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ANNEX 2

Malawi Electoral Cycle Support, 2017 – 2019

PROJECT SUMMARY RESULTS AT MONITORING AND EVALUATION¹ September – December 2017

This table presents data/report on the progress and implementation status of each of the planned output and indicator as per the agreed Project LogFrame

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¹ The codes in the table are as follows:

State of implementation: N = Not started yet; P = In progress; C = Completed

Quality of performance: AA = Above Average; A = Average; BA = Below Average; NA = Not Applicable

Strategic Outcome/ Result	Indicator	Baseline	Target	Actual Delivery	Progress Toward Achieving Targets		Evidence of progress towards set goals/targets based on Outputs and Results achieved	Data Source	Period M&E data collected
					State of Implementation	Quality of Performance			
<p>Long term Goal: Improved state and society relations, deepened democracy and accelerated and sustained developed</p> <p>Long term Goal: National institutions foster democratic governance and human rights to promote transparency, accountability, participation and access to justice for all, especially women and children</p>	Malawi's score in the Mo-Ibrahim Index on Governance Participation	58 in 2017	60,3 (i.e. 4% increase by 2019)		P	A	<p>This indicator would be measured at the end of the project in 2019.</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> The Mo-Ibrahim Index for 2017 scored Malawi 58 on governance. This moves Malawi down to 18th out of 54 African countries from 16th in 2013. This is due to an indicator stagnation for a decade. For the Mo-Ibrahim Foundation this puts Malawi in a 'Warning' zone.</p> <p>The Economist Intelligence grades Malawi as a Hybrid regime, which is lower than a Flawed Democracy. Malawi was only ranked as an FD in 2012 before being downgraded to where it is now. This in most part is due to the perceived restrictive environment for democratic activities and freedom of speech as well as corruption and the apparent inability for the judiciary to effectively bring justice to bear.</p>	i) Mo-Ibrahim Index report (2019) ii) Freedom house Democracy index report (2019) EIU (2019)	Ongoing monitoring
	Malawi's score in the Mo-Ibrahim Index on Human Rights	49.4 on Participation and Human Rights in 2017	53 by 2019		P	A		i) EOM Reports (AU, EU, TCC, SADC, EISA)	Ongoing monitoring
<p>Objective: MEC has conducted a cost-effective and Credible election that commands public confidence</p>	Public confidence in electoral processes is boosted	32% as regards Afrobarometer survey after 2014 elections	55% after 2019 elections				<p>This indicator would be measured at the end of the project in 2019.</p> <p><u>Comment:</u> although the 2014 elections were largely deemed credible and transparent by domestic and international observers (EUEOM, AU), there is also consensus from all stakeholders and observers that there were some significant shortcomings in the manner in which they were organized. Chief among those were issues regarding the accuracy of the voter register, the organization of the polling centres and the manner in which the results were tallied and transmitted. All this meant that Malawians had a low trust in the capacity of the country to organize elections and in MEC itself. This explains the low baseline i</p>	i) Afrobarometer	Ongoing monitoring

	Average cost of elections per registered voter during elections	US\$6.1	Under US\$10 per registered voter in 2019 (see comment)		P	A	<p><i>Comment:</i> the cost of the elections is likely to be significantly higher in 2019, despite the fact that MEC has indicated that Voter Registration will be based on the new biometric civil registration ID cards, which should reduce the costs of that process. This is due to the new decentralization of MEC's planned operational processes in order to mitigate some of the shortfalls experienced in 2014.</p> <p>10 USD per head would still be a lower cost than the Africa average of 14.3 USD per head for biometric elections.</p>	<p>i) MEC financial Reports,</p> <p>ii) Ministry of finance reports,</p> <p>iii) Project review reports</p>	On going monitoring
	Percentage of registered voters voting in elections (Voter turnout)	70.34% (2014)	72% (2019)				<p><i>Comment:</i> The voter turnout in 2014 was already high in comparison to other countries in the region and worldwide. Therefore only a modest increase should be targeted for 2019 even if a similar turnout level would be satisfactory.</p>	<p>i) MEC website/reports,</p> <p>ii) EOM reports,</p> <p>iii) Media reports</p>	Ongoing monitoring

PROJECT BASED OUTPUT MONITORING AND EVALUATION

UNDAF Outcome: **Priority 4: National institutions effectively support transparency, accountability, participatory democracy and human rights by 2016**

UNDAF Priority Area Outcome: **Outcome 4.1: National institutions foster democratic governance and human rights to promote transparency, accountability, participation and access to justice for all, especially women and children**

Key Activities	Activity Status	Status verdict A = Achieved PA = Partially Achieved (indicative %) NA = Not Achieved	Output Indicators of achievement	Data Source
	2017			

Output 1: The MEC is trusted as an impartial entity with the capacity to credibly administer and manage elections in accordance with its national and international obligations

Activity Result 1.1 MEC successfully introduces administrative and management reforms, and implements feasible electoral reforms prior to the 2019 elections				
Functional review conducted	Inception report presented by DHMRD 3 rd week of September. No progress since due to scheduling issues. Will be prioritised in January	40%	Review conducted	MEC Reports UNDP reports
Digitised Administrative processes introduced	Company contracted (Binary Systems). Inception meeting 13 th Dec. Expected to finish 2nd week of February	30%	80% of Sage 300 implemented	MEC Reports UNDP Reports
Support drafting of Operational plan for introducing electoral reforms	Reforms not voted through Parliament. Might be presented and approved in Feb or June 2018	NA	No electoral reforms approved for the operational plan	Parliament Hansard Press reports UNDP reports
Support the drafting of the Strategic Plan	Consultants contracted. Will begin work on 7th January. Procurement delays experienced due to lateness of request, definition of TORs and advertising	20%	Draft strategic plan established	MEC reports UNDP reports
Activity Result 1.2: Public perceptions of the MEC are transformed through more effective communications and stakeholder outreach				
Revised strategic communication plan and policy guidelines drafted	Required expertise requested on 23 rd Nov. Advertised on 4 th Dec. Deadline 22 Dec. Will be undertaken in 1 st quarter 2018	NA	Draft communication plan established	MEC reports UNDP reports
Revised engagement policies on maximising the National Elections Consultative Forum (NECOF) and any other platforms of engagement	NECOF held on 15 th Dec, focused on the use of the new national ID cards for voter registration	30%	Engagement policies reviewed and recommendations drafted	MEC reports UNDP reports CMD reports
Support the drafting of Press statements around potential electoral reforms which may come to pass before the coming general elections	Not required. Successful by-elections and attention focused on reforms which were not passed in 2017	N/A	At least 3 press statements drafted	Media reports
Provision of training and sensitisation sessions to media houses on electoral processes and on responsible journalism during electoral periods	Media Code of Conduct review undertaken on 14th Dec Actual training of media houses will be in first 2 quarters of next year and might be influenced by electoral reforms	45%	At least one sensitisation session	MEC reports UNDP reports Media reports
Activity Result 1.3: the professional knowledge and technical skills of the Commissioners and Secretariat Staff at all levels enhanced, and 'in house' training capacity built in				
Mobilisation of short-term expertise or secondments to and from other EMBs to support MEC senior and technical staff on key issues relevant to the organisation of the forthcoming general elections	2 IT staff to India EMB for Capacity Building on Electoral Technology; New Legal Director to ECZ Zambia; High-level study tour to Ghana on 50+1	A	At least one placement and/or mobilisation	MEC reports UNDP reports

Support to the creation of MEC in-house pool of Master Trainers (MTs) covering the electoral cycle	237 MTs selected at Council level	A	At least 100 MT at Council level selected	MEC reports UNDP reports
Activity Result 1.4: the efficiency, transparency and integrity of electoral processes for the 2019 Tripartite Elections enhanced				
Assist MEC to develop and implement inter-operability protocols and linkages between its systems and the NRB	MEC staff detachment to NRB extended under project. Full understanding achieved on the use of ID cards for VR	A	Interoperability framework established; pilot demonstrations	MEC reports UNDP reports NRB reports
Activity Result 1.5: Strengthen electoral dispute resolution processes and mechanisms				
Develop the capacity of the newly created Legal Department assisting it to develop rules, guidelines, and procedures for the handling of complaints - in full consultation with the Ministry of Justice and the office of the Attorney General - and revise the Guidelines for MPLCs	Ongoing support from project Legal Unit to MEC Leg Dep't. Internal procedures being worked on and MPLC Guidelines review done on 18-19 Dec. Procurement request for IC to review Complaints Guidelines requested on 28/11[advertised on 4/12 with deadline 23/12	25%	Legal expertise mobilised for reviewing and training purposes	
Activity Result 1.6: Strengthen the capacity of the MEC to coordinate and conduct effective, nationwide, voter education campaigns prior to the 2019 Tripartite Elections				
Support the review and standardization of voter education materials	Activity has become 'a new CVE Strategy'. Dependent on legal reforms which are still unclear. Consultancy had to be re-advertised due to lack of suitable candidates. New deadline 28 th Dec	NA	VE materials reviewed	MEC reports UNDP reports
Support the review and printing of new 2019 civic education manual	Dependent on activity above	NA	Civic Education manual reviewed and printed	MEC reports UNDP reports
develop and implement a comprehensive voter education plan in collaboration with CSOs	Foreseen early next year. CSO financing likely to be an all-consuming issue	NA	CSO VE plan established	MEC reports UNDP reports
Accrediting relevant service providers	110 CSO accredited in October	A	Service providers accredited	MEC reports UNDP reports
Activity Result 1.7: Ensure gender mainstreaming and gender equality is enhanced within the MEC and MEC's internal processes and practices are gender sensitive				
Assist the development of standardised procedures to ensure electoral operations and administrative processes are gender sensitive	Will be undertaken in first quarter of next year. UNWOMEN to assist	NA	Review existing documentation with recommendations drafted	MEC reports UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports

Support the updating and implementation of the gender action plan, and ensure that electoral operations are responsive to needs of women	Internal review done in October. Awaiting recommendations	PA	Existing Gender Action Plan reviewed	MEC reports UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Develop procedures to collect and report sex-disaggregated data (SDD) across electoral processes	Collection of data underway	A	Draft procedures developed	MEC reports UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Activity Result 1.8: Critical procurement support				
Develop a standardised procedure to receive and review submissions by the MEC for procurement support actions to be shared with the Technical Committee	No procurement funds made available in the course of the AWP 2017	NA	Draft procedure established	MEC reports UNDP reports
Output 2: Women's political empowerment throughout the electoral cycle is strengthened				
Activity Result 2.1: Increased community and civic understanding of gender equality and women's right to political participation				
Convene community dialogues with local leaders and enhance the collaboration and support to CSOs conducting civic education initiatives on gender equality	The manual on CE on GE has been finalised and launched. The manual is being used to engage with local leaders. One session held with 30 traditional leaders.	A	Regional Dialogues held	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Support the establishment of HeforShe regional movements in support for female political participation	Identification of HeforShe champions will take place in first quarter of 2018	NA	HeforShe movements established	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Activity Result 2.2: Women's capacity to conduct competitive, well-resourced and innovative campaigns is enhanced				
Engage grassroot political structures to promote the nomination of female aspirants to represent political parties	Two dialogue sessions with district structures of eight political parties' gate keepers were held. 71 participants from key political parties have been reached.	A	Support for women political participation garnered	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Support a media campaign to promote women political participation	A media training with print and electronic media took place from 11th to 12th December in Zomba for 20 journalists to commence the work on media engagement. This was followed by a field visit by the media to begin to engage with communities on women political participation. In addition, radio	A	Support for women political participation garnered	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports

	programmes recorded and going through production			
Sub-total				
Activity Result 2.3: Establish measures to monitor and mitigate incidents of political harassment and violence against women in politics and electoral processes				
Convene a national dialogue with relevant stakeholders to discuss specific forms of violence and harassment against women in politics to identify a common monitoring framework	Dialogue session held with 45 stakeholders (CSOs; NGOGCN, Secretary Generals of political parties, MHRC, MoGCSW)	60%	An action plan for the establishment of a common monitoring framework in place	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Establish a dialogue on the establishment of the 'CSO elections engagement 'room for the 2019 with a gender lens	This meeting has been slated for 20 th December 2017. The meeting will be held in Zomba and invitation letters have already been sent.	40%	An action plan for the establishment of a CSO elections engagement 'room with a gender lens in place	UNDP reports UNWOMEN reports
Output 3: Support CMD in its efforts to improve the ability of political parties to contribute to orderly elections				
Activity Result 3.1: The capacity of the CMD as the primary forum for inter- and intra-party dialogue is strengthened and its long-term sustainability is fostered				
Strengthen and improve the technical and administrative capacity of the CMD Secretariat so that it can effectively implement its four-year Strategic Plan (2016 – 2020) and move towards greater sustainability. This includes an agenda setting session; a consultation with MoF on possible budgetary allocations; and networking;	A Strategy and agenda setting session was held in November with the PPs agreeing on what it wanted the Secretariat to do for them. This aside, awaiting arrival of Capacity Development Advisor to take forward this area of work. Should start in Feb 2018	60%	Expertise mobilised and 2 planning/ consultative sessions undertaken	CMD reports UNDP reports
Provide institutional support that will allow CMD to effectively undertake its operational tasks	2 tranches of financing provided the support required for CMD to function	A	Core functions of CMD stabilised	CMD reports UNDP reports
Engage with key stakeholders to ensure the passing of the Political Parties Act currently at Committee stage	Not only did CMD successfully engage here and get the Bill passed but also extended its engagement to sensitising PPs and their MPs around the election Bills	A	Consultative sessions convened	CMD reports UNDP reports
Activity Result 3.2: Strengthen existing political party development initiatives to promote the evolution of issue-based platforms				

Strengthen the institutional capacity of CMD in working with political parties to enhance policy analysis and policy formulation processes to institutionalize issue based campaigns. This includes a policy development workshop and CMD-MEC consultations	The capacity building work with PPs will start in earnest with the CD Advisor in February	NA	Analysis undertaken and options/recommendations formulated and trainings provided	CMD reports UNDP reports PP reports
Provide technical support to CMD to enhance and broaden the scope of dialogue and conflict mitigation processes between the parties themselves, down to the district and community level, including interaction with MPLC	CMD support to the Nsanje MPLC important during by-elections	PA	Consultations undertaken and options/recommendations formulated	CMD reports MPLC reports UNDP reports
Activity Result 3.3: Promote political party policies and procedures to improve inclusion of women				
Joint agenda setting sessions for the future provision of technical and policy advice to political parties on intra-party reforms to increase the role of women in decision-making processes, and creating platforms to increase the role of women in policy debates within political parties	Budgetary and time constraints, coupled with an unforeseen focus on the electoral reforms has pushed this activity to next quarter	NA	Expertise mobilised and consultations undertaken	CMD reports UNDP reports PP reports
Increase awareness of political leaders to support publicly gender equality and women's leadership, such as through UN Women's "HeforShe" campaign	Budgetary and time constraints, coupled with an unforeseen focus on the electoral reforms has pushed this activity to next quarter	NA	At least one sensitisation session organised	CMD reports UNDP reports PP reports
Activity Result 3.4: Promote political party policies and procedures to improve inclusion of youth				
Assist CMD to work with political parties to develop a joint agenda to implement youth development and empowerment programmes to give a strong voice to youth within political parties	Budgetary and time constraints, coupled with an unforeseen focus on the electoral reforms has pushed this activity to next quarter	NA	At least one consultation and one sensitisation session organised	CMD reports UNDP reports PP reports
Output 4: Effective and efficient management, partnership formation, and monitoring and evaluation of the project.				
Activity Result 4.1: Strong project governance structures and processes				
Monthly Technical Committee meetings are held to discuss and formulate recommendations, while quarterly Steering Committee meetings are conducted with project monitoring, in accordance with the terms of reference of the committees	3 TCMs and 1 ad hoc TCM; 1 SCM	A	At least 3 Technical Committee meetings and one Steering Committee	UNDP reports

Strong M&E frameworks and reporting processes in place	M&E Framework drafted and validated by TCM and SCM. Annual report due before 31 March	A	M&E Framework in place; one quarterly report	UNDP reports

