Selected Results in Malawi in 2014

Health:
- Ensured that 488,124 adults and children with HIV infection received anti-retroviral therapy. Counseled and tested more than 1,818,000 individuals for HIV.
- Distributed 7 million malaria treatments and 477, 261 USG-procured Long Lasting Insecticide Treated Nets. Provided 4,476,150 rapid diagnostic malaria test kits.
- Provided treatment to 227,973 women as part of active management of third stage of labor, to reduce post partum hemorrhage, a major killer of women in delivery.
- Achieved 1,964,857 couple years of family planning protection, with a focus on increasing access to Long Acting and Permanent Methods (LAPM).

Economic Growth and Agriculture:
- Improved agriculture practices with Feed the Future crops on 42,000 hectares.
- Nutrition and agriculture interventions benefitted over 500,000 rural households which improved overall food security in Malawi.
- Reduced stunting from 42% to 37%, where the Title II activity was implemented.
- Trained over 264,000 farmers in agriculture skills, technologies, and practices to improve productivity. Over 187,000 farmers applied new techniques/management.
- Facilitated over $6,300,000 in agricultural loans to farmers and leveraged about $1,500,000 new private sector investment in the agriculture sector.
- Completed Detailed Designs and Bidding Documents for $257 million worth of electricity infrastructure.

Education:
- Trained over 11,000 Standard 1-3 teachers in early grade reading skills to improve reading skills for over 629,000 Malawian students.
- Increased early grade reading skills in 11 districts. Improved student reading average in Standard 3 from 13.6 to 25.8 words per minute.
- Provided over 1.3 million grade-appropriate teaching and learning materials to 1,590 schools and surrounding communities.

Democratic Governance and Security:
- Trained 1,517 domestic observers for the May 2014 national elections.
- Increased media objectivity in election coverage, trained 26 journalists in ethics, and supported monitoring of fairness and accuracy of election reporting.
- Trained 50,735 community leaders in issues-based civic education.
- Developed skills of 55 newly-elected local councilors on their roles and responsibilities, constituency representation, and policy formulation processes.
- Trained a battalion of MDF peacekeepers; supported a Malawi-hosted a nine country regional peacekeeping exercise; established the first academy in the region for senior enlisted leaders; trained 155 law enforcement personnel.

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**Notes:**
- “Other” includes security & refugee assistance, disaster readiness, & public diplomacy grants.
- None of the assistance included in this chart is in the form of a loan.
- For more information, please visit [http://lilongwe.usembassy.gov](http://lilongwe.usembassy.gov) or [http://foreignassistance.gov](http://foreignassistance.gov).
- Figures do not include 180 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, USG contributions to multilateral institutions (e.g., the Global Fund, UN agencies) or the generous private philanthropy of American citizens and foundations.
- Prior year figures have been revised; commitments are now replaced with actual disbursements.

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**U.S. Government Bilateral Assistance to Malawi**

**January 2015**
The U.S. Government (USG) is the largest overall donor to Malawi. Malawi is the recipient of five U.S. Presidential Initiatives:

- Feed the Future (FTF)
- Global Health Initiative (GHI)
- The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI)
- Global Climate Change (GCC)
- Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)

The Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact

The USG is the largest contributor and shareholder to the African Development Bank, Global Fund, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, World Bank, and IMF.
• **Health**

  U.S. is the largest bilateral donor to the Malawi health system

• The U.S. Global Health Initiative (GHI) strengthens health systems in all 28 districts, and supports integrated programs in HIV/AIDS; malaria; nutrition; maternal, neonatal, and child health; water, sanitation, and hygiene; family planning and reproductive health; and tuberculosis.

  o Supported the Malawian Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP) and the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS which focuses on HIV prevention, treatment and care with support from all five USG agencies funded by the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

  o Ensured 488,124 adults and children with advanced HIV received anti-retrovirals.

  o Counselling and tested more than 1.8 million individuals for HIV.

  o Provided treatment to 227,973 women to prevent post-partum hemorrhage, a major cause of death for women in delivery.

  o Immunized 397,503 children with DPT 3 before their first birthday.

  o Achieved 1,964,857 couple years of protection by increasing access to family planning methods.

  o Trained 219,053 people in child health and nutrition, the majority of which were members of community care groups.

  o Provided 2,711,165 children with Vitamin A supplementation, and 2,092,338 children with deworming medication.

  o Provided 296,893 Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) with support services.

  o Provided 68,334 men with voluntary medical male circumcision services.

  o Distributed over 7 million malaria treatments, 477,261 long lasting insecticide tested nets, and 4,476,150 rapid diagnostic test kits for malaria.

  o Established 89 TB treatment sites and three microscopy sites in 17 districts.

• **Peace Corps:** Health Volunteers reached 41,250 community members and supported 1,710 service providers on health mobilization, outreach and education activities.
Sustainable Growth

• **The Feed the Future Initiative** promotes food security and nutrition through improved agricultural productivity, market development, and policy engagement.
  – Focused on strengthening the groundnut and soy value chains while promoting consumption and use of nutritious foods to improve nutrition.

• **The Global Climate Change Initiative** promotes improved natural resource and water management, and adaptation to the effects of climate change.

• **Food for Progress** enhances small-scale farmer access to credit and promotes nutrition through goat, rice and cassava value chains.

Small grants build business and management skills at the grassroots level so communities can help themselves.

**African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)** supported increased U.S.-Malawi trade and development of Malawian businesses; including initiatives like the African Women’s Entrepreneurship Program (AWEP).

**Peace Corps Volunteers** promoted sustainable income generation in communities surrounding protected forest & nature reserves, reaching a population of 3,500 in 2014.

**Crosscutting issues were** incorporated across all U.S. initiatives and addressed integration, local capacity building, gender equity, innovation, and inclusiveness.
Power Sector

The 5-year, $350.7 million Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) “Compact” focuses on power sector development.

- The Millennium Challenge Account – Malawi was established in 2012 to implement the MCC Compact.
- Compact implementation began September 20, 2013 and will end five years from this “entry into force” date.
- Nearly 1 million Malawians will benefit over a 20-year period from Compact investments to reduce energy costs and expand access to electricity for domestic, industry, and other business users.
- An Invitation for bid for the refurbishment of Malawi’s oldest hydropower plant, Nkula A, was released in September 2014, with an award expected by April 2015. Tenders for other infrastructure projects, primarily new transmission lines and distribution system upgrades, will be launched between January and April 2015.
- The Compact strongly supports the Government of Malawi’s power sector reform agenda, aimed at modernizing sector policy and attracting private sector investment.

Malawi MCC Compact Objectives:

- Improve the availability, reliability, and quality of power by strengthening the transmission backbone, investing in transmission and distribution system upgrades, and rehabilitating Nkula A hydropower plant;
- Increase hydropower efficiency by addressing aquatic weed infestation and sedimentation that affect downstream generation; and
- Create an enabling environment for future expansion by:
  - Strengthening sector institutions (ESCOM, MERA, Ministry of Energy, etc.); and
  - Enhancing sector regulation and governance.
The USG supports the full range of Malawi’s education system from primary education through post-graduate training. The 2014 highlights were:

• Education activities increased reading skills for primary students in Standards 1 – 3. Reading activities reached over 629,000 students in 13 education districts. Activities will expand to all 34 education districts and reach over two million students by 2015.
• Reading interventions improved student reading average in Standard 1 from 0.7 to 7.8 correct words to minute (cwpm) and in Standard 3 from 13.6 to 25.8 cwpm.
• Provided 1.3 million grade-appropriate teaching/learning materials to 1,590 schools.
• 37 Peace Corps Volunteers taught math and science, and trained teachers in Community Day Secondary Schools, reaching 4,100 students and 70 teachers.
• 275 Malawians studied in the U.S. at the tertiary level – 149 with USG funding.
• Over 50,000 Malawians participated in short and long term sponsored training in Malawi and the region.
Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

The USG promoted democratic governance by supporting civic electoral engagement, increasing government accountability and responsiveness, and strengthening capacity of civil society, local government, and the National Assembly. In the run up to the May 2014 elections, activities included:

- Training 1,517 non-partisan domestic election observers that observed the entire election process.
- Strengthening election coverage extensive training for 26 journalists and supporting media monitoring reports that resulted in more fair and accurate election coverage.
- Supporting issue-based civic/voter education for 50,735 community leaders, creating more informed voters.
- Presented contesting parties with findings from focus group research into citizens’ concerns, resulting in political parties adjusting their policies and messaging to better address voters’ priorities.
- Engaging legislators and key decision makers on ways to address transparency and human rights challenges.

In the post-election period, activities included:

- Building the capacities of 55 newly-elected local councilors to understand roles and responsibilities, representation, and policy formulation.
- Strengthening civil society organizational capacities to improve service delivery, advocacy, and institutional sustainability at the local and national levels.
- Providing government with $1.5 million in IT equipment to strengthen the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS).
- Providing government with a comprehensive assessment of past Public Sector Reform efforts, to support Public Sector Reform.
- Training new MPs on tools and tactics for budget and committee oversight.
Security Cooperation

USG support to the Malawi Defense Force (MDF)
• Trained 850 MDF personnel for peacekeeping operations in 2014 and provided professionalization training in the U.S. and Malawi year round.
• Sponsored Malawi’s hosting of the Southern Accord 14 command post exercise for 260 personnel from nine countries and related academics based on peacekeeping scenarios in the region.
• Established a three-month MDF Senior Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) course with U.S. trainers for the inaugural class and U.S. mentorship for MDF trainers for the second class. This first-in-the-region initiative will welcome students from SADC for 2015 offerings.
• HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment among the MDF staff, families, and communities.

USG support to Malawi law enforcement personnel
• Trained 64 law enforcement officers at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Trafficking in Persons, Law Enforcement Leadership Development, Sex Crimes & Crime Scene Investigations, Women in Law Enforcement, Fraud Documents & Land Border Interdiction, and Cybercrime Investigations.
• Trained 91 local law enforcement officers in Anti-Corruption Investigative Techniques and Passport and Visa Fraud.
U.S. Philanthropy

The USG partners with U.S. organizations and foundations including:

- The Clinton Health Access and Clinton Development Initiatives;
- The Gates Foundation;
- Numerous universities; and
- Several U.S.-based non-governmental (NGOs) and private foundations.

Thousands of U.S. volunteers and missionaries work in Malawi supporting community-based development.
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Thank You