrition Actions to align with global best practices on maternal and child nutrition Advocate for pregnant women to access antenatal services within the first trimester Sensitize communities on maternal nutrition before and during pregnancy. 	DNHA MoA MoH MoGCDSW District Councils DPs NGOs
	Promote optimal breast feeding practices for children 0-6 months and appropriate complementary feeding of children aged 6–24 months and beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, review and disseminate materials for facility, community and household based counselling of pregnant and lactating mothers on optimal breastfeeding Advocate for inclusion of maternity leave for 6 months in Nutrition Bill/ Public Health Act conducive work conditions and workplace support for breastfeeding mothers Conduct annual sensitization and awareness campaign to promote exclusive breastfeeding in the first six months among the public, local leaders, service providers, communities and caregivers Commemorate National Breastfeeding Week Develop, review and disseminate Recipe Book for promoting complementary feeding for children under the age of five. Advocate for attendance of postnatal care and growth monitoring for children under five years of age Sensitize communities (chiefs, men, grandparents, religious leaders) on importance of optimal complementary feeding and continued breastfeeding practices Develop radio and TV pro on importance of optimal feeding for children aged 6-24 months and beyond. 	DNHA MoA MoH MoGCDSW District Councils DPs NGOs MoI&T MoICT
	Promote hygiene, water and sanitation practices at individual and household levels for improved nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community sensitization to promote WASH for improved nutrition outcomes Conduct cookery demonstrations at community level Develop IEC materials on WASH and Nutrition Develop WASH messages for radio and TV programme 	DNHA MoA MoAIWD MoGCDSW MoH DPs NGOs
	Promote consumption of high nutritive value and diversified diets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community mobilisation campaigns on the establishment of backyard gardens Develop standardized messages on the importance of high nutritive value and diversified diets Train front-line workers and care group on importance of dietary diversity 	DNHA MoAIWD MoH DPs NGOs
	Integrating nutrition in value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train care giver committees, parents and field workers in nutritional values 	DNHA

	chains for nutrition improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance nutritional value and appeal of legumes through appropriate handling and processing practices and technologies Increase capacity for agriculture and nutrition related organizations to sustainably implement project components 	MoH MoFEPD MoAIWD DPs NGOs Private Sector
	Integrate and scale up nutrition in the Early Childhood Development programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for scaling up nutrition in ECD centres Develop and disseminate key messages on Nutrition at early ages for caregivers Conduct community sensitization campaigns on importance of nutrition at early ages Develop and disseminate key messages on Early Childhood Development Sensitize care givers, care groups and service providers on importance of Early Childhood Development Develop and air radio programmes on Early Childhood Development 	DNHA MoEST MoGCDSW DPs NGOs MoICT District Councils
	Promote male involvement and address gender and socio-cultural issues in maternal, infant and young child nutrition, child care, and household duties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and disseminate key messages on male involvement in nutrition, child care and household duties Conduct community sensitization meetings with local leaders and other influential leaders using the CLANs and ACLANs on male involvement in nutrition Identify male nutrition champions for promoting male involvement in nutrition at all levels Sensitize the communities on the negative impacts of gender based violence on health and nutrition outcomes of women and children 	DNHA MoAIWD MoEST MoGCDSW DPs NGOs
Reduced prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies	Promote Public-Private Partnerships in food production, processing, fortification, and consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct bi-annual coordination business network meetings Advocate for corporate social responsibility with the business networks part of nutrition support Train and engage private sector companies and communities on nutrition sensitive value chain Establish partnerships with food processing companies to improve complementary foods 	DNHA MoAIWD MoIT MoH Private sectors
	Promote consumption of micronutrient rich foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community mobilisation campaigns on the consumption of micronutrient rich foods Develop standardized messages on the importance of micronutrient rich foods Review and disseminate the recipes on the preparation of the micronutrient rich foods with emphasis on the indigenous foods 	DNHA MoAIWD MoH DPs NGOs
	Ensure micronutrient supplementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community sensitisation and mobilisation on micronutrient supplementation Develop IEC materials for micronutrient supplementation with focus on community level 	DNHA MoH DPs NGOs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns for micronutrient supplementation 	
	Promote fortification and standardisation of centrally-processed food for improved nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for fortification of locally available foods • Conduct awareness campaign on the importance of consumption of nutritious fortified products • Conducts biannual monitoring of fortified foods 	DNHA DPs NGOs Private sectors
	Promote consumption of bio-fortified foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and produce IEC materials on bio-fortified crops. • Conduct community sensitization and mobilisation campaigns on bio-fortified food crops and their benefits. • Review and disseminate the recommended food storage, processing, preparation and utilization practices of bio fortified foods. 	DNHA MoAIWD DPs NGOs
	Strengthening implementation of Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition and Nutrition Care, Support and Treatment in routine services and emergencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve monitoring and evaluation, and promote the use of data and information to inform CMAM programming and planning • Build competence of human resources involved in CMAM service delivery • Make availability and access to CMAM supplies and equipment • Improve NCST monitoring, evaluation and information management • Increase financing of NCST services • Link NCST clients with social protection, livelihood and economic strengthening interventions at community level • Develop, Review and disseminate guidelines for disaster preparedness, response and management of nutrition needs of various target groups in emergencies • Conduct routine monitoring of the quality and effectiveness of emergency nutrition responses • Facilitate the linkages of vulnerable infants with acute malnutrition to social protection for continued care and support • Integrate resilient nutrition programming in developmental and emergence response 	DNHA MoAIWD DPs NGOs
Reduced prevalence of overweight and nutrition-related Non-Communicable Diseases	Increasing access to services for prevention, early detection, and management of nutrition-related NCDs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procure and distribute supplies for detection of NCDs • Conduct screening to identify at risk clients for dietary related NCDs • Conduct routine check-up for body weight, blood pressure and cholesterol levels at facility and outreach clinics 	DNHA MoH DPs NGOs
	Strengthening capacity of service providers' to provide nutrition and lifestyle counselling services at the facility and community level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train service providers on screening, prevention and management of dietary related NCDs • Conduct counselling and monitoring sessions for clients identified with dietary related NCDs • Develop a data collection and documentation framework for monitoring trends in dietary related NCDs 	DNHA MoH DPs NGOs

	Promoting awareness campaigns and behaviour change communication on prevention of nutrition-related NCDs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct awareness campaigns on NCDs at national, district and community levels • Develop and disseminate NCD strategic plan • Develop and air TV and radio programmes on NCDs • Develop and disseminate key messages and IEC materials on NCDs 	DNHA MoICT District Councils DPs NGOs
PEACE AND SECURITY			
GOAL: To promote peace and protect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and vital interests of Malawi against both external and internal threats.			
Improved methods of promoting international, regional, national and community security	Enhancing community integration and participation in promoting a secure, peaceful and crime free environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting peace and security awareness campaigns/ Public Anti-violence campaigns in all the regions and on different media. • Strengthening community policing. • Providing security equipment to the community members e.g. whistles, jackets, bicycles, reflectors 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Private sector (private security companies), Dept of Immigration
	Promote regional peace and international order.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in international, regional and bilateral activities such as the Joint Permanent Commission on Defence Security (JPCDS), Southern African Regional Police Chiefs cooperation organisation (SAPCCO) and International Criminal Police (INTERPOL), contributing resources to the regional standby force and peacekeeping operations • Conducting Joint Operations with sister police and immigration and other security agencies of neighbouring countries • Extending the I 24/7 system to other security organizations such as Immigration and MRA and to KIA and all borders 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Department of Immigration, Malawi prisons
Develop a professional and modern security	Maintain a healthy well trained, equipped, disciplined and gender sensitive, combat ready force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing on-going recruitment and training to Security Officers • Providing and encouraging Sporting disciplines • Building integrity and accountability of security institutions • Providing security institutions with modern equipment. e.g. Public Order Equipment, forensic equipment, intelligence collection equipment, crime detection equipment. • Development and implementation of gender policy to guide gender mainstreaming activities in compliance with national gender policy on appointments, promotions and employment in the public service. 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Department of Immigration
	Maintaining a sustainable size of security force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the existing condition of service and regulations • Recruiting additional Security Officers • Constructing and rehabilitating offices and Staff Houses 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Dept of Immigration
Protected constitutional order	Improving the responsiveness of all security sectors to national needs by ensuring quick reaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing Visibility of Security Officers in all crime prone areas • Developing /reviewing policies and legislations as well as rules and regulations of the Security Sectors e.g. The Malawi National Migration and Citizenship Policy, 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Private sector (private security

	and operations readiness.	National Firearms Control, Prisons, Drug Control and Community Policing Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operationalization of relevant legislation such as Trafficking In Persons Act (2015) • Providing digital telecommunications equipment to security sectors 	companies), Dept of Immigration
Improved migration mechanism in line with national population policies	Increasing capacity of migration management institutions;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing on-going training to Officers at each and every Station/Conducting Capacity Building Workshops. • Carry out study Tours • Providing institutions with necessary forensic and scientific equipment 	MoD, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Department of Immigration
	Promote national registration among the Malawian citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking public awareness on National Ids and Birth and Death Registration across the country. • Roll out national ID's and Electronic Births and Deaths registration. 	NRB, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, private security companies, Dept. of Immigration
	Developing integrated information management system at all levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrate from analogue to digital telecommunications platform • Conduct Mapping of stakeholders involved in Information Management at all levels • Develop a data recovery site 	NRB, MoHAIS, DISTMIS, E-Govt
Enhanced management of prisons at local as well as national level	Instituting gender responsive and disability friendly prison facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate prisons to be gender responsive & disability friendly. • Conduct a survey in order to identify disability and gender issues to address and submission of reports to the relevant Ministry and development partners. 	NRB, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Dept. of Immigration, Malawi Prisons
	Improving prison infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct additional cell blocks, prisons and rehabilitating existing infrastructures e.g. at Maula, Mphuyuyu, Chitipa, Mwanza, Zomba, Chitedze Maximum Prisons • Rehabilitate an ablution block and parade ground at the Prison Training School • Provide Sewer Ponds in Prisons • Install CCTV cameras in Prisons • Install solar water pumps in prisons 	MoHAIS, Malawi Police, and Malawi Prisons
	Fast-tracking execution of cases for observance of human rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct specialised trainings for law enforcement officers to investigate cases (update them on local, regional and international developments on current trends in the mode of commission of the offence, victim identification techniques and how to interview victims) • Establish and support victim centred approaches in criminal Justice process • Coordinate with Judiciary, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and HRRCC • Lobby necessary resources from Development Partners 	MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Private Security Companies, Dept of Immigration and HRC
	Improving rehabilitation interventions in all prisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out reform areas/income generating activities which will support rehabilitation interventions such as • Intensify farming (both rain-fed and irrigation farming) through use of modern technology/mechanization • Revitalize industrial workshops to build capacity for generating revenue i.e establish 	MoFEPD, Malawi Prisons, MoHAIS, and Malawi Police, Private sector (private security Companies), Department of

		<p>a tailoring workshop to meet the demands of the uniformed organizations (Police, Malawi Defense Force, Immigration, Health and Private Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting benchmarking tours • Reduce corruption in the Malawi Prison Service e.g by continuous vetting of Prison Officers and undertaking sensitization campaigns • Lobby Development Partners as well as Ministry of Finance and Parliament to allocate more resources for rehabilitation interventions. 	Immigration
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ANNEX 4: SUMMARY COST FOR KEY PRIORITY AREAS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Key priority areas	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	5 Year Total
	MK (Millions)	MK (Millions)	MK (Millions)	MK (Millions)	MK (Millions)	MK (Millions)
Agriculture, water development and Climate change management	70,359	241,633	232,300	214,732	205,480	985,227
Education and skills development	128,033	133,280	156,327	190,835	226,695	834,814
Energy, industry and tourism development	69,578	219,073	163,188	125,138	92,008	668,985
transport and ICT infrastructure	75,005	154,345	166,690	143,635	112,600	652,275
Health and population	108,335	104,485	103,475	100,230	100,125	515,955
Total	451,310	852,816	821,980	774,570	736,908	3,657,256
Other Development areas						
Financial Services	9,320.00	8,468.00	10,278.00	13,404.00	9,175.00	50,645.00
Vulnerability, Disaster management and social support	47,840.00	53,930.00	50,695.00	50,800.00	45,970.00	249,235.00
Gender, youth development and Social welfare	14,388.00	58,389.00	54,023.00	50,695.00	50,737.00	228,232.00
Human settlement and physical planning	47,450.00	49,180.00	53,670.00	49,540.00	47,866.00	247,706.00
Environmental sustainability	3,300.00	5,870.00	5,475.00	4,785.00	4,340.00	23,770.00
HIV/AIDS management	18,470.00	20,250.00	21,170.00	20,055.00	20,055.00	100,000.00
Peace and Security	32,449.00	83,987.00	83,897.00	78,150.00	71,517.00	350,000.00
Nutrition	35,920.00	34,910.00	35,350.00	34,850.00	34,950.00	175,980.00
Total	209,137.00	314,984.00	314,558.00	302,279.00	284,610.00	1,425,568.00
Grand totals	660,446.75	1,167,799.96	1,136,537.59	1,076,849.05	1,021,518.36	5,082,823.71
Flagship projects						3,536,122.42
overall total						8,618,946.13

ANNEX 5: SUMMARY OF COSTS PER STRATEGY

AGRICULTURE, WATER DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE MANAGEMENT							
GOAL: To achieve sustainable agricultural transformation that is adaptive to climate change and enhances ecosystem services							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	5 year total
AGRICULTURE		MK (mn)	MK (mn)	MK (mn)	MK (mn)	MK (mn)	MK (mn)
Increased agricultural production and productivity	Promoting agricultural extension and rural advisory services.	762	2760	2760	2664	2556	11502
	Supporting inclusive agricultural innovation systems for research, technology generation, and dissemination.	1002	4690	4604	4374	3440	18110
	Increasing agricultural mechanisation	305	860	820	678	526	3189
	Promoting infrastructure investments for large scale irrigation schemes.	5160	15525	15524	14912	14880	66001
	Facilitating and supporting improved coordination and capacity as well as infrastructural development for improved agricultural service delivery	5722	14772	17685	12662	11520	62361
	Promoting reforms of agricultural institutions and programmes to make them more sustainable and cost effective	175	358	295	245	210	1283
Increased land under irrigation	Developing areas with irrigation potential	5669	18690	18690	17110	17060	77219
	Conducting and promoting research and use of appropriate technologies in irrigation	117	420	340	320	270	1467
	Enhancing technical and institutional capacities in irrigated agriculture	169	374	370	360	310	1583
Increased agricultural diversification.	Promoting diversified crops and livestock utilization.	409	1332	1320	1270	1048	5379
	Promoting and encouraging sustainable fisheries management and commercial aquaculture development.	995	4570	4470	4460	4350	18845
Improved nutrition and food security.	Fostering adequate market supply of diverse and nutritious foods.	1105	3810	3828	3264	3286	15293
	Promote technologies that reduce post-harvest losses in storage, preservation and food processing.	1227	5550	5435	5420	5400	23032
	Promoting private sector investments in production, processing and marketing of high quality nutritious foods; including complementary food.	22	44	45	40	36	187
	Promoting bio-fortification and fortification of major staple food.	1125	5460	4960	4846	4846	21237
	Promoting food and nutrition education for all.	73	240	240	230	180	963
	Promoting research and education into use, propagation and conservation of traditional/indigenous Malawian food.	223	310	310	280	217	1340
Increased agriculture market development, agro processing and value Addition.	Promoting regional and global exports of value-added agricultural commodities.	245	420	400	324	312	1701
	Supporting improvements in quality standards and grading systems for all agricultural commodities.	196	525	525	430	340	2016
	Promoting the development of efficient and inclusive agricultural value chains.	4312	10850	10830	10725	9680	46397
	Facilitating the creation of new structured markets, especially in oilseeds, sugarcane, livestock, animal feed and fisheries products.	192	410	360	340	340	1642
	Strengthening and harmonizing	286	640	640	620	540	2726

	agricultural market information systems.						
	Ensuring transparency in trade policies and regulations.	84	195	195	160	150	784
	Promoting agricultural value addition and agro-processing.	90	270	260	227	188	1035
	Coordinating and strengthening agricultural marketing.	5460	17365	15340	14825	14305	67295
Enhanced agricultural risk management.	Promoting climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management.	132	1200	1200	1020	1020	4572
	Promoting integrated soil fertility management.	1084	6210	5680	5290	5265	23529
	Promoting sustainable irrigation in crop production.	8135	26240	26225	21655	20155	102410
	Promoting integrated conservation and utilization of Malawi's rich agro-biodiversity.	272	985	965	855	785	3862
	Promoting market risk management.	57	270	255	265	200	1047
	Harmonising key messages and incentives on climate-smart agriculture and sustainable land and water management	80	335	335	284	277	1034
Increased empowerment of the youth, women, persons with disability and vulnerable groups in agriculture.	Promoting establishment of cooperatives.	240	670	660	560	560	2690
	Promoting access to, ownership and control of productive resources, including land, water, and farm inputs, for women, youth, persons with disabilities and vulnerable groups.	40	140	140	130	120	570
	Promoting agricultural education and technical training for women, youth, and vulnerable groups.	220	1050	1040	940	630	3880
	Promoting access to finance for women, youth and vulnerable groups in agriculture.	185	490	560	465	410	2110
CLIMATE CHANGE							
Improved weather and climate monitoring for early warning, preparedness and timely response.	Promoting effective and efficient generation, analysis and utilization of reliable, responsive, high quality, up to date and timely climate services	190	450	450	370	355	1815
	Improving spatial (by area and agro-ecological zone) weather and climate monitoring and prediction systems through automation and other IT advances.	2595	11360	11360	11320	11305	47940
Strengthened policy operating environment for climate change and meteorological services.	Developing and harmonizing climate change related policies and legislation.	37	70	340	70	65	582
	Enhancing legal and regulatory framework in climate change management.	29	55	325	55	55	519
	Mainstreaming climate change issues in sectoral policies, plans and programmes.	170	700	650	650	590	2760
Enhanced community resilience to climate change impacts.	Developing and implementing appropriate greenhouse gas management systems.	100	390	390	330	300	1510
	Improving adoption of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.	65	230	230	230	220	975
	Implementing a comprehensive national climate change investment plan.	1610	5232	5230	5220	5210	22502
	Enhancing cross sectoral coordination of climate change programmes.	37	170	160	160	160	687
	Improving access to multilateral and bilateral international climate financing and private sector investments.	44	90	90	90	90	404
Enhanced climate change research and technology development.	Promoting research in climate change and meteorology.	2063	6162	6160	6140	6140	26665
WATER RESOURCE							

DEVELOPMENT, UTILIZATION AND MANAGEMENT							
Increased access to water resources.	Improving efficient and sustainable use of water in all irrigation schemes.	2700	8940	7940	7840	7630	35050
	Supporting integration of irrigation in power generation in sustainable water management investment.	6546	25054	22054	22047	20043	116744
	Enhancing rainwater harvesting, conservation and utilization.	1055	5200	5190	5180	5170	21795
	Improving water supply in rural and urban areas.	7020	28050	23050	21550	21550	101220
	Promoting empowerment of local communities to properly develop and manage catchment areas.	190	700	650	550	550	2640
Enhanced integrated water resources management at all levels.	Institutionalizing practical Operations and Maintenance (O&M) framework at all levels.	80	190	190	180	180	820
	Promoting community-based management of rural water supply facilities.	48	100	100	90	90	428
	Strengthening monitoring and evaluation system for water utilization and management.	125	320	300	280	270	1295
	Promoting scientific research and investigation.	85	140	135	130	95	585
2. EDUCATION AD SKILLS DEVELOPMENT							
GOAL: Improve quality and relevant education and skills for all							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies						
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT							
Improved access and equity to Early Childhood Development (ECD)	Promoting stimulation-learning activities at an early stage for all children.	887	729	694	699	765	3438
	Promoting early detection, intervention and inclusion of children with special needs.	297	273	314	363	422	1649
	Promoting early childhood care for orphans and vulnerable children.	544	544	544	544	544	2720
Improved quality ECD services for children in Malawi.	Enhancing service delivery in ECD	2486.4	2711.4	2712.4	3294.4	4070.4	15275
	Strengthening the institutional framework for the delivery of ECD services	150	30	10	5	5	200
PRIMARY EDUCATION							
Improved quality and relevance of primary education.	Improving teaching inputs to facilitate more effective learning.	3135	3762	4515	5418	6501	23331
	Reducing class sizes to facilitate more effective learning through progressively recruiting trained teachers.	52400	57784	69341	83209	99850	362584
	Enhancing the relevance of primary school curriculum.	160	50	50	0	0	260
	Ensuring the availability of Teaching and Learning Materials (TLM) for special needs learners.	359	434	522	624	730	2669
	Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of primary education.	426	410	541	260	260	1897
	Introducing appropriate incentives to teachers and supervise their performance.	5344	5972	7167	8601	10321	37405
	Improving access to basic health services in all primary schools.	131.5	141.5	131.5	20.5	15.5	440.5
	Regulate and standardise private sector participation in basic education.	16	4	4	4	4	32
Improved access and equity in basic education	Improving net enrolment and completion rates, including those disadvantaged by gender, poverty, special needs and geographical location.	2067	2342	2812	3240	3873	14334

	Improving, expanding and maximising the use of permanent infrastructure such as classrooms, school facilities and teachers' houses.	19321	19321	23185	27823	33387	123037
	Strengthening complementary basic educational modalities for learners including Interactive Radio Instructions (IRI) and Open and Distance Learning.	7	7	7	7	7	35
	Building and upgrading education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe and effective learning environment.	341	630	425	473	563	2432
	Introduce comprehensive programmes at the formal and non-formal levels including adult education	350	400	500	600	700	2550
Improved governance and management of basic education.	Mobilising communities to participate in school development and management activities.	22	32	40	42	42	178
	Monitoring performance and strengthening internal efficiency of basic education system.	45	35	20	20	20	140
	Ensuring full decentralisation of education services.	144	144	124	124	124	660
SECONDARY EDUCATION							
Increased access to secondary education for both boys and girls and those with special needs.	Constructing and expanding secondary school physical infrastructures that are disability and gender sensitive.	7083	2533	3004.8	10075.7	11968.9	34665.4
	Providing bursaries and cash transfers to disadvantaged learners.	15	20	23	27	30	115
	Supporting mainstreaming of special needs in secondary education.	3238	4167	4947	5977	7112	25441
	Increasing number of qualified teachers equitably deploying them in secondary schools.	6929	8008	9130	10367	11645	46079
Improved quality of Secondary school education.	Providing TLM to secondary schools.	114	114	114	114	114	570
	Enhancing the relevance of secondary school curriculum	50	40	20	20	20	150
	Reinforcing inspection and supervision system of secondary education.	205	201	216	258	309	1189
Improved governance and Management of secondary education.	Ensuring full decentralisation of secondary education services.	30	30	30	30	30	150
HIGHER EDUCATION							
Improved Access and Equity in higher education	Institutionalising Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in higher education.	650	640	730	830	830	3680
	Providing targeted scholarships and loans to needy students in both accredited public and private universities.	451.98	474.07	566.89	678.26	811.92	2983.12
	Providing alternative modes of higher education provision.	245.8	257.09	309.51	371.41	444.7	1628.51
	Providing special needs programmes and related resources and facilities.	950	470	350	355	355	2480
Improved quality of higher education	Expand higher education infrastructure	7145.11	7416.11	8739.33	10305.20	12082.24	45687.99
	Improve usage and access of ICT in higher education	620	700	440	140	90	1990
	Promoting research, technology development and transfer in all higher education institutions	205	235	275	185	185	1085
	Developing higher education institution programs that are relevant to the prevailing needs of the nation.	65	60	15	15	15	170
Improved Governance System of higher education.	Harmonizing higher education institutions' Legislation.	461.91	437.51	463.01	551.61	665.94	2579.98
	Encouraging cost sharing in all public universities.	62	75	88	110	175	510
	Establishing collaboration mechanisms with external Colleges and Universities	25	35	30	25	25	140
	Legislating the National Qualification Framework (NQF).	25	20	5	5	5	60

	Strengthening higher education ICT and Management Information System.	150	10	10	10	10	190
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT							
Improved access and equity in skills development training.	Increasing training centres for skills development in the artisanal, technical and professional fields.	1255	1425.5	1263.6	1328.32	1374.98	6647.4
	Ensuring participation of the marginalised groups in the skills development training.	6800.84	7738.89	9306.67	10768.01	12881.61	47496.03
	Providing financial support to needy students in accredited training institutions	1208.21	1376.89	1650.87	1977.64	2371.17	8584.79
Improved quality of labour force.	Providing necessary and relevant equipment and skills for teachers in the training centers.	1000	800	800	800	800	4200
	Linking up training institutions to companies for hands on training.	390	220	140	140	140	1030
	Reviewing secondary education curriculum to inspire students to take up blue collar jobs.	25	20	0	0	0	45
2. ENERGY, TOURISM AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT							
GOAL: Provide sufficient sustainable energy for industrial and socio-economic development							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies						
ENERGY							
Improve access to reliable and sustainable energy supply.	Ensuring reliable supply of electricity to key social and economic development areas.	11230	34530	23730	17520	6520	93530
	Ensuring the connectivity to the international power grid	700	1650	1350	1250	550	5500
	Constructing additional hydro power stations along major rivers.	11,100	104,500	83,900	62,450	51,950	313,900
	Promoting private sector investment in energy generation and distribution through PPPs and Independent Power Producers (IPPs).	1070	3570	3070	2570	1070	11350
Improved access to affordable alternative sources of energy.	Promoting the use of energy efficient technologies and designs	115	105	105	85	85	495
	Promoting the production and use of alternative sources of energy	850	4550	4000	2950	1850	14200
Enhanced use of renewable and clean energy in the underserved communities	Ensuring sustainable fuel wood management.	253	593	593	493	393	2325
	Promoting the use of renewable and clean energy.	95	165	115	95	95	565
	Promoting sustainable environmental and social management principles in energy development programs.	140	1580	1050	1035	525	4330
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT							
Improved environment for investment and private sector development	Addressing barriers to investment for both local and foreign investment.	700	1800	1500	1100	650	5750
	Broadening the one-stop centre initiative.	5100	15100	10100	10100	5100	45500
	Establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and business sourcing initiatives.	150	3600	2900	1950	1100	9700
	Reforming the regulatory framework for private sector development	70	220	190	180	130	790
	Creating a platform to link up players for market access and competitiveness.	160	700	500	400	300	2060
	Providing rational incentives throughout the supply chain.	170	700	630	510	400	2410
Increased production and export of manufactured products	Developing industrial extension program linking farmers and agro-processing industries.	190	5200	3170	2150	1605	12315
	Promoting diversification of export goods and services.	1980	1650	1595	1520	1520	8265
	Promoting dissemination of products and market information.	260	875	475	335	285	2230
	Negotiating for preferential market	400	650	620	450	450	2570

	access for Malawi products.						
Enhanced production and sound management of non-renewable resources.	Reviewing legal and institutional framework	550	800	600	600	600	3150
	Improving participation and regulation of artisanal, small and medium scale miners.	280	410	400	400	390	1880
	Increasing exploration and mining of mineral resources	280	450	400	375	350	1855
	Improving transparency in the management of the sector through the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI).	170	220	220	220	220	1050
	Enforcing legislations on sustainable use and management of mineral resources.	800	1250	1100	850	800	4800
		11260	33625	24400	21140	13900	104325
TOURISM							
Conducive environment for tourism investment created	Ensuring participation of local investors in the tourism industry.	1,700.00	1,730.00	1,730.00	1,730.00	1,730.00	8,620.00
	Providing infrastructure that is supportive to tourism development.	20,950.00	20,900.00	8,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	62,250.00
	Promoting Malawi as a tourism investment destination.	1,840.00	2,075.00	1,760.00	1,760.00	1,760.00	9,195.00
	Zoning and developing prime land for tourism investment.	900.00	1,050.00	900.00	-	-	2,850.00
	Creating a conducive legal and regulatory framework	-	325.00	290.00	150.00	150.00	915.00
Improved quality of tourism products and services.	Promote conservation of wildlife and culture.	1,125.00	1,410.00	1,375.00	475.00	425.00	4,810.00
	Enhancing marketing of Malawi's tourism products.	530.00	595.00	495.00	495.00	495.00	2,610.00
	Promoting eco-tourism.	1,020.00	1,040.00	940.00	940.00	890.00	4,830.00
	Enforcing tourism industry standards and planning controls.	65.00	130.00	95.00	50.00	50.00	390.00
	Strengthening institutional capacity to manage and conserve protected areas and ecosystems.	380.00	335.00	260.00	195.00	190.00	1,360.00
	Promoting and regulating wildlife farming and utilization.	590.00	480.00	460.00	390.00	360.00	2,280.00
	Encouraging community wildlife conservation and monitoring.	365.00	510.00	470.00	370.00	310.00	2,025.00
	Improving law enforcement and effectiveness	475.00	450.00	420.00	400.00	350.00	2,095.00
Improved conservation and management of cultural heritage resources.	Developing and maintaining cultural and natural heritage sites.	430	480	410	410	360	2090
	Promoting the preservation of museum artefacts and specimens and upgrading retrieval system.	470	545	520	510	475	2520
	Facilitating construction of community cultural infrastructure.	1300	1450	1350	1325	1300	6725
	Developing and updating cultural legal framework.	275	300	200	150	75	1000
	Preserving Malawi's history and cultural values	350	400	400	400	350	1900
TRANSPORT AND ICT INFRACTURAL DEVELOPMENT							
GOAL: Develop a safe, affordable, reliable, equitable and sustainable transport and ICT infrastructure							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies						
TRANSPORT							
Reduced travel time and costs for persons and goods	Undertaking systematic maintenance and rehabilitation of infrastructure.	20910	41045	46105	45925	35915	189900
	Ensuring that there is an integrated, well- managed, viable and sustainable transport infrastructure.	690	1190	390	490	1190	3950
Improved transport reliability, levels of service and efficiency	Providing a framework for the development of an efficient transport system	20,140	50,170	50,140	40,140	30,140	190,730
	Promoting inter-modal competition or complementarity, where feasible	20,500	35,500	40,500	30,500	25,500	152,500

	Providing safe, reliable, effective and efficient transport operations	5,200	10,200	15,200	15,200	10,200	56,000
	Developing an efficient and productive marine time transport infrastructure	940	3050	2200	1900	1700	9790
Enhanced access to local and international markets	Developing transport corridors in order to improve the competitiveness of Malawian goods and services on the regional and international markets.	1,700.00	4,350.00	4,150.00	3,150.00	2,650.00	16,000.00
	Developing a Nsanje World Inland Port	140	210	160	110	110	730
Improved access to inclusive social and public services.	Providing access to safe, affordable and sustainable transport system with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations including pedestrians and cyclists	1,030	1,030	1,030	1,030	530	4,650
	Promoting an environmentally sustainable and climate resilient transport system.	120	190	160	110	70	650
Reduced accidents and their derived human and economic costs	Enforcing transport regulations.	255	425	420	290	240	1630
Increased private sector investment in the operation and management of transport infrastructure.	Mobilising private businesses to engage in transportation sector to improve competition.	320	280	250	190	130	1170
	Promoting PPP in operation and management of transport infrastructure.	140	280	130	70	50	670
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY							
Increased access to information and communications services.	Promoting the participation of community broadcasting stations, private couriers and privately owned tele-communication service providers.	80	70	60	70	60	340
	Improving regulatory framework of the ICT sector.	60	140	30	10	10	250
	Developing public online services.	160	310	250	190	140	1050
	Promoting community ICT and multipurpose information centre.	535	1080	1075	580	565	3835
A well-developed ICT broadband infrastructure service provision	Improving broadcasting distribution, content and coverage.	515	1550	1230	715	710	4720
	Creating a conducive environment to attract investment in ICT infrastructure and services.	30	120	70	20	20	260
	Enhancing enforcement of ICT regulation to protect the public from undesirable effects of ICT.	150	150	150	150	150	750
	Promoting integration of ICT into core sector policies and strategies and operations.	150	200	250	250	200	1050
	Developing a reliable, fast, adaptive and robust ICT infrastructure.	230	760	760	750	750	3250
Increased stock of ICT skilled and industry ready workforce in public and private sector institutions.	Intensifying ICT research education and training in all sectors.	50	155	110	75	70	460
	Developing capacity to generate reliable and accurate local content.	200	220	220	210	200	1050
Improved efficiency in postal services.	Introducing economic and social services in the Postal Sub-sector.	120	270	360	250	150	1150
	Enhancing the current postal services.	440	1160	1050	1050	950	4650
	Promoting innovations in postal services.	200	240	240	210	200	1090
4. HEALTH AND POPULATION							
GOAL :Improve health and quality of the population for sustainable socio-economic development							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies						
HEALTH							
Effective health sector Planning at all levels.	Strengthening health organizational structures at national, regional and facility level.	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	8,000.00
	Implementing full decentralization in the technical, administrative, and management functions of the health	390.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	390.00	1,950.00

	sector.						
	Increasing utilization of the Health Management Information System (HMIS).	965.00	925.00	925.00	925.00	925.00	4,665.00
	Promoting evidence-based decision-making in the health sector	2,285.00	2,285.00	2,285.00	2,285.00	2,285.00	11,425.00
Improved access and equitable health service delivery.	Strengthening health care systems at community level	3,950.00	3,450.00	2,950.00	2,950.00	2,950.00	16,250.00
	Expanding comprehensive primary and reproductive health care programmes.	995.00	995.00	995.00	995.00	995.00	4,975.00
	Promoting community participation in planning, implementing, and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of health issues.	1,860.00	1,810.00	1,790.00	1,790.00	1,790.00	9,040.00
	Improving health infrastructure in all health facilities.	56,750.00	56,750.00	56,750.00	53,750.00	53,750.00	277,750.00
	Enhancing use of ICT in health care provision.	7,380.00	6,380.00	6,380.00	6,380.00	6,380.00	32,900.00
	Strengthening co-operation with donor agencies as well as NGOs involved in the delivery of health care services.	5,870.00	5,820.00	5,770.00	5,770.00	5,770.00	29,000.00
	Developing a harmonious working relationship between traditional and modern practitioners.	2,555.00	2,555.00	2,555.00	2,555.00	2,555.00	12,775.00
	Improving health campaign initiatives.	695.00	645.00	595.00	545.00	545.00	3,025.00
	Enforcing health policies and legislation at all levels	4,005.00	3,905.00	3,905.00	3,905.00	3,905.00	19,625.00
Improved domestic financing for health.	Increasing allocation of National Budget to health.	450.00	400.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,900.00
	Expanding user fees and insurance schemes to ensure sustainability of health service provision.	675.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00	2,475.00
	Expanding Service Level Agreements (SLAs) beyond CHAM to include other private practice facilities.	90.00	65.00	45.00	40.00	40.00	280.00
Increased retention of human resources for health.	Building human resources capacity at all levels.	1,870.00	1,870.00	1,820.00	1,820.00	1,820.00	9,200.00
	Developing a career structure within areas of expertise and specialization.	470.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	440.00	2,230.00
Reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases	Strengthening prevention and management of infectious diseases such as: Malaria, bilharzia (schistosomiasis), Tuberculosis, Diarrhoeal Diseases, Acute Respiratory Infections, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.	580.00	565.00	565.00	565.00	565.00	2,840.00
	Designing appropriate programmes to deal with emerging non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Heart Disease,	185.00	170.00	160.00	160.00	160.00	835.00
	Strengthening Health Professional Councils and Associations of health personnel.	290.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	1,250.00
Reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases	Strengthening prevention and management of infectious diseases such as: Malaria, Tuberculosis, Diarrhoeal Diseases, Acute Respiratory Infections, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.	550.00	540.00	530.00	530.00	530.00	2,680.00
	Designing appropriate programmes to deal with emerging non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as Diabetes Mellitus, Hypertension, Heart Disease, Cancer and other diseases.	405.00	385.00	385.00	385.00	385.00	1,945.00
	Generating quality health information and make it accessible to all intended users for evidence-based decision-making.	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	1,290.00	6,450.00
Reduced morbidity and mortality due to malnutrition	Increasing access to timely and effective management of common nutrition disorders.	800.00	760.00	760.00	760.00	760.00	3,840.00
	Promote nutrition education and counselling.	825.00	825.00	825.00	825.00	825.00	4,125.00
	Integrating nutrition in value chains	2,670.00	2,670.00	2,670.00	2,670.00	2,670.00	13,350.00

	for health improvement.						
	Promoting dietary diversity and consumption of high nutrient value.	1,110.00	1,015.00	1,015.00	1,015.00	1,015.00	5,170.00
Improved hygienic and sanitation practices.	Providing (and promoting use of) improved and accessible sanitation facilities in all public places.	775.00	575.00	525.00	525.00	525.00	2,925.00
	Promoting adoption of safe water and sanitation practices at individual and household level	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	975.00
	Improving management and disposal of both liquid and solid waste.	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00
POPULATION							
Slowed population growth.	Promoting family planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR)	545.00	545.00	545.00	545.00	545.00	2,725.00
	Improving access, delivery and utilization of SRH services to all.	425.00	410.00	395.00	385.00	375.00	1,990.00
	Providing age-appropriate, comprehensive sexuality and reproductive health education for both in- and out-of-school youth.	200.00	200.00	175.00	175.00	170.00	920.00
Skilled and empowered youth population.	Increasing completion rate up to secondary school level for boys and girls.	485.00	435.00	435.00	385.00	385.00	2,125.00
	Increasing access to affordable credit facilities for youth.	525.00	390.00	360.00	310.00	300.00	1,885.00
	Creating job opportunities for the youth.	170.00	130.00	125.00	115.00	100.00	640.00
	Introducing innovative school based curriculum.	235.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	955.00
Increased maternal, neonatal, infant and child survival.	Ensuring increased utilization and access to Basic Health Package (BHP) within 5km radius.	360.00	270.00	265.00	190.00	190.00	1,275.00
	Increasing distribution of long lasting insecticide nets (LLINs) for pregnant women and children.	105.00	90.00	65.00	60.00	45.00	365.00
	Increasing coverage of immunization services.	270.00	255.00	250.00	245.00	240.00	1,260.00
Increased Policy and Legislative Measures focusing on population.	Developing a Population Act and a National Population Policy framework.	190.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	710.00
	Addressing the vulnerabilities caused by population ageing.	280.00	260.00	255.00	240.00	230.00	1,265.00
	Managing migration and urbanization.	260.00	255.00	205.00	185.00	160.00	1,065.00
	Enforcing legislation against early marriage	420.00	355.00	330.00	330.00	320.00	1,755.00
Effective population and development planning at all levels	Integrating demography in national planning and development.	200.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	920.00
	Strengthening national vital registration systems.	230.00	195.00	145.00	145.00	145.00	860.00
Increased awareness on population and development	Intensifying IEC on population and development.	185.00	165.00	155.00	155.00	155.00	815.00
	Reviewing cultural practices and discouraging those that impact adversely on population and development.	320.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	1,600.00
OTHER DEVELOPMENT AREAS							
Medium term Expected outcomes	Strategies						
FINANCIAL SERVICES							
GOAL: To create a vibrant, efficient, stable and inclusive financial sector that will meet the financing needs of all in the country							
Improved digital payments ecosystem in the financial service provision	Enhancing bank reach through broader distribution footprint;	480	350	530	330	500	2190
	Increasing mobile money penetration and utilisation	310	220	540	5420	230	6720
	Empowering alternative financial services distribution channels (including the post office, retail chains and filling stations	130	140	120	110	150	650
	Enhancing utilization of financial infrastructure such as national switch	150	120	130	170	130	700
	Digitization of Government payments	210	300	310	310	220	1350

	(both receipts and payments)						
	Supporting the enabling regulatory framework	150	140	150	140	130	710
Increased savings and investment opportunities	Leveraging savings groups by exploring partnerships with formal financial service providers	300	290	340	340	250	1520
	Introducing voluntary personal pension targeting both formal and informal sector	120	110	170	90	110	600
	Improving product development by service providers to make them relevant to the low income people and MSMEs	320	220	270	290	290	1390
	Facilitate issuance of long term debt instruments by the Government and other public institutions and the private sector	110	110	110	110	130	570
Increased access to credit targeting farmers and other MSMEs	Creating an enabling infrastructure	905	830	1008	800	1540	5083
	Expanding formal credit channels	805	728	800	984	995	4312
	Providing MSME support for growth	1320	1330	1500	1280	750	6180
	Establishing development finance institutions to support agriculture and MSMEs	500	500	590	370	475	2435
Increased insurance penetration to mitigate risks	Developing and implementing a strategy for the insurance sector to ensure sustainable growth of key sectors of the economy;	100	250	360	290	180	1180
	Legislating and implementing medical aid schemes	580	160	150	160	135	1185
	Improving insurance business model	600	590	740	490	510	2930
	Enhancing regulatory framework for micro-insurance	460	380	430	450	780	2500
Enhanced consumer empowerment and effective financial education	Promoting service-provider-led education	520	600	500	480	700	2800
	Strengthening consumer protection framework;	500	300	500	240	650	2190
	Promoting financial literacy initiative	500	400	700	250	250	2100
Enhanced policy and regulatory framework for the financial sector	Formulating and reviewing financial sector policies; and	150	150	130	100	60	590
	Reviewing and enforcing financial sector laws and regulations.	100	250	200	200	10	760
VULNERABILITY, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SOCIAL SUPPORT							
GOAL: Enhance the resilience of the population to socio-economic and environmental shocks							
Developed and strengthened people-centred early warning system	Enhancing disaster management, planning and response;	2600	2400	2900	2400	1730	12030
	Enhancing production and use of early warning information	1190	1610	1860	1700	2190	8550
	Investing in modern early warning technologies	2100	2400	2300	1790	1450	10040
Improved resilience of communities to disaster risks	Implement disaster risk reduction interventions in disaster prone areas	2760	2690	2300	2440	2440	12630
	Enhancing disaster response, and recovery through promotion of the concept of 'building back better'	4760	5890	5520	4290	3890	24350
	Putting in place an effective system to identify, assess and monitor national and cross-border risks	3350	4190	4150	4350	3020	19060
	Strengthening disaster risk management governance at all levels including but not limited to mainstreaming DRM into policies, strategies and programmes	5420	6200	5580	6260	4680	28140
	Developing a people centred, integrated national early warning system	4280	5300	4900	4210	5400	24090
	Promoting awareness, access, distribution and utilization of reliable and relevant DRM information	4150	3990	4150	4230	2570	19090

Improved social support to vulnerable population	Strengthening targeting mechanism for social support beneficiaries	2480	4210	2770	2570	2810	14840
	Broadening and scaling up the social support programmes and packages	4280	4400	3580	4300	3800	20360
	Domesticate social support financial support for sustainability	1860	1880	2200	2260	1850	10050
	Engage private sector and other non-state actors in the provision of social support	1840	1680	1710	1770	1690	8690
	Expanding Social Cash Transfer to address poverty and deprivation among the ultra-poor and labour constrained households	6770	7090	6775	8230	8450	37315
GENDER, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE							
GOAL: To build an equitable society where opportunity is not defined by sex, age, disability and other vulnerabilities							
Gender mainstreamed in all sector plans, policies, programmes and development frameworks	Increasing equitable access, control and utilization of social and Economic services by youth and women	140	425	345	345	345	1600
Increased Women & youth representation in all decision structures	Ensuring the effective participation of children, youth and women in decision making processes.	209	400	400	600	600	2209
	Increasing youth participation in development initiatives at all levels;	238	1420	1420	1370	1370	5818
Increased sporting activities and training in other life skills	Enhance development and quality of sports in Malawi among all ages with special focus on the youth	957	5500	5550	5551	5555	23113
Children have access to essential quality services for their survival, protection and development.	Promoting access to education	3540	18720	16720	15700	15690	70370
Improved equitable access to quality early childhood development services	Promoting early childhood development and pre-primary education	6140	18490	16990	16940	16940	75500
Strengthened national child protection systems to reduce children's vulnerability to violence, abuse, and exploitation	Promoting advocacy and awareness on children's issues	334	1426	1424	1419	1419	6022
	Strengthening inter-sectoral coordination and capacity of all stakeholders	228	2681	2671	1080	1086	7746
Improved allocation and utilization of resources for effective delivery of social welfare services	Increasing access to social justice and other welfare services	239	2035	2029	1040	1042	6385
	Promoting compliance to standards in the delivery of Social Welfare services:	42	39	31	50	52	214
	Enhancing capacity of social welfare workforce for effective delivery of quality social welfare services.	1061	2122	2116	2119	2121	9539
	Establishing and strengthening coordination structures in the provision of social welfare services at all levels	34	26	18	29	29	136
Improved welfare for persons with disability	Facilitating the implementation of enabling and inclusive mechanisms within small and medium enterprises as well as credit facilities	25	33	25	41	46	170
	Promoting employment and decent work for persons with disabilities.	60	103	95	99	102	459
	Increase access to health services and social assistance	78	809	795	821	826	3329
Equitable access to social services among the elderly and persons with disabilities.	Facilitate the inclusion of persons with disabilities and the elderly in social support programs	75	66	50	70	78	339
Improved capacity to effectively undertake and coordinate disability programs.	Improving capacity to effectively undertake and coordinate disability programmes	28	43	37	55	56	219
Enhanced mainstreaming of disability issues across sectors.	Promoting inclusion of needs of persons with disability in sectoral policies, laws and programs	158	1013	1007	1021	1023	4222
Improved individual and household livelihood and income levels among	Promote livelihood and economic enhancing programs for older persons	163	417	407	419	420	1826

older persons							
Strengthened national protection systems for children, older persons and persons with albinism	Protecting children, older persons and persons with albinism against violence, abuse and exploitation	163	624	522	530	528	2367
	Promoting advocacy and awareness of children, elderly and albinism issues	87	88	72	84	90	421
Improved institutional capacity to coordinate and implement elderly programs;	Strengthening institutional capacity;	389	1909	1299	1312	1319	6228
HUMAN SETTLEMENT AND PHYSICAL PLANNING							
GOAL: An integrated and sustainable land use and human settlement							
Improved access to land and tenure security for sustainable economic development	Reviewing legal framework to support urban development planning and management	3800	4900	4800	4950	6900	25350
Improved availability of geospatial information	Modernizing the geodetic network;	4400	4600	4250	3950	4580	21780
	Enforcing and monitoring adherence to land related standards and guidelines	3600	4100	4400	5300	4120	21520
	Establishing a National Spatial Data Centre	4850	4560	4300	4690	5310	23710
Improved land use planning and management	Conducting property valuation	7660	7660	9170	7880	8130	40500
	Creating a database for land records, systems and processes	3700	3650	4560	4850	4630	21390
Increased access and availability of affordable and decent houses.	Upgrading informal settlements	4400	4900	5350	5660	5240	25550
	Building more houses in urban areas	12390	12450	14040	10160	6656	55696
	Promoting the use of cost effective building materials	2650	2360	2800	2100	2300	12210
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY							
GOAL: Promote sustainable management of the environment and natural resources							
Strengthened environmental management	Integrating environmental management in construction activities	350	500	450	350	250	1900
	Promoting environmental education, awareness and information sharing among stakeholders	550	950	950	670	650	3770
	Enhancing community based natural resource management	110	230	120	110	90	660
	Conserving and sustainably using water sources such as lakes, rivers and wetlands;	180	450	350	250	200	1430
	Enhancing biological diversity;	150	300	200	200	140	990
	Promoting research, planning, monitoring and evaluation of ENRM programs	190	370	320	370	320	1570
Enhanced environmental degradation preventive measures	Enforcing Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and other related environmental laws	400	700	950	800	850	3700
	Enhancing trans-boundary initiatives in environmental and natural resources programmes	520	920	835	785	690	3750
	Strengthening compliance on pollution control and waste management	850	1450	1300	1250	1150	6000
HIV/AIDS MANAGEMENT							
GOAL: Reduce new infections, HIV/AIDS related deaths and stigma and discrimination							
Reduced new HIV infections, HIV/AIDS related morbidity and mortality	Scaling up HIV/AIDS prevention and management services;	7690	8380	7850	7875	7300	39095
	Increasing universal and targeted HIV testing and counselling; and	4270	4750	5695	4280	4865	23860
	Improving knowledge and skills in nutrition management of HIV related conditions, diseases and drug side effects.	570	930	960	980	1000	4440
Improved legal and regulatory environment for PLHIV	Strengthening the social and legal environment for protection of PLHIV;	1240	1070	1250	1225	1280	6065

	Promoting 'test and treat' intervention to upscale HIV treatment.	1150	1310	1110	1140	1450	6160
Improved planning, management and coordination of HIV and AIDS interventions	Developing strategic information management system on HIV/AIDS;	1490	1700	1735	1615	1430	7970
	Undertaking HIV/AIDS research for evidence based planning	820	850	1040	1510	1285	5505
	Advocating for implementation of HIV/AIDS workplace policies.	1240	1260	1530	1430	1445	6905
PEACE AND SECURITY							
GOAL: To promote peace and protect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and vital interests of Malawi against both external and internal threats.							
Improved methods of promoting international, regional, national and community security	Enhancing community integration and participation in promoting a secure peaceful and crime free environment	265	265	265	265	265	1325
	Promote regional peace and international order.	340	340	340	340	340	1700
Developed a professional and modern security	Maintain a healthy well trained, equipped, disciplined and gender sensitive, combat ready force; and	289	392	302	315	287	1585
	Maintaining a sustainable size of security force.	15115	25170	25170	20110	14105	99670
Protected constitutional order	Improving the responsiveness of all security sectors to national needs by ensuring quick reaction and operational.	450	800	710	570	470	3000
Improved migration mechanism in line with national population policies	Increasing capacity of migration management institutions;	200	670	520	410	300	2100
	Promote national registration among the Malawian citizen	550	750	1050	730	520	3600
	Developing integrated information management system at all levels	170	340	280	230	180	1200
Enhanced management of prisons at local as well as national level	Instituting gender responsive and disability friendly prison facilities	2600	2650	2650	2600	2600	13100
	Improving prison infrastructure	10200	50280	50270	50300	50170	211220
	Fast-tracking execution of cases for observance of human rights	1270	1280	1290	1280	1280	6400
	Improving rehabilitation interventions in all prisons	1000	1050	1050	1000	1000	5100
NUTRITION							
Reduced prevalence of Stunting, Wasting and Underweight	Promote adolescent and women's nutrition before, during, and after pregnancy.	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00	370.00	1,850.00
	Promote optimal breast feeding practices for children 0-6 months at facility, community, and household levels.	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	430.00	2,150.00
	Promote continued breastfeeding and appropriate complementary feeding of children aged 6-24 months and beyond.	470.00	470.00	470.00	470.00	470.00	2,350.00
	Promote hygiene, water and sanitation practices at individual and household levels for improved nutrition	410.00	410.00	410.00	410.00	410.00	2,050.00
	Promote consumption of high nutritive value and diversified diets	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00	1,220.00	6,100.00
	Integrating nutrition in value chains for nutrition improvement	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	5,500.00
	Promote implementation of nutrition-sensitive interventions in key sectors. (Agriculture, Education, Health, Gender, WASH, Social Protection)	370.00	310.00	310.00	310.00	310.00	1,610.00
	Promote Early Childhood Development through active feeding and stimulation	320.00	310.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	1,530.00
	Promote male involvement and address gender and socio-cultural issues in maternal, infant and young child nutrition, child care, and household duties.	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	890.00	4,450.00

Reduced prevalence of micronutrient deficiencies	Promote Public-Private Partnerships in food production, processing, fortification, and consumption	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	7,875.00
	Promote consumption of micronutrient rich foods	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	3,500.00
	Ensure micronutrient supplementation	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	5,250.00
	Promote fortification and standardisation of centrally-processed food for improved nutrition.	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	975.00	4,875.00
	Promote consumption of bio-fortified foods	990.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	4,790.00
Improved nutrition among adolescents and school going children	Integrate and scale up nutrition in the Early Childhood Development programme	705.00	655.00	655.00	655.00	655.00	3,325.00
	Scaling up school health nutrition	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	2,750.00
	Promote adolescent nutrition through supplementation	700.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	2,900.00
Reduced prevalence of acute malnutrition including during emergencies	Strengthen the quality of implementation of Facility and Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	6,250.00
	Promote scaling up and strengthen quality of Nutrition Care Support and Treatment (NCST) for Tuberculosis, People Living with HIV and AIDS, and other chronically ill persons in all public and private health facilities.	575.00	575.00	575.00	575.00	575.00	2,875.00
	Strengthen planning and coordination mechanisms for nutrition emergency response and resilience at all levels	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	1,050.00	5,250.00
Reduced prevalence of overweight and nutrition-related Non-Communicable Diseases	Increasing access to services for prevention, early detection, and management of nutrition-related NCDs.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,500.00
	Strengthening capacity of service providers' to provide nutrition and lifestyle counselling services at the facility and community level.	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	8,250.00
	Promoting awareness campaigns and behaviour change communication on prevention of nutrition-related NCDs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
Improved nutrition knowledge, attitude and practices	Promoting behavioural change for community ownership and improved nutrition knowledge, attitudes, and practices.	800.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	3,800.00
	Promoting social mobilisation through mass media, folk media and other communication channels	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	7,250.00
	Strengthening the capacity of all sectors at national and district level to implement nutrition education and communication strategy.	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	8,250.00
Improved enabling environment for effective coordination and implementation for Nutrition	Strengthen multi-sectoral nutrition governance and coordination at all levels	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	1,850.00	9,250.00
	Increased financial resource allocations for nutrition programming by Government and Development Partners.	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	9,750.00
	Enforce legal instruments to guide implementation of nutrition services and programmes.	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	14,000.00
	Promote public-private partnership in implementation of nutrition programmes.	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	2,750.00
	Promote nutrition researches to create evidence based policies and programming	1,150.00	650.00	1,150.00	650.00	750.00	4,350.00
	Strengthen human capacity for effective programming and delivery of nutrition services at all levels.	1,500.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	1,450.00	7,300.00
	Strengthen monitoring, evaluation and surveillance systems for routine information sharing and data utilisation at all levels.	2,370.00	2,270.00	2,220.00	2,220.00	2,220.00	11,300.00

ANNEX 6: MGDS III M&E RESULTS FRAMEWORK-GOAL LEVEL INDICATORS

Table 1: Macro Economic Growth, Productivity, Competitive and Resilience Indicators

MGDS III Goal	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
				2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Macro-Economic Growth and productivity	Goal 1; 8; 17	GDP in Current Prices (billions of kwacha)	3,919	5,337	5,337	5,337	6,955	6,955	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		SDG 8.1.1 Real GDP annual growth rate (%)	2%	5%	7%	7%	7%	7%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		GDP per capita (USD)	458					1000	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		Annual Average Inflation (CPI) (%)	22%	11%	9%	9%	9%	9%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		Basic Fiscal Sustainability Indicators								
		Fiscal balance as a percentage of GDP	-7%	-3%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		Net Domestic Debt as a % of GDP	17%	18%	16%	16%	14%	14%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		Total Public Debt (Percentage to GDP)	55%	48%	46%	46%	43%	43%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		External debt of public sector(Percentage of GDP)	33%	30%	30%	30%	29%	29%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		SDG 17.1.1 Total government revenue as a proportion of GDP	19.7%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		SDG 17.1.2 Proportion of domestic budget funded by domestic taxes	17.8%	17.8%	17.8%	17.8%	17.8%	17.8%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		External debt service(percentage of exports)	12%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	Annual reports	MoFEPD
		Basic External Sector Sustainability Indicators								
		Gross official Reserves(months of imports)	2.9	3	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	Annual reports	RBM(Research & Statistics)
		Current Account(Percentage of GDP)	-14%	-9%	-8%	-8%	-8%	-8%	Annual reports	RBM(Research & Statistics)
Resilience	Goal 1, 10	SDG 1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line \$1.25 day \$ per day (% of population)	69.40%			48%		39%	Survey: 5 years (IHS)	NSO/MFEPD/WDR
		SDG 1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the national poverty line(% of population)	51%			41%		34%	Survey: 5 years (IHS)	NSO/MFEPD/WDR
		Extreme Poverty headcount measured by consumption based on national poverty line(% of Population)	46%			15%		8%	Survey: 5 years (IHS)	NSO/MFEPD/WDR

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MGDS III Goal	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
				2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
		National Human Development Index (HDI)	0.414			0.5		0.6	HDR reports	UNDP/MFEPD
		SDG 1.a.1 Proportion of resources allocated by the government directly to poverty reduction programmes (social expenditure)	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	Annual reports	MoFEPD/WDR
		SDG 10.1.1 Growth rates of household expenditure or income per capita among the bottom 40 per cent of the population and the total population	0.13%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	Survey: 5 years (IHS)	NSO/MFEPD/WDR
		SDG 10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income	16%	15%	14%	13%	12%	11%	Survey: 5 years (IHS)	NSO/MFEPD/WDR
Competitiveness and Human Development	Goal 1	SDG 4.6.1a Adult literacy rate (%)	65.8%	69%	72%	76%	80%	84%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOEST
		SDG 4.6.1b Female literacy rate (%)	59.0%	62%	65%	68%	72%	75%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOEST
		SDG 4.6.1c Youth (15-24) literacy rate (%)	81.1%	85%	89%	90%	96%	96%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOEST
		SDG 1.a 2 Proportion of total government spending on (education)	16.7%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	Budget reports	MoFEPD

ANNEX 7: KEY PRIORITY AREAS (KPAS) LEVEL INDICATORS

Annex Table 7.1: Agriculture and Climate Change

MGDS Key Priority Area 1: To achieve sustainable agricultural transformation that is adaptive to Climate Change											
MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
1.1 Agriculture	Increased agricultural production and productivity	Goal 2	Ratio of Agricultural extension service workers to farmers	2.13	1.85	1.57	1.29	1.01	0.74	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Ratio of farmer to lead farmers in extension services	1.25	1.13	1	0.88	0.75	0.63	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Proportion of farm households which adopt recommended agricultural technologies	48.2%	50%	53%	56%	59%	62%	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			SDG 1.a.1 Proportion of budget allocated to agriculture	17.7%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	Budget reports MoFEPD	MoFEPD
			Annual growth in agricultural GDP	4.8%	3.5%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%	6%	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Maize yield (Tonnes/ha)	2.2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Rice yield (Tonnes/ha)	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Legumes yield (Tonnes/ha)	1	1.4	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.6	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			SDG 2.4.1 Proportion of agricultural area under productive and sustainable agriculture (National: % of arable land under cultivation)	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%	50%	Agriculture surveys,IHS, FAOSTAT	MoAIWD
			Hectarage under legumes (ha)	1,054,217	1,106,928	1,162,274	1,220,388	1,281,407	1,345,478	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
	Increased land under irrigation;	Goal 2	Area under irrigation (ha)	107,991	108,000	112,000	116,000	120,000	158,791	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
	Increased agricultural diversification		Cattle population	1,540,009	1,600,000	1,680,000	1,780,000	1,890,000	2,000,000	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Goats Population	7,672,737	7,700,000	7,790,000	7,800,000	7,900,000	8,000,000	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Capture fisheries (MT)	113,672	121,000	130,000	139,000	148,000	156,000	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			Aquaculture (MT)	4,742	5,400	6,000	6,600	7,200	8,000	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
			SDG 14.7.1 Sustainable fisheries as a percentage of GDP	3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	Agricultural surveys/APES	MoAIWD
	Improved nutrition and food security	Goal 2	Percentage of food insecure households	31%	14%	5%	5%	5%	5%	Agricultural surveys/APES/MVAC	MoAI&WD
			SDG 2.1.1 Prevalence of undernourishment	20.8%	20.7%	16%	14%	14%	13%	Agriculture surveys,IHS, FAOSTAT	MoAI&WD
			SDG 2.1.2 Prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the population, based on the Food Insecurity Experience Scale (FIES)	21.8%	18.0%	17%	16%	15%	10%	Agriculture surveys,IHS, FAOSTAT	MoAI&WD
	Increased agricultural exports, Increased agriculture market development, agro processing and value Addition	Goal 2; 8	Percentage increase in value of agriculture exports to total exports	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	50%	Trade reports	MoFEPD, MoIT, MoAI&WD
			Annual growth in agricultural value addition and agro-processed output	4%	8%	12%	16%	20%	20%	Trade reports	MoFEPD, MoIT, MoAI&WD
	Enhanced agricultural risk management	Goal 13	Agricultural area under Sustainable Land Management (ha)	628,728	630,000	632,000	633,800	634,000	642,500	Agricultural surveys	MoAI&WD
			Proportion of women among owners of agricultural land	58%	58%	60%	65%	65%	70%	Agricultural surveys	MoAI&WD

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
1.2: Climate Change	Improved weather and climate monitoring, prediction, information and knowledge management systems	Goal 13	The proportion increase of general public in Malawi aware and appreciating environment , climate and natural resources management issues	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	Monitoring reports	EAD
	Strengthened policy operating environment for climate change and meteorological services		Number of sectors integrating climate change priorities in their plans and programs	1	4	6	8	10	11	Monitoring reports	EAD
	Enhanced community resilience to climate change impacts	Goal 13	Percentage reduction in population vulnerable to the impacts of drought and floods	10%	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	Monitoring reports	EAD
			Reduction in consumption of Ozone Depleting Substances	162 ton	140ton	120 ton	100tons	70 ton	50 ton	Monitoring reports	EAD
			Number of districts practicing adaptation and mitigation measures	10	14	17	21	24	28	Annual Reports	EAD
	Enhanced climate change research and technology development	Goal 13	Number of automated weather stations increased	54	79	89	99	103	107	Monitoring reports	Dept Climate Change and Meteorological Services and research institutions
			Number of conventional weather stations increased	21	21	23	24	25	25	Monitoring reports	Dept Climate Change and

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
											Meteorological Services and research institutions
1.3: Water Resources Development, Utilization and Management	Increased access to water resources	Goal 6	SDG 6.1.1a Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water (National: % of households using improved water source (Total) (%)	87%	88%	90%	90%	90%	90%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/ MoAIWD
			SDG 6.1.1b. % of households using improved water source (Rural) (%)	85%	86%	87%	88%	89%	89%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/ MoAIWD
			SDG 6.1.1c. % of households using improved water source (Urban) (%)	98%	98.4%	98.6%	98.7%	99%	99%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/ MoAIWD
	Enhanced integrated water resources management at all levels	Goal 6	% of households reporting water potable water available with no interruption at least 24 hours	44%	50%	60%	70%	80%	87%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/ MoAIWD
			% of households with portable water within 500 meters /30 minutes' walk	26%	40%	60%	70%	80%	87%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/ MoAIWD

Annex Table 7.2: Education and Skills Development

MGDS Key Priority Area 2: Improve quality and relevant education and skills for all											
MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
2.1 Basic Education	Improved access and equity to Early Childhood Development (ECD)		Number of purposefully ECD centers constructed	0	300	300	300	300	1500	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 4.2.2 Participation rate in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age) (National: Proportion of Children (Ages 1-5) accessing ECD services	44.5%	50%	65%	66%	68%	70%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Improved quality ECD services for children in Malawi		Number of ECD training institutions constructed/established	2	2	2	3	4	4	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Percentage of trained caregivers and parents (to disaggregate by gender when reporting)	49%	52%	55%	60%	66%	72%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Percentage of caregivers receiving a salary/ honoraria(to disaggregate by gender when reporting)	9%	61%	66%	70%	73%	75%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Improved access and equity in basic education		Improved Equitable Access to Education at All Levels (%)	64%	65%	65%	66%	66%	67%	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Improved Quality and Relevance of Education at All Levels (%)	49%	58%	62%	67%	73%	79%	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Number of Primary school teachers training colleges constructed	1	0	1	1	1	4	EMIS reports	MOEST
			SDG 4.c.1 Pupil Qualified Teacher Ratio (Primary)	80	74.3	71.6	69	66.5	64.1	EMIS reports	MOEST
			SDG 4.5.1 Gender Parity Index (GPI) For Primary Education (Total)	1	1.01	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.02	EMIS reports	MOEST
	Net Attendance Ratio for	94%	95%	95%	96%	97%	98%	DHS/MICS	MOEST		

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible	
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022			
			Primary (%)							reports		
			Net Attendance Ratio for Primary (Girls) (%)	94.30%	95%	96%	97%	97%	98%	DHS/MICS reports	MOEST	
			Survival Rate to Standard 8 for Girls	29%	31%	32%	33%	34%	35%	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Repetition Rate – Primary (Girls)	23%	21%	19%	17%	15%	13%	EMIS reports	MOEST	
	Improved quality and relevance of primary education	Goal 4	Pupil Permanent Classroom Ratio (Primary)	116	112.4	110.6	108.8	107.1	105.4	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Survival Rate to Standard 8 for Boys	35%	37%	38%	39%	39%	40%	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Primary Completion Rate	51%	51%	52%	52%	52%	52%	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Governance Structures (SMC, PTA, Students Body, Board Of Governors/Councils) Functional In All Learning Institutions	90%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Improved governance and management of basic education	Vacancy Rate (%)	30%	21%	17%	10%	8%	7%	EMIS reports	MOEST
				Teacher Promotion Rate (%)	21%	26%	29%	30%	33%	37%	EMIS reports	MOEST
2.2 Secondary Education	Increased access to secondary education for both boys and girls and those with special needs	Goal 4	Secondary school enrolment	351,651	411,053	444,416	480,488	519,488	561,653	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Net Attendance Ratio for secondary school	17%	18%	19%	20%	21%	22%	DHS/MICS reports	MOEST	
			Net Attendance Ratio – Secondary (Girls)	18%	19%	20%	20%	21%	22%	DHS/MICS reports	MOEST	
			Number of secondary school students provided with bursary each year	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	EMIS reports	MOEST	
			Percentage of special needs education students in secondary	1.20%	1.20%	1.30%	1.30%	1.40%	1.50%	EMIS reports	MOEST	

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			schools								
			SDG 4.5.1 Gender Parity Index for Secondary	0.89	0.94	0.95	0.97	0.99	1.01	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Malawi School Certificate of Education (MSCE) Pass Rate (%)	52	59.9	64.4	69.1	74.2	75	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Science laboratories and libraries constructed and refurbished in CDSSs.	0					200	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Number of secondary schools practicing double-shifting	110	180	240	320	380	410	EMIS reports	MOEST
	Improved quality of Secondary school education										
	Transition Rate to Secondary (Girls)		36.4	37	38.2	39.5	40.8	42.5	EMIS reports	MOEST	
	Improved governance and Management of secondary education.		Transition Rate to Secondary (Boys)	33.5	35	36.4	37.8	39.2	40.8	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Number of qualified teachers deployed to Community Day Secondary Schools (CDSS)	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Percentage of secondary schools with SMC, PTA and Mother groups in place (%)	70%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	EMIS reports	MOEST
2.3 Higher Education	Improved Access and Equity to higher education	Goal 4	University Enrollment Capacity	7445	8041	8443	9118	9847	10635	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Number of public and private universities using Open Distance Learning (ODL)	2	2	5	8	11	19	EMIS reports	MOEST
			Gender Parity Index -Teacher Training (Primary) Enrolment	1.4	1	1	1	1	1	EMIS reports	MOEST
	Improved Governance		Number of private universities accredited	7	7	15	18	20	20	EMIS reports	MOEST

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	System of higher education										
2.4: Skills Development	Improved access and equity in skills development training	Goal 8	Number of community colleges established per year (cumulative)	12	13	13	13	13	17	Labour reports	MoLYSMD/NSO
			Number of students enrolled in community/technical colleges increased (Male/Female) per year	7,324	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Labour reports	MoLYSMD/NSO
	Improved quality of labour force		Number of people trade tested and certified per year	9,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	Labour reports	MoLYSMD/NSO
			SDG 8.5.2 Unemployment rate (%) (Total)	20.4%			15%		15%	Survey: 3-5 years (LFS)	MoLYSMD/NSO
			SDG 8.6.1 Proportion of youth (aged 15-24 years) not in employment (National: Youth unemployment rate (%))	15%			12%		10%	Survey: 3-5 years (LFS)	MoLYSMD/NSO
			Labour force participation rate (%)	89%			90%		95%	Survey: 3-5 years (LFS)	MoLYSMD/NSO
			SDG 8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5-17 years engaged in child labour (National : Prevalence rate of worst forms of child labour)	38%			29%		20%	Survey: 3-5 years (LFS)	MoLYSMD/NSO
			Number of competitions for sports disciplines established at all levels	32	32	32	32	32	32	Annual	MoLYSMD
			Number of new youths and sports infrastructure and cultural centers constructed	2	3	3	3	3	3	Annual	MoLYSMD
			SDG 8.7.1 Proportion and number of children aged 5-17	38%			29%		20%	Survey: 3-5 years (LFS)	MoLYSMD/NSO

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			years engaged in child labour (National : Prevalence rate of worst forms of child labour)								
			SDG 8.8.1 Frequency rates of fatal and non-fatal occupational injuries (National: Proportion of injured workers compensated (%))	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	100%	Annual	MoLYSMD
			Number of competitions for sports disciplines established at all levels	32	32	32	32	32	32	Annual	MoLYSMD

Annex Table 7.3: Energy and Industrial Development

MGDS Key Priority Area 3: Energy, Industry and Tourism Development -Provide sufficient sustainable energy for industrial and socio-economic development, manage and promote a vibrant tourism industry.											
MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
3.1 Energy	Improved access to reliable and sustainable energy supply	Goal 7	SDG 7.1.1 Percentage of population with access to electricity (%)	10%	23%	30%	37%	47%	50%	Survey	Department of Energy Affairs; ESCOM; NSO
			Local generation capacity increased	361	478	560	688	988	1,538	Monitoring Reports	Department of Energy Affairs; ENGCO; NSO
			Number of power generation stations constructed	10	4	3	4	1	3	Monitoring Reports	Dept of Energy Affairs
			Percentage change in penetration of renewable energy sources (%)	7%	10%	11%	12%	13%	15%	Monitoring Reports	Dept of Energy Affairs, ESCOM
			Number of trading centres/ public institutions with access to electricity (MAREP)	524	336	486	536	586	636	Monitoring Reports	Department of Energy Affairs, ESCOM
			Coal production levels (tonnes)	43,338	65,000	68,000	70,000	75,000	80,000	Monitoring Reports	Dept of Mines
			Fuel holding capacity in terms of number of days of fuel cover (days)	60	90	90	90	90	90	Monitoring Reports	Dept of Energy Affairs; MERA; NOCMA
	Improved access to affordable alternative sources of energy.		Penetration of energy efficient technologies in %age. (Cook stoves, LPG Cylinders)	18%	30%	36%	42%	48%	54%	Monitoring Reports	Department of Energy Affairs, ESCOM, NSO
	Enhanced use of renewable and clean energy in the		Percentage of households using solid fuel (firewood, sustainable sources) for cooking	88%	85%	82%	80%	80%	80%	Annual surveys	Dept of Energy Affairs; MERA; Department of

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	underserved communities										Forestry
3.2 Industrial Development	Improved environment for investment and private sector development	Goal 17.3	Improved ranking for ease of doing business in Malawi from 133 to 99	133	127	120	115	108	99	Doing Business Index Report	World Bank (WB)
			Global Competiveness score								
			SDG 10.b.1 Foreign Direct Investment as net inflow (US\$ millions)	515.3	800	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,500	Annual Economic Report (AER)	Reserve Bank of Malawi; MITC; World Bank
			Percentage of foreign investment ventured into partnership with indigenous Malawians (%)	2%	2.5%	10%	20%	30%	40%	MITC database	Malawi Investment & Trade Centre (MITC); MoITT
			Average time taken in business registration (days)	37	36	30	22	15	7		WB
			Improved transaction cost in doing business in the country (%)	42	40	38	35	32	30		WB
			Number of procedures involved in doing Business in Malawi (Documentation)	7	7	6	5	5	4	Gazette, Govt Notices	MoITT; MITC
	Increased production and export of manufactured products	Goal 17.10	Percentage change in exports to target markets (%): COMESA	32	35	40	40	40	40	Trade Statistical Bulletins	NSO
			SADC	-15	20	25	30	35	40		NSO
			European Union	-36	2	6	11	12	15		NSO

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			United Kingdom	-174	-100	5	20	30	40		NSO
			United States-AGOA	120	100	80	70	65	65		NSO
			China	-56	80	72	65	60	55		NSO
			Market share of domestic products in world exports (%)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	Annual Trade Reports	NSO
		Goal 12.2	Percentage increase of procurement given to local Malawians (%)	0%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	Annual reports	ODPP; MoITT
		Goal 9.2	SDG 9.2.1 Manufacturing value added as a proportion of GDP	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	25%	Annual Trade Reports	MoITT
			SDG 9.2.2 Manufacturing employment as a proportion of total employment	3.6%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%	Annual Trade Reports	MoITT
			Index of Industrial Production	128.0	138.4	145.3	152.6	160.2	168.2	Annual Economic Surveys	NSO
			Number of new companies in manufacturing established	80	90	105	115	120	130	Annual Trade Reports	MoITT
			Percentage change in real value of exports (%)	15%	20%	18%	15%	12%	10%	Annual Trade Reports	NSO
			Number of additional quality (MBS certified) manufactured products for the local scheme	683	60	75	80	90	95	Annual Trade Reports	MBS; MoITT
			Number of quality assurance institutions accredited	0	1		2		3	Annual Trade Reports	MBS

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
		Goal 17.10	Number of additional manufactured products exported to target markets per annum	1	1	1	1	2	2	Annual Trade Reports	NSO, MRA
	Enhanced production and sound management of mineral resources		Number of computer-based mining cadaster system established	0	1	0	0	0	0	Annual Reports	Dept of Mines (DOM)
			Number of updated geological and mineral occurrence maps produced	1	12	13	13	13	40	Annual Reports	Geological Survey Department (GSD)
			Number of geo-data management centre with online access established	0	1	0	0	0	1	Annual Reports	GSD; DOM
			Percentage contribution of Mining sector to GDP (%)	2%	2%	3%	5%	9%	15%	Annual Economic Report (AER)	Ministry of Finance; Dept of Mines; NSO
			Number of model mining centres developed per year	0	1	0	1	0	0	Annual Reports	Department of Mines
			Well-equipped laboratories constructed per year	0	0	2	1	0	2	Annual Reports	GSD
			Number of Artisanal, Small scale Miners (ASM) trained in mining and value addition per year	150	225	225	225	225	225	Annual Reports	Dept of Mines
4.3 Tourism	Improved investments in tourism infrastructure	Goal 8.9	SDG 8.9.1 Tourism direct GDP as a proportion of total GDP	7.2%	8%	8%	8%	9%	9%	Annual Economic Report (AER)	Department of Tourism (DOT)
			SDG 8.9.2 Proportion of jobs in tourism industries as a proportion of total employment (National:	2.9%	3.2%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	Employment Surveys	DOT

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Percentage contribution of tourism to direct employment per year (%)								
Improved quality of tourism products and services		Goal 8.9	Number of tourism investment laws and regulations reviewed each year	0	1	1	1	0	0	Reports	Department of Tourism, Ministry of Justice
			Number of tourism investment incentives introduced	4	1	1	1	1	1	Reports	Ministry of Trade; MRA; Malawi Investment and Trade Centre
			SDG 12.b.1 Number of sustainable tourism strategies or policies and implemented action plans with agreed monitoring and evaluation tools	1	2	3	3	3	3	Annual Economic Report (AER)	Department of Tourism (DOT)
			Percentage contribution of tourism subsector to overall country's investments per year	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	5%	Malawi Investment & Trade Centre (MITC) Annual Report, AER	DoT; Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
			Length of access roads constructed and upgraded per year (km)	5	10	10	10	10	10	Reports	DOT, Ministry of Transport and Public Works (MoTPW)
Improved conservation and management of cultural heritage		Goal 8.9	Number of destination brand(s) created (<i>cumulative</i>)	1	1	2	2	2	2	Annual Performance Report	DoT
			Number of tourist visitors to Malawi	804,912	1,000,000	1,100,000	1,150,000	1,200,000	1,300,000	Annual Tourism Report	DOT, Private Sector

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcome	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
resources			Accommodation Occupancy rate (%)	53%	56%	59%	62%	65%	70%	Annual Tourism Report	DOT, Private Sector
			Number of graduates from tourism training institutions	400	500	600	700	800	900	Annual Tourism Report	Academia (Institutions of Higher Learning)
			Number of tourism training curriculum reviewed	2	2	2	2	2	2	Annual Tourism Report	Ministry of Education; Academia
			Number of tourism training institutions constructed	2	0	1	0	0	0	Annual Tourism Report	DoT; MoTPW (Buildings Dept)
			Number of tourism establishments licensed	993	1072	1158	1251	1351	1459	Annual Tourism Report	DOT
			Number of tourism establishments graded	24	30	35	40	50	60	Annual Tourism Report	DOT
			Percentage of key stakeholder institutions mainstreaming cultural issues in their policies and programs	10%	10%	2000%	2000%	2000%	1000%	Annual	MoCECCD
			Percentage of key institutions involved in preserving tangible and intangible cultural heritage provided with technical know-how	5%	20%	1000%	2000%	2000%	1000%	Annual	MoCECCD
			Percentage of critical information on cultural issues collected and processed	10%	10%	2000%	2000%	2000%	1000%	Annual	MoCECCD

Annex Table 7.4: Transport, ICT Infrastructure

MGDS Key Priority Area 4: Develop of a safe, affordable, reliable, equitable and sustainable transport and ICT infrastructure											
MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
4.1.1 Road Transport	Reduced travel time and costs for persons and goods	Goal 11	Average travel time by road for trucks between Blantyre and Beira. (Days)	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	Annual reports	MoTPW
			Average travel time by road for trucks between Blantyre and Durban. (Days)	8	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	Annual reports	MoTPW
			Average travel time by road for trucks between Blantyre and Dar-es-Salam. (Days)	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	Annual reports	MoTPW
	Improved transport reliability, levels of service and efficiency	Goal 11	Length of classified paved road network (kms)	4,312	4,473	4,624	4,803	4,983	5,132	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Paved classified road network in good and fair condition (%)	78%	80%	83%	86%	88%	90%	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Upgrading of unpaved roads to paved standards (Km)	28	103	151	179	180	149	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			% of road accidents reduced	13%	20%	20%	28%	28%	30%	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
	Enhanced access to inputs and to local and international markets by producers;		Average price charged by trucks operators for the transportation of goods in Malawi. (Mwk/t.km)	65	86	95	104	114	126	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
	Improved access to inclusive social and public services		SDG 9.1.1 Proportion of the rural population who live within 2 km of an all-season road	38%	39%	40%	40%	41%	42%	3-5 years Surveys (IHIS)	NSO/MoTPW

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
4.1.2 Air Transport	Enhanced access to inputs and to local and international markets by producers (air)	Goal 11	Passengers processing capacity of primary international airports(No/h)	300	400	500	600	700	800	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Total number of passengers through primary international airports	360,000	382,000	393,000	405,000	417,000	430,000	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Total freight through primary international airports	5,738	6,900	7,600	8,400	9,200	10,200	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
4.1.3 Rail Transport	Increased private sector investment in the operation and management of rail transport infrastructure (rail)	Goal 11	Average travel time by rail between Blantyre and Nacala. Days)	2.3	2.3	2	2	1.6	1.6	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Average transport cost by rail: Blantyre – Nacala (USD/t)	68	65	61	58	54	51	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Length of rail network (km)	933	933	933	933	933	933	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Km of rail network in use	732	732	762	792	802	808	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Total Freight Traffic by rail	585,194,27	1,845,000	2,460,000	2,952,000	3,690,000	4,428,000	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Total Passengers Traffic by Rail	182,760	201,490	211,570	222,150	238,810	256,720	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Rehabilitation and restoration of existing rail infrastructure(Km) cumulative	47	60	60	70	300	300	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Condition of the port infrastructure and equipment	43%	67%	69%	69%	69%	69%	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
4.1.4 Water Transport	Increased private sector investment in the operation and management of water transport infrastructure	Goal 11	Total Freight Traffic on Malawi waters	562,350	1,892,900	1,930,700	1,969,300	2,008,700	2,048,900	Annual transport reports	MoTPW
			Total Passengers Traffic on Malawi waters (No.)	2,456,134	2,605,700	2,683,900	2,764,400	2,847,300	2,932,271	Annual transport reports	MoTPW

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	(water)										
4.2 ICT	Increased access to information and communications services	Goal 5, 9.5, 17.6/17.8	SDG 5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone	46%	48%	51%	53%	56%	58%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS), MACRA Surveys	MACRA
			SDG 9.5.1 c Proportion of population covered by a mobile network (2G)	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			SDG 9.5.1 c: Proportion of population covered by a mobile network (3G)	32%	38%	44%	50%	54%	60%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			SDG 17.6.2 Fixed Internet broadband subscriptions (Internet users per 100 people)	18%	18%	19%	20%	21%	30%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			SDG 17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet	9%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Retail Price of Pre-paid Mobile Broadband monthly Bundle, 500MB (USD) Data Volume	4.08	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.0	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			ICT development Index.	1.62	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Proportion of Individuals accessing public Information	40%	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
	A well-developed ICT broadband infrastructure service provision	Goal 9.5	Number of staff trained in evidence based content generation.	20	100	100	100	100	100	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Percentage of institutions generating evidence based information	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	100%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Percentage of international community accessing information on Malawi	10%	20%	30%	40%	45%	50%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Percentage of public Institutions complying to ICT policies, standards, strategies and guidelines	5%	15%	25%	35%	45%	50%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of Telecentres/Public internet/Information Access centres	70	15	15	15	15	15	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of Public Institutions Utilizing High Speed Internet Connections	-	22	200	360	380	400	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
	Increased stock of ICT skilled and industry ready workforce in public and private sector institutions	Goal 9.5	Proportion of public institutions (MDAs) using the internet	20%	30%	45%	55%	60%	65%	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of zonal information production studios established	-	5	5	8	8	8	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of Licensed TV Broadcasters (cumulative)	26	28	30	32	34	36	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of Licensed Radio Broadcasters (cumulative)	52	54	56	58	60	62	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of base stations established (cumulative)	1736	1,800	1850	2,000	2250	2,500	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
	Improved efficiency in postal services		Number of Post Offices converted into One Stop Public Service Delivery Centres	2	2	3	5	5	5	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA
			Number of Post Offices with connectivity	113	10	10	10	10	10	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Number of Post Offices automated	140	6	6	6	6	6	MACRA Industry Performance Report	MACRA

Annex Table 7.5: Health and Population Management

MGDS Key Priority Area 5: To improve health and quality of the population for sustainable socio-economic development.											
MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
5.1 Health	Effective health sector Planning at national and sub-national level		Completeness of reporting by facilities	96%	99%		99%		99%	HMIS	MOH
	Improved access and equitable health service delivery	Goal 3	EHP Coverage (% facilities able to deliver EHP services)	54%	90%		95%		99%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MOH
			Antenatal care coverage – at least four visits (%)	50.60%	55%		60%		65%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MOH
			Postpartum care coverage	39.20%	84%		87%		90%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MOH
			% of health facilities without stock-outs of tracer medicines	20%	5%		5%		5%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MoH
			Penta III coverage	93%	95%		97%		99%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MoH
			Children with diarrhea receiving oral rehydration solution (ORS)	64.70%	70%		79%		85%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MoH
	Improved domestic financing for health	Goal 3	SDG 1.a.2 % of GOM budget allocated to (health sector)	11%	18%	15%	15%	15%	15%	Budget reports	MoFEPD
			Out-of-pocket payment for health	10.9	11%	10%	7%	7%	7%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS);HMIS:	MoH
	Increased	Goal 3	SDG 3.c.1 Health Worker	0.2 (358/10,000	0.2		0.3		0.4 (804)	IHRIS	MoH

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
Retention of human resources for health	Retention of human resources for health		Density- Doctor to population ratio	persons)	(447)		(625)				
			SDG 3.c.1 Health Worker Density -Nurse to population ratio	3.6(597/10,000 persons)	4.2 (7559)		5.1 (9814)		5.9 (12,070)	IHRIS	MoH
	Reduced incidence and prevalence of diseases	Goal 3	SDG 3.3.2. Tuberculosis incidence per 1,000 population (National:TB case notification rate/100000)	106	191		196		196	NTCP reports	MoH
			TB treatment success rate of SS + TB cases	84%	88%		89%		90%	NTCP reports	MoH
			SDG 3.3.3 Malaria incidence rate per 1,000 population (presumed and confirmed)	380	320		260		200	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	MoH
			SDG 3.8.1 EHP Coverage (% facilities able to deliver EHP services)	54%	90%		95%		99%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MoH
			% of 1-year-old children fully immunized (survey-based)	71.3%	88%		90%		92%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MoH
			% of 1-year-old children immunized against measles	91.2%	92%		93%		94%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MoH
			SDG 3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio/100,000live births	574	516		458		400	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			SDG 3.1.2: Proportion of births in health facilities attended by skilled health personnel	90.0%	93%		95%		100%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS:	NSO/MoH

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
										Annual	
			Proportion of facility based/institutional deliveries	91.0%	95%		98%		100%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MoH
			SDG 3.2.1 Under-5 mortality rate (U5MR)/1000 live births	64	64		55		48	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			SDG 3.2.2 Neonatal mortality rate/1000 live births	27	26		24		22	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			Infant mortality rate (IMR)/1000 live births	42	40		37		34	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MoH
	Improved hygienic and sanitation practices	Goal 6	SDG 6.2.1a. Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services (National:% of households with improved sanitation (Total)	52%	65%	65%	75%	75%	85%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			SDG 6.2.1c. % of households with improved sanitation (Urban)	53%	54%	56%	57%	58%	80%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			SDG 6.2.1b. % of households with improved sanitation (Rural)	45%	46%	47%	48%	49%	65%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			Percent of households with handwashing facilities (Total)	19%	24%	30%	37%	46%	58%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
			Percent of households with handwashing facilities (Urban)	29%	36%	43%	53%	64%	79%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Percent of households with handwashing facilities (Rural)	18%	21%	25%	30%	36%	42%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH
5.2 Nutrition	Reduced prevalence of stunting, wasting, underweight and other forms of malnutrition	Goal 2	SDG 2.2.1a Percentage of children under five years of age who are stunted	37%	35%	34%	33%	32	31%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.1b. Percentage of children under five years of age who are underweight	12%	10%	9%	8%	7	6%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2a Percentage of children under five years of age who are malnourished (wasting)	2.70%	2.20%	1.95%	1.70%	1.45%	1.20%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2b. Percentage of children under five years of age who are overweight	4.50%	3.90%	3.60%	3.30%	3%	2.70%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.1 Percentage of children 6-23 months who received 4 or more food groups	25%	30%	35%	40%	45%	50%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2 and SDG 3.3.2 Percentage of low birth weight babies	13%	11%	10%	9%	8%	7%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2 Percentage of children age 6–59 months with anaemia	63%	61%	60%	59%	58%	57%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2 Percentage of women age 15–49 years with anaemia	33%	31%	30%	29%	28%	27%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.2 Percentage women of reproductive age 15–49 years who are undernourished (thin BMI <18.5cms)	9%	7%		5%		3%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			SDG 2.2.2 Proportion of children 0–5 months of age who are exclusively breastfed	61%	65%	67%	69%	71%	73%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2a: Percentage of budgetary allocation for nutrition programs	0.03%	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%	0.05%	0.05%	Budget reports	MoF
			SDG 3.3.4 Percentage of women reproductive age 15-49 years who are obese or overweight	21%	20%	19%	18%	17%	16%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
			SDG 2.2.1a Percentage of children under five years of age who are stunted	37%	35%	34%	33%	32%	31%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MoH/DHNA
5.3 Population Management	Slowed population growth	Goal 3, 5	Population Growth Rate (%)	3.15%	3.16%	3.16%	3.15%	3.15%	2.50%	Census	NSO
			SDG 3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods	62%	74%		80%		85%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MOH
			SDG 3.7.2 Adolescent birth rate (aged 15-19 years) per 1,000 women	136	125	125	115	115	100	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MOH
			SDG 5.6.1 Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care	78.6%	80%	80%	82%	85%	85%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)	NSO/MOH
			Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (married women)	Married women: 58%;	64%		69%		73%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	MOH

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MGDS III Key Priority Area	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Modern contraceptive prevalence rate (un married women)	unmarried women: 44%	54%		58%		60%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	MOH
	Effective population and development planning at all levels		Life Expectancy at Birth Total (years)	57.6	58.4	59.2	60.6	61.3	61.9	Census	NSO
			Life Expectancy at Birth Male (years)	56.3	57.1	57.9	59.4	60	60.7	Census	NSO
			Life Expectancy at Birth Female (years)	59	59.1	60.5	61.9	62.3	63.2	Census	NSO
			Total Fertility Rate	4.4	4.4	4.4	3.5	3.5	3	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	NSO/MOH
			Crude Birth Rate	32.2	31.9	31.6	31.2	30.9	30.6	Census	NSO
			Crude Death Rate	10.8	10.35	9.9	9.5	9.5	8.8	Census	NSO

Annex Table 7.6: Other Development Areas

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
6.1.1: Financial Services: To create a vibrant, efficient, stable and inclusive financial sector that will meet the financing needs of all in the country											
Financial services	Improved digital payments ecosystem in the financial service provision	Goal 8.10	SDG 8.10.2 Proportion of adults (15 years and older) with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service	27%	32%	39%	47%	55%	55%	FINSCOPE Survey	RBM/MoFEPD
	Increased savings and investment opportunities	Goal 9.3	Ratio of private sector credit to GDP by commercial banks (%)	15.1%	16.0%	17.0%	18.0%	19.0%	20.0%	Financial review	RBM/MoFEPD
	Increased access to credit targeting farmers and other MSMEs		Percentage of population financially inclusion (%)	34.0%	38.1%	42.6%	47.8%	53.5%	55.0%	FINSCOPE Survey	RBM/MoFEPD
6.1.2 Vulnerability, Disaster and Risk Management Goal: Enhance the resilience of the population to socio-economic and natural disasters and shocks											
Vulnerability, Disaster and Risk Management	Developed and strengthened of a people-centered early warning system;		Number of Communities with community based Early Warning Systems	3	5	5	5	5	5	Annual Reports	DoDMA
	Increased resilience of communities to disasters		Percentage of TA in the 15 disaster-prone districts able to initiate and implement disaster risk reduction interventions on their own	10%	20%	30%	35%	40%	45%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
	Improved preparedness for, response to and recovery from disasters.		SDG 11.b.1 Proportion of districts that adopt and implement local disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (National : Number of DDPs that have integrated DRM)	9	11	13	15	17	19	Annual Reports	DoDMA
			Number of local authorities with DRM included in their annual budgets	1	4	9	15	23	33	Annual Reports	DoDMA
	Improved social support to vulnerable population		% of Households reached with assistance due to disasters (i)	86%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Floods								
			(ii) Earthquake	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
			(iii) Lightning	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
			(iV) Stormy Rains	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
			(v) Drought	66%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
			% of affected households assisted with relief items indicate time	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	DoDMA
6.1.3 a Gender, Social Welfare and Youth Development Goal: To build an equitable society where opportunity is not defined by sex, age, disability and other vulnerabilities											
Gender, Social Welfare and Youth Development	Gender mainstreamed in all sectors, macro policies and legal frameworks.	Goal 5	Gender Development Index	0.907	0.92	0.92	0.93	0.94	0.95	Annual Reports	NSO/MoGCDSW
			Percentage of sectors mainstreaming gender in macro policies and legal frameworks	38%	50%	70%	85%	90%	95%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Number of systems and legal frameworks to protect older persons against vulnerability, violence and abuse developed/Revised	0	2		1		1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Percentage of sectors mainstreaming disability in sector plans and policies	33%	40%	45%	50%	55%	60%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Number of policies and legal frameworks on women ,children, persons with disabilities and elderly reviewed and developed	0	2	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Child Labour Policy developed	0	1	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18	15%					8%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MoGCDSW
	Increased Women & youth representation	Goal 5, 11, 16	% of youth participating in leadership activities	5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
in decision making structures and politics			Number of districts rolled out in Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program	17	18	22	24	28	28	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Integrated approach with regulatory mechanisms for social support instituted	0	1	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 5.5.2 Proportion of women in managerial positions (National : Percentage of women represented in decision making positions in public service)	24%	26%	30%	34%	37%	40%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 5.5.1 Proportion of seats held by women in national parliament and local government (MP, Councilors, Ministers)	17%	17%	40%	40%	40%	40%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Gender Quota system for public service and electoral systems introduced and functional	0	0	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Quota system of employment of persons with disabilities established (5%)	0	0	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Proportion of women, men, boys and girls accessing social justice and welfare services	35%	40%	45%	55%	65%	80%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Percentage of children (Age 13-17) who have experienced physical violence by caregivers in the past 12 months	25%	23%	21%	19%	17%	15%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months	42%	38%	34%	31%	28%	28%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MoGCDSW

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			SDG 5.2.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months	20%	18%	16%	15%	13%	10%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MoGCDSW
			SDG 11.7.2 Proportion of persons victim of physical or sexual harassment	34%	31%	28%	25%	22%	17%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Children have access to essential quality services for their survival, protection and development	Goal 5, 11, 16	Functionality of support units for child justice including Child Helpline	0	1	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Improved equitable access to quality early childhood development services		Number of community child protection workers trained and deployed (to disaggregate by gender when reporting)	300	200	200	200	200	200	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Strengthened national child protection systems to reduce children’s vulnerability to violence, abuse, and exploitation		Percentage of children issued with Birth Registration Certificates	1%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual Reports	MOHAIS
			Percentage of children whose births are registered by civil authorities	17%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	MICS/Census	NSO/MoGCDSW
			Number of children rescued from child trafficking	150	200	250	300	350	400	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Percent of children (0-17 years) suffering from 2+ deprivations	63%					32%	Child Poverty Reports	UNICEF/MoGCDSW
			Percent of child monetary poverty rate (0-17 years)	43%					21%	Child Poverty Reports	UNICEF/MoGCDSW
			Percent of children (0-17 years) poor and deprived in 2+ deprivation	34%					17%	Child Poverty Reports	UNICEF/MoGCDSW
	Improved allocation and utilization of resources for effective		Goal 5, 11, 16	Proportion of beneficiaries of Social Cash Transfer who are children (0-18yrs)	68%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%	Annual Reports

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	delivery of social welfare services		Percentage of elderly beneficiaries of SCTP	27%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			Number of household beneficiaries of SCTP	169,319	319,000	319,000	319,000	319,000	319,000	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
			SDG 8.b.1 Total government spending in social protection and employment programmes as a proportion of the national budget	44%	45%	47%	48%	50%	51%	Annual Reports	MFEPD Reports
6.1.3 b : Persons with Disabilities Goal: To increase socio-economic and political empowerment of people with disability											
Disability	Improved welfare and health status for persons with disability and the elderly	Goal 1, Goal 5	Proportion of Women, Elderly and persons with disabilities living below US\$ 1.25 per person/day	54%	45%	40%	35%	30%	25%	Annually	MoGCDSW
			Number of persons with disabilities supported in vocational training institutions	616	650	680	700	720	750	Annually	MoGCDSW
	Equitable access to social services among persons with disabilities.		Proportion of students with disabilities attending school	10% from baseline	15% from baseline	20% from baseline	25% from baseline	30% from baseline	Annually	MoGCDSW	
	Enhanced mainstreaming of disability issues across sectors.		Percentage of sectors mainstreaming disability in sector plans and policies	33%	40%	45%	50%	55% %	60%	Annually	MoGCDSW
			Proportion of violence and complaint reported cases against persons with disabilities investigated and concluded	13%	35%	50%	60%	70%	80%	Annual Reports	MoGCDSW
	Improved capacity to effectively undertake and coordinate disability programs.		Proportion of violence and complaint reported cases against persons with disabilities investigated and concluded	13%	35%	50%	60%	70%	80%	Annually	MoGCDSW

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Number of policies and legal frameworks on women ,children, persons with disabilities and elderly reviewed and developed	0	2	1	1	1	1	Annually	MoGCDSW
6.1.4 Human Settlement and Physical Planning Goal: An integrated and sustainable land use and human settlement											
Human Settlement and Physical Planning	Improved access to land and tenure security for sustainable economic development	Goal 1	SDG 1.4.2 Proportion of population with secure tenure rights to land, with legally recognized documentation and who perceive their rights to land as secure (National:Proportion of households with secure land tenure)	30%	32%	35%	38%	40%	45%	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
	Improved provision of geospatial information.		Number of district land registries and urban settlement plans established (cumulative)	0	3	6	12	20	28	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
	Improved land use planning and management for orderly and coordinated physical development.	Goal 11	Number of land parcels registered	360	365	368	10000	20000	30000	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
			SDG 11.1.1 Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing (National :Percentage of urban population living in slums (%))	60%	40%	30%	20%	15%	10%	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
			Number of leased properties inspected	2000	2200	2500	2700	2900	3000	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
			Number of land records digitized	3000	3200	3500	3650	3800	4000	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
											(MoLUHD)
	Improved and sustainable urban systems in cities that will contribute to the orderly and coordinated spatial development and economic growth.		Proportion of lessees adhering to lease covenants and development plans (%)	30%	40%	60%	70%	80%	85%	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
			Annual urbanization rate (%)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	Annual Reports	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)
	Increased access and availability of affordable and decent houses.		Proportion of households living in improved houses (%)	21%	31%	36%	41%	46%	51%	Annual Reports/Surveys	Ministry of Lands and Urban Housing Development (MoLUHD)/NSO

6.1.5 Environmental Sustainability Goal: Promote sustainable management of the environment and natural resources

Environmental Sustainability	General public well informed and participating in Environment, Natural Resources and Climate change Management programs.		The proportion increase of general public in Malawi aware and appreciating environment and natural resources management issues (%)	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	Annual Reports	EAD
	Strengthened environmental management		Reduced amount of CO2e(in million metric tons)	1.45 tCO2e	1.5 tCOe	1.55 tCO2e	1.60 tCO2e	1.65 tCO2e	1.45 tCO2e	National reports	EAD
			Number of legislations on ENRM (Climate Change, chemicals and waste management, etc)	0	1	3	4	5	7	Annual Reports	EAD
			Number of monitoring systems for chemicals, waste, access and benefit sharing and biotechnology	0	1	2	3	4	4	Annual Reports	EAD
		Goal 15	Number of sectors integrating climate change priorities in their plans and programs	1	4	6	8	10	11	Annual Reports	EAD

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Number of key biodiversity areas conserved and sustainably used	14	15	16	18	19	20	Annual Reports	EAD
			Percentage of household involved in sale of forest related products (%)	40	42	44	45	46	47	Annual Reports	Department of Forestry (DoF)
			The hectarage of catchment area conserved ('000 ha)	918.5	918.5	1000	1000.5	1001	1001	Annual Reports	DoF
			Proportion of biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, accessed and benefiting the country (%)	0	3	7	10	15	20	Annual Reports	EAD
			The proportion of general public aware and appreciating environment and natural resources management issues per year (%)	50	5	10	15	20	25	Annual Reports	Environmental Affairs Department (EAD)
			Percentage of development projects/programs integrating environmental and social safeguards (%)	60	65	75	85	90	100	Annual Reports	EAD
	Enhanced environmental degradation preventive measures		Percentage of households using solid fuel (firewood, sustainable sources) for cooking	87.70%	85%	82%	80%	80%	80%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry
			SDG 15.1.1 Forest area as a proportion of total land area	20.4%	20.6%	20.8%	21.1%	21.3%	21.7%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry
			Survival rate of tree seedlings planted (percent)	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry
			Annual rate of deforestation (%)	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry
			Annual rate of afforestation (%)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry
			Area of customary land planted with trees (%)	20.5%	21.5%	22.0%	22.5%	23.0%	23.5%	Annual surveys	Department of Forestry

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
6.1.6 HIV AND AIDS Management Goal: Enhance efforts for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and management of related impacts											
HIV AND AIDS Management	Reduced new HIV infections, HIV/AIDS related morbidity and mortality		HIV/AIDS Incidence rate	4.1/1000 persons	3.1%		2.2%		2%	Survey: 3-5 years (DHS & MICS)HMIS: Annual	MoH
			SDG 3.3.1 Number of new HIV infections per 1,000 uninfected population	0.49	0.31	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20	Dept HIV annual reports	MoH
			Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) coverage	69%	68%		78%		81%	Dept HIV annual reports	MoH
			No. of people reached who demonstrate increased public knowledge on rights of PLHIV and KAPS	200,000	350,000	500,000	700,00 0	870,00 0	870,000	NAC Report	NAC
	Improved legal and regulatory environment for PLHIV		%age of budgetary allocation to HIV and AIDS national programs	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%	15%	Annual	MoF Reports
			No. of guidelines integrated between rights based and gender transformative and Non- Communicable Disease and HIV and AIDS Management for MDAs	4	6	8	10	15	15	DNHA Reports	DNHA Reports
	Improved planning, management and coordination of HIV and AIDS interventions		HIV/AIDS Information Management System established	0	1	1	1	1	1	NAC Report, HIV Reports	NAC, MOH
	6.1.7: National Security Goal: To promote and protect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and vital interests of Malawi against both external and internal threats.										
National Security	Improved methods of promoting international, regional and community security	Goal 16								Annual	
			Police/Population ratio	1/1221	1/1200	1/1180	1/1150	1/1100	1/1040		MOHAIS
	Developed a professional and		% increase of Malawians who express satisfaction with public safety and security situation	75%	80%	85%	88%	90%	95%	Annual	MOHAIS

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	modern security		% of population who express satisfaction with immigration services	72%	80%	85%	88%	90%	95%	Annual	MOHAIS
			% of population who express satisfaction with Police services	72%	80%	85%	88%	90%	95%	Annual	MOHAIS
			SDG 16.1.4 Proportion of population that feel safe walking alone around the area they live						3-5 years	NSO/MOHAIS	
	Protected constitutional order		Crime Detection Rate %	12%	15%	30%	40%	45%	50%	Annual	MOHAIS
			Percentage of Population issued with National IDs	1%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Annual	MOHAIS
			Number of Joint Permanent Commission on Defense and security/Joint Permanant Commission of Coopertion attended	5	6	7	8	9	10	Annual	MOHAIS
			% of businesses that find safety and security as an obstacle to business	55%	41%	32%	25%	20%	Annual	World Bank Investment Climate Surveys	
	Improved migration mechanism in line with national population policies		Average number of days taken process (Passports)	20	15	12	10	7	5	Annual	MOHAIS
			Average number of days taken process (citizenship application)	40	30	25	20	15	15	Annual	MOHAIS
			Average number of days taken process (Work/Business Permits)	40	30	25	20	19	18	Annual	MOHAIS
			Average number of days taken process (Visas)	10	10	10	8	7	6	Annual	MOHAIS
	Enhanced management of prisons at local as well as national level		Prison Warder/ prisoner population ratio	1:09	1:07	1:06	1:05	1:04	1:03	Annual	MOHAIS
6.1.8 Justice and Democratic Governance											
Justice, Human Rights and Governance	Increased availability, access to and use of up date laws	Goal 16	Rule of Law global ranking and score	69	66	63	6	57	54	Annual	MoJCA
			Number of Law Revision Orders published per year	450	450	500	500	500	500	Annual	MoJCA
			Percentage change in people accessing justice delivery institutions	51%	55%	58%	60%	62%	64%	Annual	MoJCA

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					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Percentage of population who use the (formal) justice system	60%	64%	68%	72%	76%	80%	2-3years	MoJCA
			Percentage of population who use the (informal) justice system	25%	27%	29%	31%	33%	35%	2-3years	MoJCA
	Improved effectiveness and efficiency in provision of legal services		Prosecution rate (%)	30%	32%	33%	34%	36%	38%	Annual	DPP
			Percentage users satisfaction with the service delivery	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	Annual	MoJCA
			% reduction in backlog of criminal cases	60%	80%	80%	90%	100%	100%	Annual	MoJCA
			% Reduction in default judgments	50%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	Annual	MoJCA
	Improved adherence to human rights standards		Human Rights global ranking and score	75%	77%	80%	83%	85%	87%	Annual	MoJCA
			Number of International Human Rights treaties ratified per year	4	4	4	4	4	4	Annual	MoJCA
			Percentage reduction in the backlog of state party reports	60%	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	Annual	MoJCA
			Availability of an Implementation and Compliance Matrix	1	1	1	1	1	1	Annual	MoJCA
	Improved efficiency and effectiveness in provision of specialised services to the public		Percentage of users accessing Malawi Bussiness Registration System (MBRS) per year	70%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	Annual	Registrar General
			Proportion of Beneficiaries Satisfied by deceased estates Management	70%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	Annual	Admin General
			Proportion of deceased estates distributed per year	75%	80%	85%	90%	95%	100%	Annual	Admin General
			Percentage of firms that find business registration, business laws and regulations as a constraint for doing business (%)								MCCI/World Bank/MOITT
	Enhanced coordination of the democratic governance sector		Voter turnout rate (%)	71%	71%	80%	80%	80%	80%	5yrs	MEC
			Corruption Perception Index	30					10	Annual	ACB/TI
			Global Corruption ranking score out of (178)	120					80	Annual	ACB/TI
			Percentage of citizens that explain cause and effects of corruption	70% (2013)			73%		77%	ACB/Goverance& Corruption Survey	ACB
			Percentage of citizens that perceive the fight against corruption as effective	36% (2013)			39%		40%	ACB/Goverance& Corruption Survey	ACB

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			Percentage of institutions perceived as of high honesty and integrity	59.5% (2013)			61%		62%	ACB/Goverance& Corruption Survey	ACB
			No. of investigations of corruption cases completed annually	141	145	150	155	157	160	ACB Annual Reports	ACB
			Percentatge of completed investigations resulting in prosecutions	33%	35%	37%	41%	44%	46%	ACB Annual Reports	ACB
			No. of prosecution of corruption cases completed annually	19	24	28	32	36	40	ACB Annual Reports	ACB
			Percentage of completed prosecutions resulting in convictions	32%	35%	37%	40%	41%	43%	ACB Annual Reports	ACB
6.1.9 Local Governance, Rural Development and Decentralization											
Integrated Rural Development and Decentralization	Local governance and participatory democracy for effective, sustainable socio-economic development promoted and accelerated	Goal 17	Proportion of district councils with service charters								MLGRD
	Improved Investment in rural areas	Goal 9	Percentage of rural-urban migration (net)	5.7%	5.4%	5.3%	5.3%	5.2%	4.2%	NSO: Census/IHS/DHS	MLGRD
			Percentage of Urban-rural migration	2.4%	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	NSO: Census/IHS/DHS	MLGRD
			Number of Rural Growth Centres Constructed	6	0	1	1	1	1	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			Number of Community Sports Stadiums Constructed	5	-	2	-	-	-	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			Length of Rural Roads Bitumised (km)	-	42.5	10	-	-	-	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			Number of DC Offices Constructed	-	-	3	-	-	-	Annual Reports	MLGRD
	Local Government Planning, Research, M&E and Communication improved	Goal 8	Percentage of Local Councils with updated local development plans (SEPs,DDPs, CDPs) aligned to MGDS III and SDGs	0%	50%	65%	80%	95%	100%	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			Number of councils with functional Integrated M&E system	0	17	18	35	35	35	Annual Reports	MLGRD
	Improved Implementation of complete devolution of functions to Councils	Goal 8	Percentage of contribution of local revenues to Council annual budget (%) (Own source revenues (OSR)	23	23	24	24	24	65	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			No. of sectors devolved	17	2	2	2	2	2	Annual Reports	MLGRD

MGDS III Other Areas	Expected Outcomes	Link to SDGs	Key Performance Indicator	Base Year (2016/17)	Targets					Means of Verification	Responsible
					2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
			No of sectors that have devolved their budgets	17	2	2	2	2	2	Annual Reports	MLGRD
			Number of Sector that have devolved their Human Resource	17	2	2	2	2	2	Annual Reports	MLGRD
6.1.10: National Parks and Wildlife Goal: To improve wildlife conservation and management and improve institutional and regulatory framework.											
National Parks and Wildlife	Improved wildlife conservation and management		Percentage changes in key species of wildlife (i.e. elephant %)	12	9	9	9	9	9	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
			Number of kilometres of fence line constructed	60	30	30	30	30	30	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
			Number of kilometres of fence line rehabilitated and maintained	400	150	150	150	150	150	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
			Distance of protected area access roads rehabilitated (km)	400	450	400	450	500	500	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
			Number of awareness campaigns for communities conducted and IEC materials developed	500	100	100	100	100	100	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
			The hectarage of catchment area conserved ('000 ha)	918.5	918.5	1000	1000.5	1001	1001	Annual Reports	DoF
			Number of protected areas under PPPs	3	4	4	4	4	4	Annual Reports	DNP&W, African Parks
6.1.11: Civic education											
	Civic education and Communication,Mass Media		Proportion that listens to the radio at least once a week	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%	49.0%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOoCECCD
		Proportion that watches television at least once a week	17.7%	17.7%	17.7%	17.7%	17.7%	17.7%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOoCECCD	
		Proportion that reads a newspaper at least once a week	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	14.8%	DHS/MICS reports	NSO/MOoCECCD	
		Percentage improvement in good records management practices	10	20	10	20	20	10	Annual	MoCECCD	
		Percentage improvement in transformative and evidence based civic education activities	0	5%	8%	10%	12%	15%	Annual	MoCECCD	