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Integrated development solutions
driven by Malawi's priorities





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who **we are**

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



our solutions

Integrated development solutions
driven by Malawi's priorities.

Prioritising where the nation's
demands are greatest

Refining and developing
signature solutions for greater
impact and scale

Focusing on our strongest
capabilities and roles within the
UN system

Delivering integrated solutions
through a systems approach

POVERTY AND INEQUALITY



Tackling inequality of opportunities by investing in the enhanced capabilities people need to move above the poverty line and keep moving forwards.

ENVIRONMENT



Putting nature and the environment at the heart of the national economy and planning; helping government protect, manage and value their natural assets.

GOVERNANCE



Helping address emerging complexities by “future-proofing” governance systems through anticipatory approaches and better risk management.

ENERGY



Increasing energy access for those furthest behind and accelerating the transition to renewable energy.

RESILIENCE



Supporting in building resilience to diverse shocks and crises, including conflict, climate change, disasters and epidemics.

GENDER EQUALITY

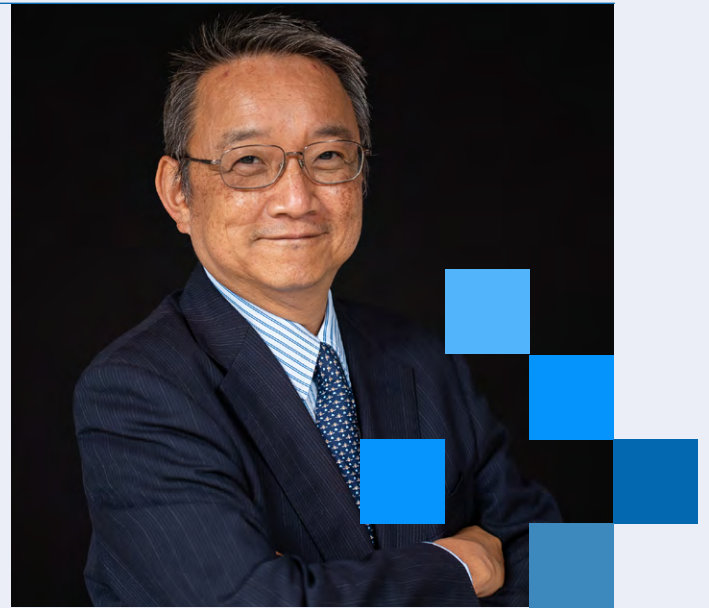


Confronting the structural obstacles to gender equality and strengthening women’s economic empowerment and leadership.

Foreword

Mr. Shigeki Komatsubara

UNDP Malawi Resident
Representative



Welcome to yet another edition of our annual report, where we reflect and outline some key successes, investments, and transformational stories to demonstrate our transparency and increase our understanding of our work.

2022 marked 58 years of our work in Malawi, yet another year of significant achievements for Malawi. We witnessed key milestones and transformational impact as we continue to make positive strides in addressing development challenges.

The unprecedented crises of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ukraine-Russia war, the effects of climate change, energy and fuel challenges and many other national and global issues provided us with no other option but to continue experimenting with new ways of working; incorporating more digital transformation, identifying more local solutions, exploring more collaboration with traditional and non-traditional partners. More than ever now, we need collective efforts and unified voices to help build a prosperous nation for every Malawian.

I would also like to thank all our funders, partners, and other allies for all your steadfast financial and technical support that made 2022 a success, with over US\$20 million invested for the people of Malawi.

I look forward to keeping you engaged and updated on all our work in 2023 as we continue supporting Malawi's long-term strategy to lift the country to upper-middle-income status by 2063.

Zikomo Kwambiri!

Overview

Mr. Challa Getachew

UNDP Malawi Deputy
Resident Representative



UNDP made significant progress and successes in the 2022 fiscal year in strengthening governance, building peace and cohesion, digitisation for effective service delivery, private sector development, promoting access to renewable energy sources and building resilient communities.

We continued our efforts to create jobs and improve livelihoods for the country's rural and peri-urban poor by providing the right skills and access to capital for local businesses, focusing on youth and women-led entrepreneurs.

Our support for sustainable energy has seen households and small businesses connected to clean energy sources, promoting economic development and improving the quality of social services in the communities.

We continued with our work in enhancing climate resilience through direct investments and local partnerships in ecosystem restoration, food security, diversified livelihoods, and management of climate-related risks. Our lasting solutions to the effects of climate change saw a positive impact in saving lives and minimising the effects of Tropical Storm Ana.

Through the National Registration and Identification program, we successfully rolled out a pilot child registration which surpassed its target and continued with our support to the inter-linkages of the National Identify system to key service-providing institutions.

Through our People for 2030 Strategy and Greening Strategy, we officially launched our solar system installation to power UNDP office buildings as part of our commitment to the Smart UN Facilities and towards a greener future. Our gender journey saw us launching the UNDP Career talks that specifically targeted young women with the aim of closing the gender gap in the number of applications. Our staff retreat in 2022 also helped us to re-strategise and retool our efforts to serve the people of Malawi.

As we look ahead, 2023 will be another pivotal year to finalise our extensive consultations and processes for the new Country Programme Document 2024-2028, with a focus on UNDP Malawi's comparative advantage as an integrator to drive resilience of the economy, people, and environment for Malawi's economic transformation and Inclusive growth.

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Governance for peaceful, just, and inclusive societies

UNDP continued its work with the Government of Malawi to establish a permanent and continuous National Registration and Identification System (NRIS) in Malawi, contributing to providing legal identity for all, including birth registrations.

Integrating NRIS with essential service providers brings about enhanced development planning, service delivery, and the efficiency of administrative systems.

National IDs have facilitated easy access to financial services, including improved customer database management through the Electronic Know Your Customer (e-KYC) system.

Through the use of national IDs with the e-KYC, financial agencies, including My Bucks, First Capital Bank, Standard Bank and Give Directly, signed a memorandum

of understanding with the National Registration Bureau (NRB) to utilise national ID cards, and generated revenue for the government through e-KYC verifications.

Birth registration and issuance of birth certificates were completed in three educational districts, facilitating easy linkage to social services such as health and education.

The NRIS project provided technical assistance in creating an electronic Person to Government (P2G) payment platform to enhance financial inclusivity and guarantee easy access to NRB services.

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Malawian adults (16 years old and above) are **registered and issued with an identity card**



47%

of female registrants with a **total of 35,828 Malawian Citizens** turning 16 years old registered for a National ID

19,096
male

16,732
female

Completion of pilot mass child registration

618,000 children

below the age of 16 registered in three educational districts (Karonga, Lilongwe Rural East and Mwanza) and issued with a birth certificate, having NID number on it.



49.4%
BOYS

50.6%
GIRLS

Increased access to justice

Access to justice is a prerequisite for good governance, and ensuring both are achieved is critical for sustainable development. UNDP, through Paralegal Advisory Service (PAS), implemented the Access to Justice project, which European Union (EU) cofounded under the Malawi Chilungamo (Justice and Accountability) Programme.

The project sought to avail appropriate paralegal services in communities, district courts, police and prisons across the country and provide village mediation services in communities. The project was also aimed at supporting the diversion of minor cases out of the formal criminal justice system to substantially reduce the number of people entering pre-trial detention and reduce the duration of their detention pending the conclusion of their cases.



Contributed to a reduction of case-loads in the formal justice institutions, consequently granting **quick access to justice**

Reduced congestion in prisons, detention centres and courts



Dispute resolution through village mediation has enhanced harmonious living among disputants and strengthened the fibres for social relations and cohesive communities



Village mediation has empowered ordinary citizens

Furthermore, it has elevated a sense of **self-worth among the mediators**

91%



of cases were successfully resolved by village mediators, with unresolved cases referred to other justice institutions (police, chiefs, and courts)

Paralegal services have significantly enhanced the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system

UNDP facilitated the training of

660

village mediators

(47% female) from eleven districts on case recordings using digital platforms



Android tablets distributed to facilitate the digital recording



Implementation of

46,242

Paralegal Aid Clinics, which facilitated prison decongestion

Increased reporting of cases by women

which enhanced the empowerment of women



Strengthening human rights, peace, and social cohesion

UNDP's interventions contributed to national efforts to sustain peace and prevent the escalation of conflicts by creating spaces for dialogue and advocating for an enabling legal framework that resulted in the passing of the Malawi Peace and Unity Act on March 22, 2022, which provides a legislative framework for institutionalising the National Peace Architecture (NPA). The framework also enabled the establishment of the National Peace and Unity Commission and six District Peace and Unity Committees.

Further, UNDP also collaborated with the Malawi Human Rights Commission to help identify key areas for improvement to ensure that the commission can effectively and efficiently deliver its mandate of promoting and protecting human rights.

Through its social cohesion support, UNDP assisted the Ministry of National Unity in resolving a land-related conflict on the Lusa estate in the Mchinji district.

Key to the work on peace and social cohesion, UNDP Malawi collaborated with the memorandum of understanding and recommendations on the dress code (Hijab) dispute between Christians and Muslim community collaborators in the Eastern region of Malawi.

UNDP launched a new initiative on the Border Security and Conflict Prevention project to ensure preparedness and early warning response mechanisms and enable communities to address small-scale conflicts and prevent them from escalating within their communities.

■ UNDP strengthens electoral reforms process

At UNDP, we strive to promote accountable democratic institutions and create peaceful, resilient societies by enhancing the electoral environment. We support electoral reforms and provide a platform for the free expression of democratic rights through voting.

Our efforts in 2022 resulted in enacting the Malawi Peace and Unity Act and three electoral reform bills necessary for conducting free, credible, and peaceful general elections in 2025. We also collaborated with the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) to educate the public on the delimitation of wards and constituency boundaries through civic education messages on national and community radios and public hearings.

To ensure a thriving democratic society, UNDP supported the Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD) in strengthening its financial capacity, fulfilling its mandate, and addressing issues related to conflict prevention, gender-based reforms, and enforcing the Political Parties Act (PPA). Additionally, we continued to support advocacy efforts around the gender quotas bill in electoral reforms to increase women's full participation in electoral processes.



Malawi becoming the fourth country in Africa to operationalise the National Peace Architecture



Leveraging digital transformation for the Malawi Parliament

Effective service delivery

In 2022, UNDP contributed to the Digital Transformation Strategy of Parliament and continued to support an innovative collaboration to modernise further Malawi's Parliament plenary proceedings, including the introduction of electronic voting and sharing of documents, a precursor to a paperless Parliament.

UNDP also established south-south cooperation between the Parliament of Malawi and the National Assembly of Zambia. The cooperation framework focuses on digitising business processes by installing a digital Hansard transcription system for recording proceedings and adopting an electronic chamber application for plenary management and voting.

The senior leadership has expressed how the collaboration represents a good practice case study of regional cooperation and learning opportunities between the Parliament of Malawi and the Zambia National Assembly.

To improve Parliament's representative mandate and bring it closer to the people, UNDP upgraded the Parliamentary TV with HD robotic cameras to enhance broadcasting quality and redesigned the website to make it more secure, functional, and interactive.

In 2022, UNDP also supported formulating the first-ever digital transformation strategy to guide the functioning of different digital tools and governance structures within Parliament.

■ The Sustainable Development Goals Hotspots Acceleration Initiative in Malawi

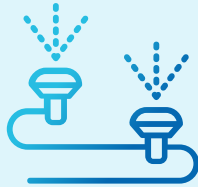
To accelerate efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Malawi is one of the first countries in Africa to adopt the Hotspots approach to local development planning and prioritisation of service delivery. UNDP supported the setting up of SDG Hotspots data management systems incorporating geographic information system (GIS) functionality for integrated service delivery in three districts: Nsanje, Phalombe and Chikwawa.

Through the collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government, UNDP has continued to roll out the digitisation of Village Action Plans implemented in 172 Group Village Heads (GVHs) in Nsanje, 69 GVHs in Phalombe and 149 GVHs in Chikwawa, a major step forward in the local planning by increasing the speed of planning and overall implementation.

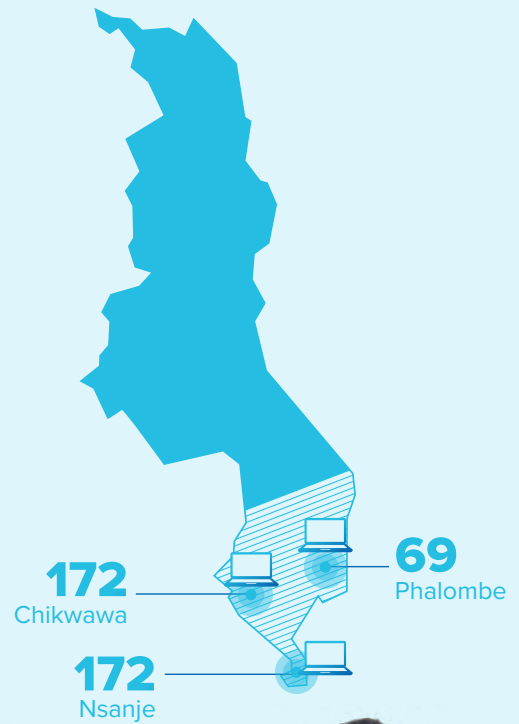
Through the Hotspot initiative, UNDP supported the construction of a 40-hectare irrigation scheme and 17 drinking water boreholes in the targeted areas.

To ensure that women issues are effectively profiled and addressed, UNDP also supported the Integration of the SDG Hotspots with other data systems like the Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Observatory Hub in Nsanje district.

Construction of a
40ha
irrigation scheme



17
drinking water
boreholes





I believe innovation is important as it helps bring out new ideas that can change society. Being part of the waste management project has shown me that Malawi can change if we work together and think positively. We, therefore, need to change our negative mindset that Malawi will never transform”.

Maggie Msadala

Graduate intern at Zomba District Council supporting the Council’s winning innovation project on waste management

■ **Public sector innovation harnessing the power of innovation in the public sector**

UNDP Malawi became the 28th Member of the Youth Connekt Africa, a multi-country platform aimed at connecting African youth for socio-economic transformation.

YouthConnekt initiative is a brainchild of His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, which started in 2012 as a platform for networking and dialogue on youth development. The initiative promotes skills development, job creation, entrepreneurship, and access to finance. It builds awareness of issues related to youth development on the continent.

In 2022, UNDP, in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President and Public Sector Reforms Management, launched the first Public Sector Innovation Challenge pilot to enhance innovation in the public sector in four councils (Mwanza, Zomba, Dowa and Chiradzulu districts). They were each awarded US\$25,000 to design and test replicable innovative solutions addressing service delivery challenges and demonstrate the best and most effective model for institutionalising innovation and learning in the public sector.

Through the Innovation Challenge, processes, systems, and mechanisms for service delivery at the decentralised levels of government have been improved in the targeted district councils.

Mwanza District Council developed a Hospital Management Information System linked to the national ID platform. It will be piloted in the district to improve data management for patient, reduce backlogs for manual records use, and manage cross-border access to health services at the council.

Chiradzulu District Council facilitated the customisation and installation of a fertiliser-making machine by a Malawian innovator to effectively improve the economic livelihood of the communities.

Dowa District Council developed a revenue management application for the digitised revenue collection from market traders to improve financial transparency and pilferage of resources. It will be linked to the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS).



(Left) Youth Connekt Malawi beneficiaries.



(Right) UNDP Governance Portfolio Manager, Ms Julie, together with USA Ambassador David Young, during the launch of the Independent Complaints Commission (ICC) initiative of US\$700,000 to strengthen the commission’s ability to conduct complex investigations aimed at increasing public trust in security sector actors.


Improving accountability and transparency in the health sector using the electronic health information network system

Digital health is progressively becoming a key foundation for attaining universal access to health services and transforming health service delivery in Malawi. To showcase its full commitment to the digital transformation agenda in the health sector and beyond, UNDP Malawi is supporting the Ministry of Health in deploying innovative technologies to digitally track and trace the movement and use of medicines and medical supplies at health facilities in the country.

Electronic Health Information Network System (eHIN) is a web-based mobile application deployed for managing health commodities and services in Malawi. The system aims to collect data on all transactions involving medicines and medical supplies at the facility level.




Key achievements


eHIN system saved the supply chain 

US\$ 362,542

while improving the transparency and accountability of vaccines, medicines, and medical supplies

Successful management and administration of vaccines for **COVID-19** and **Cholera outbreaks** 

The Drug Theft Investigation Unit utilised the system to detect and track irregular transactions

It implemented investigations in four districts to account for all health transactions 



Redistribution of medical supplies piling up in some health facilities to avoid expiry and recalling products deemed unsafe for use through the eHIN batch tracking capabilities

2,500

Digitised health service points of which **2,202 are active**, representing coverage progress of 26% towards the target of digitising all

US\$ 42,000 worth of **medical supplies** recovered through the tracking system 

4,450 

health workers cumulatively trained on the platform and in basic supply chain management, including pharmacists, nurses, laboratory personnel, environmental health officers, clinical officers, and other medical officers



Accelerator Lab



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As one of the 115 countries, Acclab Malawi is embedded within the programmatic activities for UNDP Malawi to provide innovative services and help tackle complex development challenges in line with Malawi's vision for 2063. The Lab is driving the incubation and adoption of innovative ideas, consolidated learning, and undertaking research to support insight generation and identification of new value propositions for UNDP Malawi programmes.

Increased solutions scouting by **28 community radios** through use of the **Innovative 265 app**.

Innovative 265 was collaboratively developed with Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources to capture and track innovative ideas nationwide.



Increased digitised waste management systems

through an Internet of Things (IoT) Smart Trashcans innovation by the University of Malawi

Innovation Hub

through an Internet of Things (IoT) as part of accelerating prototyping learning and innovation, in 2022,

UNDP Acclab worked with the Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences (MUBAS) to expand an existing design studio to various modern minilabs to fit the University Innovation Pod (UNIPOD) design

Creating inclusive and accessible STEM education in Malawi through MiLab app



I almost dropped out of science classes because most were in theory since our school laboratory lacked apparatus and chemicals. It was, therefore, difficult to understand the theory without practising. With tablets and the internet, we can now access a digital laboratory to practice anytime we want, even without a teacher. It is easy to understand the subjects, and I am sure I will pass them well and continue my education to become a doctor.”

Student

Dzaleka Community Day Secondary School, the first school to adopt the MiLab app

To help in refining and testing innovative solutions, The Acclab supported innovations on:

- **Affordable and sustainable energy solution** using Unified Electric Power Amplifier (UEPA) technology.
- **Effective public financial management tool** using a Local Revenue Management Information System.



The Malawi Innovation Design Competition provided an open space for young people to showcase their innovative solutions



Commemoration of World Intellectual Property Day 2022, under the theme, “Intellectual Property and Youth: Innovating for a Better Future”, to promote emerging and innovative entrepreneurs who are key to Malawi’s economic growth. The event led to the high prominence of the role of intellectual property protection and utilisation for innovation.



Launch of a Game-based application called MiLab to allow students full-time access to virtual laboratories as an alternative to the physical laboratories. ICT undergraduates developed MiLab, and it is now fully adopted by the Ministry of Education, with plans to roll out the app nationwide currently underway.



Environment and increased resilience

Malawi is highly vulnerable to the impacts of extreme weather events, given its location along the great African Rift Valley, rapid population growth, unsustainable urbanisation, climate variability and change, as well as environmental degradation. The most common weather-related shocks affecting Malawi include floods, drought, stormy rains, cyclones, and hailstorms.

UNDP has played a major role in reaching people with early lifesaving warnings and severe weather advisories through improved monitoring, packaging and distribution of value-added climate information that can save lives and protect livelihoods.

UNDP has also supported the Government of Malawi in supporting interventions addressing the root causes of vulnerability while strengthening national and local government institutional capacity in disaster risk knowledge, risk governance, risk reduction, preparedness, response, and recovery.

In 2021, UNDP and the Government also launched the Malawi Green Corps, a two-

year initiative aimed at expanding socio-economic opportunities for 2,000 young people while accelerating green economic transition through sustainable natural resources management.

UNDP has also worked to enhance communities' resilience through ecosystem-based adaptation and supporting the environmental restoration of critical hotspots identified by the Government of Malawi. UNDP promoted the diversification of livelihoods through farm and off-farm-based businesses for income creation and asset accumulation, including village savings and loans to improve access to business capital and safety nets, fisheries, honey and livestock production.

■ Key achievements

Enhancing climate resilience of 7,480 households

in nine districts through direct investments and local partnerships in ecosystems restoration, food security, diversified livelihoods, and management of climate-related risks



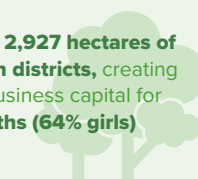
Management and restoration of fragile ecosystems

namely Lake Chilwa Basin and the Bua River covering eight districts, advancing locally led restoration efforts, inter-district coordination and shifting communities' reliance on natural resources



Supported the establishment and operationalisation of the Government of Malawi's National Climate Change Fund, which successfully mobilised **US\$ 500,000** to coordinate climate change funds in the country

Restoration of 2,927 hectares of land across ten districts, creating small scale business capital for 1,280 youths (64% girls)



Lasting solutions on disaster risk reduction



When the floods come, women become even more vulnerable. We used to struggle to find a safe place whilst ensuring that our children, property, and older people were safe. The camps we would go to were unsafe for us and our children. This Evacuation Centre and our involvement in the process means our needs have been considered. The women's rooms are much bigger and can accommodate our children. The kitchen and borehole are within a safe distance to the camp, which eases our fears of security."

Mary Chapi

a member of the Area Civil Protection Committee



Supported construction of model evacuation centres

that provided temporary refuge to **over 1,995 people affected by Tropical Storm Ana and Cyclone Gombe**, which enhanced the coordination of humanitarian response, minimized the risk of sexual exploitation and abuse and prevented disruptions in the school calendar.



Construction of flood mitigation measures (dykes)

which helped reduce exposure to flooding for a population of **1,910 people**.



DODMA initiated Early Recovery Plan

supported by UNDP following Tropical Storm Ana and Cyclone Gombe, where clusters identified interventions required for the flood-affected communities to recover from shocks.



Through the Modernised Climate Information and Early Warning Systems (M-CLIMES) project, UNDP has provided Malawi Fisheries Research Institute in Monkey Bay with a lake buoy, which offers valuable weather information to fishers on changing weather patterns.

Saving lives and protecting livelihoods with modernised early warning systems

15%



of the population in 21 targeted districts **accessed tailored climate information**, including seasonal rainfall forecasts, agro-weather advisories and safety climate warnings at the lake through community radio programmes, SMS, print and extension agents. This helped communities make informed decisions based on localised weather information to develop and choose crops, livestock and livelihood options that minimise risk.

Developed a web-platform and SMS dissemination systems



to generate area-specific weather advisories for farmers and fishing communities tailored to their needs.

Over 100,000 people in fishing communities

were reached with weather warnings and safety in the sea through community radio stations.

Launched a new pilot project, funded by the Government of Japan, aimed at promoting alternative clean cooking to help reduce charcoal use, contribute to forest landscape restoration, and ultimately reduce the impacts of climate change.



Maintenance of the telemetry community-based flood warning systems

has proved to be instrumental in **saving and protecting the lives and livelihoods of over 150,000 people**, including women, across eight flood-prone districts.



8 District Councils and DRM structures



trained on evacuation and response plans, which helped ensure the safe evacuation of communities affected by Tropical Storm Ana.

22 automated hydrological stations

installed for monitoring water levels in key rivers to help save lives during floods



29,920 lead farmers (17,543 female)



trained on seasonal forecasts, which reached **over 800,000 follower farmers**



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With support from the Government of Japan and the Government of China, the Inclusive Recovery project has helped to provide long-lasting solutions to people in flood-prone areas from the trap of recurrent displacements. They now have resilient shelters that withstand heavy rains with minimal external support. Therefore, the project's impacts will still be there long after the projects close, and this is the type of development we advocate for.”

97 DRM school clubs and 194 matrons and patrons

were established to support the clubs' activities, furnished with social marketing tools and games.



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Whenever a disaster strikes, data is paramount for informing effective response strategies. However, in Malawi, like elsewhere, a nationwide data information system that enables players operating in the disaster space to record, track, access and analyse the information being collected promptly for decision-making has been non-existent.”

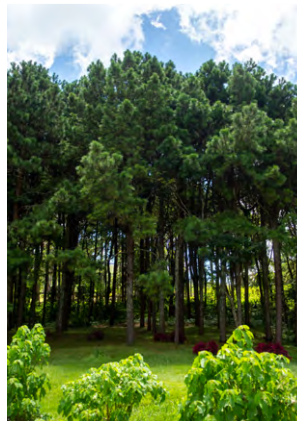
Charles Kalemba

Commissioner for Disaster Management Affairs in Malawi

Tapping into digital for more effective disaster risk management in Malawi

UNDP continued to work with Malawi’s Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) under the Digital Disaster Risk Management Information System to digitally record disaster-related information, make better sense of the data available, and provide more accurate data-informed insights on what action to take (Promoting Sustainable Partnerships for Empowered Resilience (PROSPER).

In Collaboration with Lilongwe City Council and Lilongwe Wildlife Society, UNDP supported the construction of a new Environmental Education Centre, which is the focal point for environmental education programmes for schools, university students and the wider community on conservation issues as part of the Lilongwe Green Corridor initiative.





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**Keeping people out
of poverty, without
leaving anyone behind**

In 2022, UNDP Malawi continued to work with the Private sector as the key drivers for economic transformation to ensure that their activities and investments align with the 2030 Agenda and Malawi's development priorities.

We enhanced our work in supporting inclusive-market models that consider small and medium-sized enterprises to expand into new markets, meet quality standards, and create new jobs, focusing on women and youth.





I witnessed how young girls would drop out of school after seeing those who finished their secondary school education struggling to find employment within the area. Employing women and young people from here is a positive example for young girls to stay in school.”

Cecilia Rice

Owner of Estrell Trading Company

Women-led businesses on the move

Born and raised in the rural areas of Blantyre, Ms Cecilia Rice started her journey in processing Peanut Butter in a small, rented room with just two part-time employees. Ten years later, Cecilia is the proud owner of one of the biggest locally owned factories of Peanut Butter sold in all the major supermarkets in the country, called Estrell Trading Company. Using a smallholder-led supply chain, Estrell processes groundnuts into peanut butter which is then packed and retailed in reduced-volume sachets at more affordable prices.

Estrell Trading Company now boasts of having over 50 employees, 52 percent of whom are women. Estrell is one of the success stories UNDP supported under the Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund (MICF). They are developing a nutritional peanut butter product to target low-income, rural customers in the country.



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Key achievements

40,000
low-income
direct
consumers

utilising new or enhanced products/ services that impact on their basic human needs



24,000
SMEs

receiving loans from
MICF financial institutions

Additional investment directly leveraged from the Private Sector through the MICF

US\$27.3
million



PRIVATE SECTOR IMPACT

MK7.157 million

The volume of Small and Medium Enterprise loans provided by financial institutions, microfinance and non-bank financial institutions in Malawi through MICF financial products



Over 60
productive
investments



specialising in long-shelf life milk, essential oils, groundnuts processing, artisanal teas for export, promotion and import substitution



Over 105,700
households

benefited from new or enhanced income-generating, or livelihood-improvement, opportunities

Kombeza Yogurt is a household brand in Malawi and one of the companies supported through UNDP's Growth Accelerator Entrepreneurship Challenge. Five years after the financial and mentorship support under the Growth Accelerator Fund, the founder and owner of Kombeza, Mdingase Tewete, has shown her grit and hardworking spirit as a business owner, creating 27 jobs and working with over 300 smallhold-

er farmers in the central and southern regions.

With her deep roots in the farmers that supply Kombeza with fresh milk, the owner of the Company is going far and beyond to use private extension workers and facilitators to educate and train dairy farmers to help improve their economic livelihoods.



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We have fully dedicated our time and resources to ensure that the farmers we work with are trained and equipped in how to observe hygiene, how to keep their cows healthy, keep utilities that store milk in perfect conditions and diversify to other ways of creating income beyond the dairy production, which is usually not enough to sustain them. From the high-value products that we plan on diversifying into, we will also be able to offer our farmers better prices that will further improve their economic levels.”

Mdingase Tewete

Owner of Kombeza



63
start-ups

**GROWTH
ACCELERATOR
MALAWI**

Accelerated growth, generated additional revenue and created direct and indirect jobs

Number of poor people experiencing net positive income or livelihood improvement



739,460

3,111
permanent employment
(35% women)



534
full-time jobs for youth
(40% women)



Development advisory team



Launch of the 2021 Human Development report -

Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World, in which human development has fallen back to its 2016 levels, reversing much of the progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The report examined how inequalities and uncertainty reinforce one another to drive polarisation and undermine the sense of control over people's lives.

In a world defined by uncertainty, we need a renewed sense of global solidarity to tackle our interconnected, common challenges



National Human Development Report entitled "Delivering Sustainable Human Development and Accountability at the Local Level.

National Multidimensional Poverty Index Report; is a key milestone that allows Malawi to eradicate extreme poverty using a multidimensional approach instead of the traditional poverty measure (income/consumption).

UNDP supported the National Planning Commission (NPC) and The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development to assume leadership roles

in planning and implementing Malawi's 2063 first 10-year Implementation Plan (MIP-1) through consultancy for foresight/economic modelling of Malawi 2063 and MIP-1 to reach its 2063 goals by Institute for Security Studies (ISS).

UNDP collaborated with the NPC and the African Futures Institute to conduct foresight modelling to support the materialisation of Malawi's ambition of achieving the SDG targets of reaching lower middle-income economy status by 2030 and accomplishing upper middle-income level by 2063.



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Women empowerment and gender equality

Promoting women's empowerment is one of the crucial roles that UNDP in Malawi continues to advance in all its work. In 2022, UNDP continued to end discrimination against women and girls, ensure increased participation in all areas affecting their lives and ensure that women's empowerment and gender equality are fully reflected in all its programming and operations.

■ Key achievements

Over 300,000 women farmers

have been reached with the **Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) training** which improved farm decision-making and climate change adaptation practices



The productive use of energy cooperatives comprise over 60% females

at all the sites and most of them are headed by women

PICSA training has **improved farm decision-making and climate change adaptation practices**

PICSA-participating households are experiencing **better food security** through improved maize yields

Over 100,000 people

in fishing villages across four lakeshore districts have been reached with **weather and climate information through community radio stations**



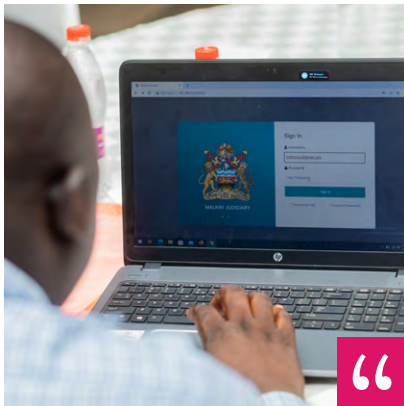
61,935 lead farmers

have a better understanding of gender issues in agriculture through training on PICSA on how to use climate information in farm decision making

55% female

Weather warnings are saving lives from extreme weather conditions at the lake as fishers receive weather warnings and safety messages before they set sail for fishing activities

Fish processors, especially women, are receiving and utilising weather information to decide on **timing fish processing activities**, thereby avoiding losses related to fish rotting



With the introduction of the data hub, we have seen a significant improvement in how we manage and analyse the district data before sending it to National Statistical Office. Some data used to be captured twice, but with the tablets, we no longer have that. So far, over 2000 GBV cases have been recorded in Nsanje, and some have been processed at the courts. Twelve issues have already been resolved since the inception of the system.”

Edison Mjembe

Gender Officer for Nsanje District Council

Through the Spotlight Initiative, UNDP developed critical legislative and digital mechanisms to protect women and girls from discrimination and SGBV, including creating a Chiefs’ policy and Gender policy to protect women’s rights in public and private sector institutions. This is an observatory hub housed at the National Statistical Office, which established and operationalised digital case management systems on SGBV in the Police and Judiciary, as well as training in forensic analysis to understand better evidence related to SGBV crimes.

Validation of SGBV guidelines for traditional leaders: Following the development of the Chief’s policy, guidelines to inform the operationalisation of traditional leaders across the country were developed and validated by traditional leaders, Government and Civil Society Organisations.



UNDP supported the 2022 National and District level launch of 16 Days of Activism





Clean, affordable energy

Malawi faces abject energy poverty whereby up to 96% of the rural population cannot access modern energy services, with only 2% connected to the national utility electricity grid. Furthermore, nearly 98% of households use primary energy (biomass) for cooking, contributing to deforestation and exacerbating greenhouse gas emissions, a key driver of climate change.

In 2022, UNDP's continued strong partnership with the Ministry of Energy has played a major part in contributing to increased access to modern electricity services in isolated rural communities. This was done through commercially orientated mini-grids developed through public-private partner-

ships, coupling productive use of energy and operated in a self-sufficient manner, promotion of clean energy transition through innovative financing mechanisms for homes and industries, catalysing sustainable solar for health facilities and institutional capacity strengthening.

■ Key achievements

80 kW Sitolo Solar Mini Grid in Mchinji

⚡ CONNECTING



675 Households

2 Maize Mills

1 Primary School

with new applications

405 Households
2 Irrigation Schemes
1 Milk Bulking Facility

Formation and training of productive use of energy cooperatives



to increase the productive use of energy by small and medium-sized businesses, including women's economic empowerment



220KW MEGA in the Mulanje hydro mini-grid



⚡ CONNECTING

1,650 Households

1 Health Centre

1 Health Post

4 Primary Schools

1 Community Day Secondary Schools

6 Maize Mills

50KW at the Chipopoma, Livingstonia hydro mini-grid

⚡ CONNECTING



95
households connected

115
ready for connections



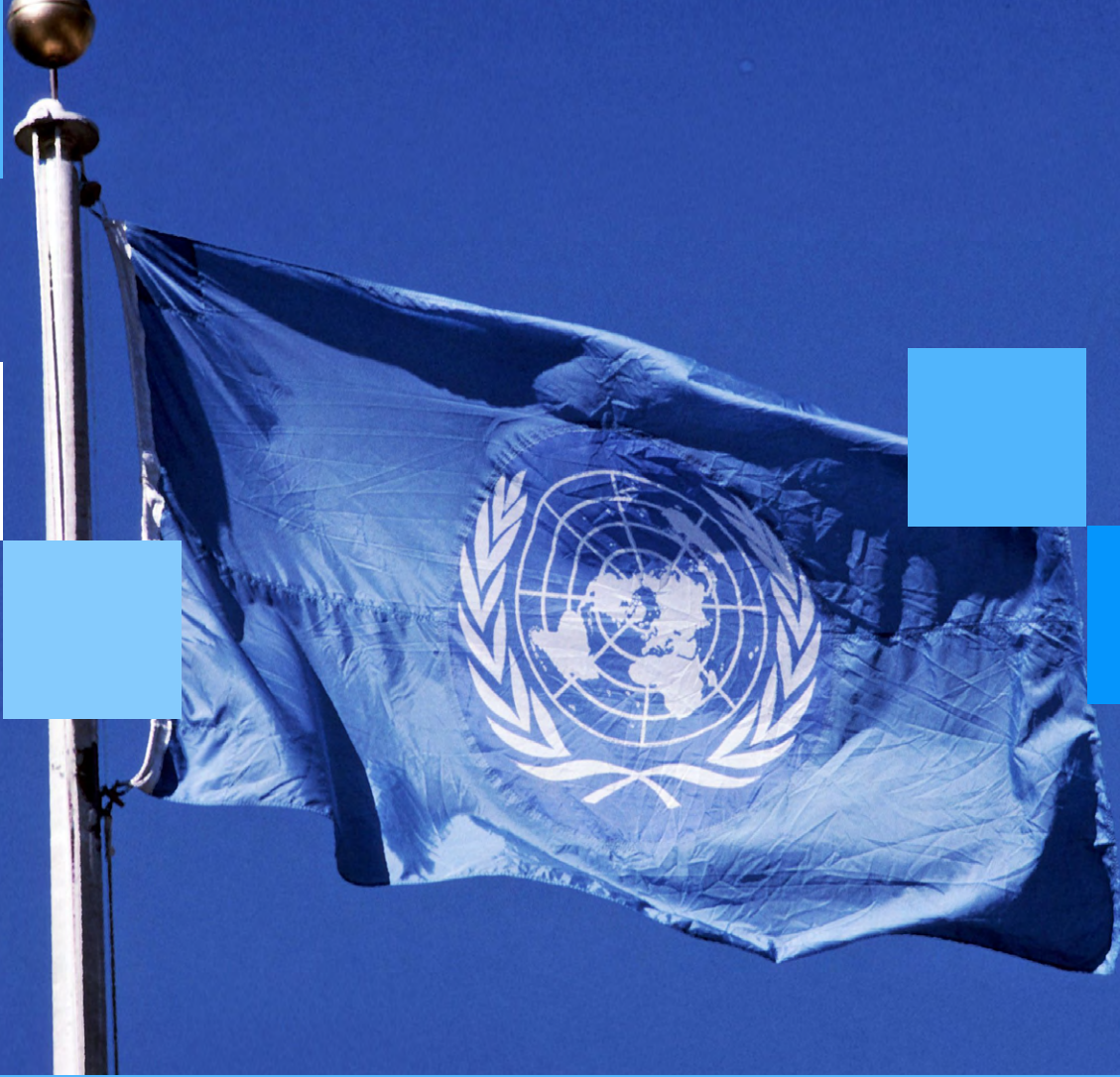
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1 **tourist resort**
Mushroom Farm Resort

Yewo Jewelry Craft Centre and Mtende Homcraft Foundation with Vocational Centre, Bakery and Restaurant

Official handovers of the mini grid assets of MEGA, Sitolo and Chipopoma to mini grid operators

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Working as One UN



In collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP), UNDP facilitated a high-level partnership visit for the KfW delegation in Kasungu district on climate resilience support, focusing on women and youth development support.



In collaboration with other UN agencies, UNDP supported the UN Day Celebrations marking 58 years of the United Nations in Malawi with the theme: UN and Malawi, Breaking New Grounds for an Inclusive and Resilient Society.



Under the UN-Joint programme, Promoting Sustainable Partnerships for Empowered Resilience (PROSPER), UNDP Malawi conducted a national media campaign with a media tour and news articles in the newspapers, television, and social media to showcase the importance of investing in long-lasting solutions to minimise the effects of future floods in Malawi.



In collaboration with UNFPA, UNDP supported Malawi to officially become the 28th Member of the YouthConnekt Africa, a multi-country platform connecting African youth for socio-economic transformation and undertook regional sensitisation meetings on the new platform.



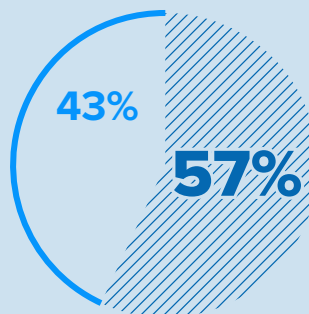
Partnerships and resources

Total expenditure of resources

US\$ 29.9 million

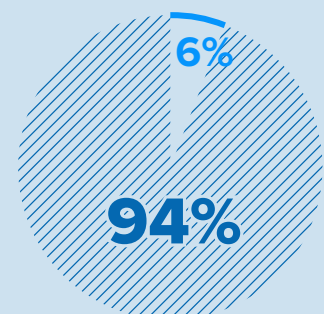
Delivery per Portfolio

- Response Institutions and Citizen Engagement
- ▨ Resilience and Sustainable Growth

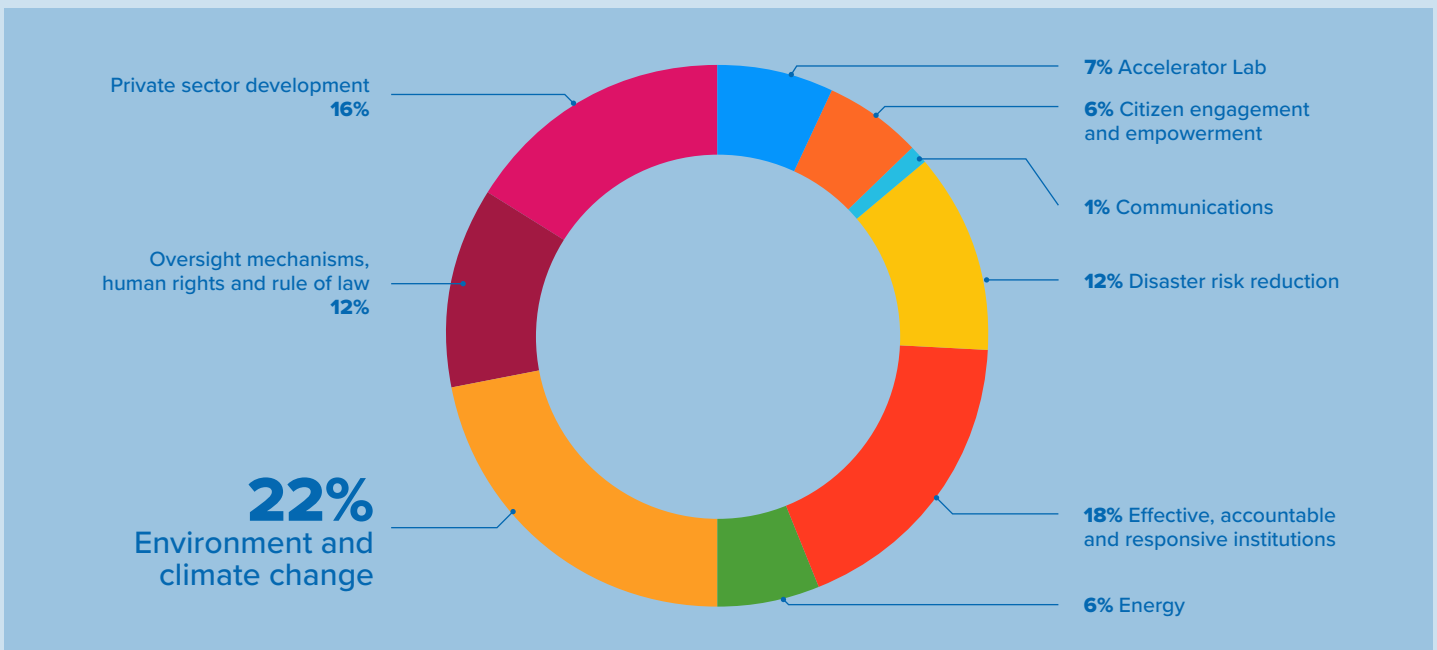


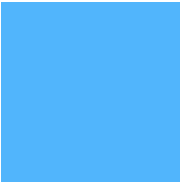
Delivery Programme vs. Management

- Management
- ▨ Programmes



2022 Delivery per Sector









People for 2030

Our staff retreat in 2022 helped us to re-strategise and retool our efforts to support Malawi's attainment of the SDGs and MW2063 vision.



As the second phase of People for 2030 is officially underway, UNDP Malawi actively participated in its 2021 implementation, with more focus on taking care of the people, career enhancement, gender equality and ensuring attract the top professionals.

Brown bag sessions on different topics were also used to enhance knowledge sharing amongst staff.

In 2021, the office strengthened its learning and development with an education team championing officewide learning goals based on crowdsourced ideas.



As UNDP Malawi prepares to progress from its Silver Seal Gender Marker to a Gold Seal, we went full steam ahead in 2021 to provide a springboard of young women professionals into an exciting career within the UN and beyond by championing a careers talk initiative, including a human resources session on pursuing UN careers, how to write CVs and how to tackle competency-based interviews, as a key strategy to promoting women, girls and youths in pursuing their career in UN.



People for 2030 Certificate of Recognition and commended for improving the working environment and successful implementation of the People Strategy.

To enhance their career experience, over six UNDP staff got opportunities for detailed assignments in Gambia, Zambia, Lesotho, and the Regional Bureau Office.



In its commitment to the Smart UN Facilities and the SDGs to move towards a greener future, UNDP Malawi officially launched its solar system installation to power its office buildings to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while bringing other economic and social benefits to the office and staff. The office also commenced renovating the UNDP premises to further improve the workspaces – with more shared open spaces and sanitary facilities.

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My experience allowed me to improve my skills beyond the Malawian context. I got the opportunity to support different programmes and interact with other people at all levels. I was particularly impressed seeing many African women in various leadership positions under one roof, which was inspiring.”



In April 2022, UNDP Malawi welcomed Ms Gloria Nyang'iyie, a fellow under the African Young Women Leaders (AFYWL) Fellowship Programme, who joined the communications unit.

The AFYWL Fellowship Programme is a partnership between the African Union Commission (AUC) and UNDP. The programme seeks to build a new generation of young African women leaders and experts to serve Africa and the world in designing and implementing development programmes in the context of the SDGs and Africa's Agenda 2063.





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