

MALAWI II COMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Quarterly Update

January-March 2020

Compact Development Process:



Status: Completed

- Compact Development Team created
- Data collected
- Economic, social, gender, & business issues assessed
- Public consultations launched
- Binding constraints identified

Status: Completed

- Compact Development Team expanded
- Root causes of critical problems constraints identified
- Project concepts developed

Status: We are Here – Target Q3 2020

- *Projects proposed and selected*
- *Project Proposals Developed*
- *MCC appraisal of Projects*

Target: Q3 2021

- Public procurements launched, consultants hired
- Terms of Compact negotiated
- Implementation unit created, recruitment started
- MCC's Board of Directors reviews Compact signed
- Preparation for Compact implementation

MCC Approval of Malawi's Concept Notes

On February 6, 2020, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Investment Committee approved Malawi's concept notes that focus on 'Increasing land productivity and strengthening road transport and farm to market linkages'. This green light allowed the Government of Malawi (GoM) to start preparing project proposals that will further refine, and prioritize the endorsed investment ideas. To kick start the development of project proposals, a delegation from the MCC led by Mr. Joel Wiegert (Malawi Country Director) was in Malawi from February 10 to February 26, 2020 to work with the GoM through MMD.



MCC Mission Lilongwe Malawi February 2020

During the visit, the MCC team met key GoM officials, private sector, media and development partners to apprise them of the progress so far; and solicit additional information that could inform the scope of the independent studies that are to be launched soon.



Mr. Joel Wiegert (MCC Malawi Country Director) (right) and Mr. Dye Mawindo (MMD National Coordinator) (Left)- Press Briefing on Compact Development Progress/Courtesy of the US Embassy Malawi

In Progress Now

The MCC country team in collaboration with MMD plans on carry out studies related to:

- ◇ Private Sector Opportunities Study-Market Demand Assessment;
- ◇ Corridors of Excellence Mapping;
- ◇ Geographical Targeting - Land & other key variables-Mapping;
- ◇ Traditional Leaders Stakeholder Mapping; and
- ◇ Private Sector Estate Land Mobilisation desk research.

Highlights of Malawi's Proposed Investment Ideas

Increasing Land Productivity Concept Paper

- Investment Idea 1 Catalyzing More Effective Demand for More Efficient, Transparent Allocation of or Access to Land
- Investment Idea 2 Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Land Actors to Regulate and Manage Land System.
- Investment Idea 3 Enhancing Resource Mobilization Strategies to More Effectively Finance Land Administration and Management
- Investment Idea 4 Developing a Land Use Plan for Effective Coordination and Public/Private Investment Decision Making

Strengthening road transport and farm to market linkages Concept Paper

- Investment Idea 1 Capital-intensive investments in transport and logistics network expansion, upgrading and maintenance
- Investment Idea 2 Facilitate private sector-led growth through inclusive models that link firms and smallholder farmers to markets and create an environment promoting fair trade
- Investment Idea 3 Policy, institutional and/or regulatory reforms in the transport, agriculture, trade or environmental sectors to improve planning, coordination and effective delivery of the public sector

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