

Malawi's 'Development Co-operation Strategy': More Effective Development Co-operation through Strategic Aid Information Management



The government of Malawi has recently adopted its *Development Co-operation Strategy (DCS) for 2014-2018*, aiming to strengthen the country's development co-operation framework, a process which was endorsed by all stakeholders with overwhelming support.

As a Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC), key principles of the GPEDC's monitoring framework are evident in the priorities of Malawi's new DCS with greater emphasis on the inclusiveness of dialogue



on development results. The DCS also strengthens the use of programme-based approaches in an effort to continuously improve harmonisation of development efforts and alignment of development co-operation with Malawi's national development priorities; defines a country-specific results framework; focuses on knowledge sharing among development co-operation actors; seeks to improve domestic resource mobilisation; and strengthens capacity-building, all with the aim of reducing Malawi's aid dependency.

The commitments made in the DCS are actualised through Malawi's Aid Management Platform (AMP), through which all development providers must report their development funding. The AMP data is accessible to all stakeholders and allows for analysis through data visualisation and development project mapping. This information is also available online to the general public, increasing the transparency and accessibility of aid and development data. With a 'one-stop government' approach, Malawi is also currently in the process of integrating its AMP into its integrated financial management information system, a system that tracks financial events and summarises financial information. In this way, Malawi aims to promote increased effectiveness of development co-operation, accountability, transparency and comprehensive financial reporting.

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