



DFID in Malawi

Winter Update 2014/15

UK Development Results

Results for 2011-2015 thanks to UK aid from the British people. All figures sourced from Operational Plan December 2014 or more recent sources.

In 2013-14, DFID spent £85 million reducing poverty in Malawi.

GIRLS AND WOMEN

23,000 women have gained access to financial services by September 2014.

13,000 girls were supported with secondary school bursaries by September 2014.

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

196,000 women had sustainable access to clean drinking water sources through DFID support by September 2014.

350,000 additional women were using modern methods of family planning through DFID support by September 2014.

HUMANITARIAN

600,000 people were reached with emergency food assistance by March 2014.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE

750,000 people will benefit from safer water and improved sanitation by the end of 2016.

HEALTH

60,000 births have been attended by skilled health workers through DFID support by September 2014.

GOVERNANCE

5.2 million people voted in elections supported by DFID in May 2014.

JOBS AND GROWTH

33,000 people were supported with access to financial services by September 2014.



Women outside a health clinic registering for free family planning services.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Malawi's population is **14.9 million**.

Malawi ranks 174 out of 187 in the Human Development Index and is unlikely to meet most of the Millennium Development Goals.

80% of the population resides in rural areas.

Over half the population lives below the national poverty line. Rural poverty has risen in the last decade to **57% of the population**.

Malawi's population is expected to double to 26 million by 2030. This is contributing to increased pressure on a depleting natural resource base, exacerbated by an already stressed agricultural sector which accounts for one-third of GDP.

Only 28% of girls finish the full 8 years of primary school.

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

NEWS

January 2014

DFID stepped up work with other UK government departments and international organizations to support preparations for Malawi's general and local elections.

April 2014

DFID and the British High Commission supported Malawi's first ever presidential and vice presidential election debates.

May 2014

Following Elections on 20th May, President Peter Mutharika from the Democratic People's Party was elected President of Malawi.

September 2014

DFID's Permanent Secretary, Mark Lowcock, visited Lilongwe; he reaffirmed the UK's commitment to supporting poverty reduction in Malawi, while noting that there can be no consideration of funding through government financial systems until actions to strengthen these systems have been taken and independently verified.

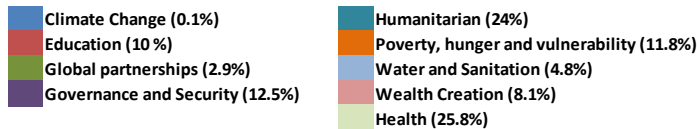
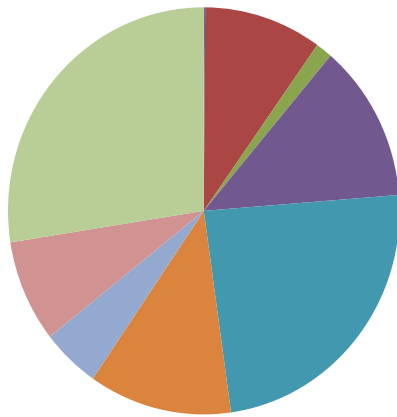
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DFID is making a significant contribution to the availability of essential drugs and medical supplies in Malawi. Procured internationally and nationally, these are now being used by health clinics and people across Malawi.

WHERE UK AID MONEY GOES

Malawi programmes by sector 2013-14

Total spend £85 million



DFID's APPROACH

The UK is committed to addressing deep-rooted poverty and inequalities in Malawi, and to accelerating economic development. We cannot work through government financial systems following a serious corruption scandal. We work in support of national priorities and government reforms, focusing where we have the greatest impact. Our investments seek to improve the lives of poor people, particularly girls and women who bear the brunt of poverty. These keep girls in school, improve access to water and sanitation for underserved communities, make essential drugs and medical supplies more reliable, increase access to reproductive health services and tackle under-nutrition.

We work with Government and civil society to increase public sector effectiveness and efficiency, fight against corruption, better manage public finances and improve accountability. We support efforts to boost economic development for jobs, income, food security and growth, to sustainably help people out of poverty across Malawi, particularly in rural areas. We work to improve the business environment, and to improve access to markets, including regionally. We strengthen the resilience of most vulnerable households and communities.

SPOTLIGHT: DFID's "Enhancing Community Resilience Programme" is supporting 350,000 people to cope with natural disasters and the effects of climate change in Malawi by 2015.

DFID's Enhancing Community Resilience Programme (ECRP) aims to enable households and communities to mitigate the effects of climate change through building the capacity of communities to anticipate, plan and respond to the changing environment, including droughts and floods. The programme includes small-scale irrigation, giving people access to irrigated farmland to supplement household food supply, and support to sustainable conservation agriculture practices leading to improved harvests. The programme also supports village savings and loans schemes that have helped vulnerable households to access cash for small investments to improve their financial security.



Improved harvests through better sustainable agriculture practices.

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-winter-update-201415>

DFID Malawi's Operational Plan: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dfid-malawi-operational-plan-2014>

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