

INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (iSDG) MODEL FOR MALAWI

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INTRODUCTION

- Malawi is in Southern Africa
- Is a member of SADC and COMESA
- Population is estimated to be slightly above 17 million
- Malawi is an agro-based economy with GDP growth rates averaging slightly above 3% from 2014 to-date
- 85% of the population dependent on agriculture
- Is a democratic government

Background of the iSDG Model in Malawi

- Malawi has three levels of development planning namely: Long-term, Medium-term and short-term,
- Long-term planning (Vision 2020); Medium-term planning (MPRS, MGDS 1&2); short-term planning (National Budget, MTEF)
- The medium-term plans in Malawi cover a period of five years i.e. MPRS (2000-2005); MGDS I (2006-2011); and MGDS II (2011-2016)
- MGDS II covered the period (2011-2016)
- Following its expiry in June 2016, the Government is in the process of formulating the next medium-term plan

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- However, this process coincided with the period of Implementation of SDGs (2016-2030), hence the need for the two frameworks(national and global) to go together
- There was, therefore, a need for instruments that could be used to prioritize the SDGs and domesticate them
- One of such instruments identified so far is the iSDG Model
- UNDP Malawi helped the Government to identify Consultants (Millennium Institute) to develop the model for Malawi

Progress towards the Use of iSDG Model in Malawi

- Millennium Institute has come up with the model in conjunction with the University of Malawi
- The Institute also offered an online 'Systems Thinking and Integrated Approach' to planning as regards SDGs, in order to make the process sustainable
- The model is customized to suit the Malawi local conditions
- Model is populated with data from Malawi on various socio-economic indicators
- Stakeholders workshop was held in Malawi to demonstrate the application of the model and get feedback
- The workshop also suggested national priorities, which would help to refine and customize the model
- Stakeholders found the model to be helpful, and will serve as a critical input into the process of formulating the next development plan
- Millennium Institute is still working on the model to incorporate stakeholders' comments in the structure of the model

Benefits of the model

- Will greatly contribute to evidence-based planning in Malawi
- Is key in the prioritization of the SDGs, thereby feeding into the design of the next medium-term national plan
- The model demonstrates clear sectoral interlinkages –provides a platform for trade-offs and synergies in implementation of activities in Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)
- Instrumental for policy reviews
- Is a frame-work or tool which could also facilitate effective alignment and coordination of donor support and interventions

Conclusion

- The Malawi Government has welcomed this tool
- The Government considers the iSDG Model as one of the critical instruments for use in determining national priorities alongside other instruments (CEM, AfDB Economic Model etc.) for the next 5 years
- Malawi Government has high expectations with regard to the use of this model since suggested national priorities are being used to refine and customize it-making it more relevant
- This model will continue to be used even after the next medium-term development plan is in place
- The Government is grateful for the donor support in various areas, particularly the UNDP on this model

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