



DFID in Malawi

Spring Update 2014

UK Development Results

Results for 2011-2015 thanks to UK aid from the British people. All figures sourced from DFID's Operational Plan June 2013 or more recent sources

In 2012-13, DFID's programme spend was £117.5 million

GIRLS AND WOMEN

21,000 women gained access to financial services in 2013

13,000 girls were supported with secondary school bursaries between 2012 and 2013

197,000 pregnant women and children received help with nutrition between 2012 and 2013.

406,000 women will be supported to have improved access to security and justice by 2015

385,000 women will have sustainable access to clean drinking water sources and an improved sanitation facility by 2015.

HUMANITARIAN

428,000 people were reached with emergency food assistance in 2013.

JOBS AND GROWTH

26,000 people supported with access to financial services in 2013

WATER SANITATION, HYGIENE

750,000 people will benefit from safer water and improved sanitation by 2015

HEALTH

32,000 births attended by skilled health workers between 2012-13 through DFID support

GOVERNANCE

We expect that 5.8 million people will vote in DFID supported elections in May 2014



Lynne Featherstone, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for DFID, July 2013 visited Malawi to see how DFID's support is making an impact on the ground and reviewing how UK development aid can be made even more effective.
Photo: DFID Malawi

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Population – 14.9 million.

Malawi ranks 171 out of 187 in the Human Development Index and is unlikely to meet most of the Millennium Development Goals.

A third of girls never complete primary school and only 15% are enrolled in secondary school.

Only 51% of the population has access to and use of an improved sanitation facility.

47% of children under five are stunted.

1 in 36 pregnant women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.

HIV/AIDs prevalence rates amongst the economically active population **(15-49 years) is 10.8%.**

80% of the population resides in rural areas. **More than 40 % of rural households** cultivate less than half a hectare, mainly devoted to maize production.

NEWS

July 2013

During her visit to Malawi, Lynne Featherstone announced £20 million UK food assistance to help over one million people.

August 2013

Officers from Police Scotland headed up part of the DFID supported Malawi Police Improvement Programme (MPIP), enabling police in Malawi to better address public order issues after riots in 2011.

November 2013

The UK suspended all funding through Malawi government systems in the light of a corruption scandal. Support to programmes still continues through NGOs, charities, and international institutions. We continue to watch the government response to the crisis closely and are supporting the investigations and forensic audit.

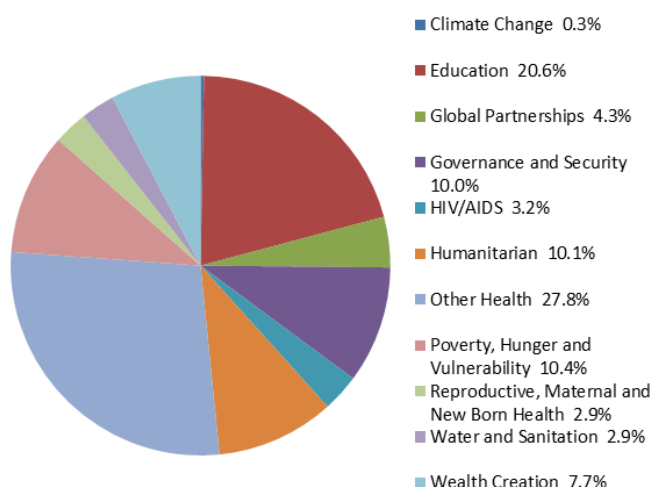
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DFID is working with international organisations to support the forthcoming elections in May 2014.

WHERE UK AID MONEY GOES

Malawi programmes by sector 2012-13

Total spend £ 117.5 million



DFID's APPROACH

Our work in Malawi focuses on three priorities:

1. Addressing poverty and inequality through investment in education, health, agriculture, water and sanitation with an emphasis on the rights of girls and women
2. Supporting wealth creation and economic growth. In the short term, our work has helped to stabilise the macro-economy, which had deteriorated significantly last year. In the long term, DFID support will improve and spur economic growth, particularly in the rural sector.
3. Promoting an open society and more capable, accountable and responsive governance. Our work supports increasing access to justice for women and vulnerable groups, supporting accountability and governance reforms and preparing for the 2014 general elections.

ne, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, visited Dedza district to see the work that DFID supports first hand. She visited Prevention from Mother to Child Transmission and HIV Testing and Counselling facilities at the district hospital. She also visited the Dedza Police Victim Support Unit, which provides immediate support to those who have suffered gender based violence. During her visit Lynne Featherstone noted:

"Rising food prices have combined with unpredictable weather to leave food stocks dangerously low in the country and threaten to leave millions hungry. British support will save countless lives in Malawi ensuring the most vulnerable people are not forgotten as the crisis worsens."



Lynne Featherstone visiting an HIV Testing and Counselling Facilities in Dedza District, July 2013

Photo: DFID Malawi

MORE INFORMATION

The UK coalition government believes that international development is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do. It is in all our interests for countries around the world to be stable and secure, to have educated and healthy populations and to have growing economies. We're ending the need for aid by creating jobs, unlocking the potential of girls and women and leading the global effort to help save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.

Main DFID website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

This country brief: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-in-malawi-spring-update-2014>

DFID Malawi's Operational Plan: <http://www.gov.uk/government/world/malawi>

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