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Indicator	Unit	Period	Value this period	Value previous period	Value in this period in previous year
<b>Prices (Dec 2017=100)</b>					
<b>1.1 Month to Month Inflation</b>					
<b>National</b>	Percent	Apr 2021	-5.1	0.9	-4.2
Urban	Percent	Apr 2021	-2.4	0.6	-2.5
Rural	Percent	Apr 2021	-6.9	1.2	-5.5
Blantyre	Percent	Apr 2021	-3.1	0.3	-2.5
Lilongwe	Percent	Apr 2021	-1.8	1.6	-1.6
Mzuzu	Percent	Apr 2021	-2.3	1.1	-1.6
Zomba	Percent	Apr 2021	-2.3	-1.2	-4.6
<b>1.2 National consumer price index</b>					
<b>All items</b>	Percent	Apr 2021	132.8	139.8	121.6
Food	Percent	Apr 2021	144.6	160.7	129.6
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Percent	Apr 2021	128.2	128.0	120.2
Clothing and footwear	Percent	Apr 2021	126.3	126.2	119.4
Housing, water and electricity	Percent	Apr 2021	120.3	119.7	112.2
Furnishing and Household operation	Percent	Apr 2021	131.2	130.8	123.7
Health	Percent	Apr 2021	129.4	129.3	121.1
Transportation	Percent	Apr 2021	129.8	129.7	116.1
Communication	Percent	Apr 2021	110.1	110.0	107.3
Recreation & Culture	Percent	Apr 2021	112.6	112.4	110.0
Education	Percent	Apr 2021	114.1	114.1	115.5
Restaurants and Hotels	Percent	Apr 2021	117.4	117.0	112.7
Miscellaneous	Percent	Apr 2021	131.1	130.9	123.4
<b>1.3 Rural consumer price index</b>					
<b>All items</b>	Percent	Apr 2021	142.1	152.6	127.7
Food	Percent	Apr 2021	153.4	173.3	136.1
<b>1.4 Urban consumer price index</b>					
<b>All items</b>	Percent	Apr 2021	121.9	125.0	114.7
Food	Percent	Apr 2021	129.2	138.6	118.4
<b>1.5 Blantyre consumer price index: All Items</b>					
Low income	Percent	Apr 2021	107.6	115.0	109.3
Medium income	Percent	Apr 2021	111.6	116.4	112.4
High income	Percent	Apr 2021	116.9	118.7	113.8
<b>1.6 Lilongwe consumer price index: All Items</b>					
Low income	Percent	Apr 2021	116.9	121.5	109.5
Medium income	Percent	Apr 2021	124.6	127.5	117.2
High income	Percent	Apr 2021	125.9	127.0	119.3
<b>1.7 Zomba consumer price index: All Items</b>					
Low income	Percent	Apr 2021	127.6	133.4	108.5
Medium income	Percent	Apr 2021	128.6	132.2	112.0
High income	Percent	Apr 2021	125.0	126.9	126.6
<b>1.8 Mzuzu consumer price index: All Items</b>					
Low income	Percent	Apr 2021	120.0	123.7	114.4
Medium income	Percent	Apr 2021	123.8	128.9	116.2
High income	Percent	Apr 2021	125.9	128.4	118.4
<b>2 Producer Price Index (2019=100)</b>					
<b>Total Index</b>	Percent	Dec 2020	105.0	104.5	100.1
Manufacture of Food products	Percent	Dec 2020	100.4	100.4	98.3
Manufacture of Beverages	Percent	Dec 2020	98.6	98.6	100.5
Manufacture of Tobacco products	Percent	Dec 2020	115.3	113.2	102.5
Manufacture of Chemicals and chemical products	Percent	Dec 2020	109.7	109.7	99.9
Manufacture of Rubber and plastics products	Percent	Dec 2020	93.8	93.9	102.0
Manufacture of Other non-metallic mineral products	Percent	Dec 2020	117.3	117.3	99.8
Total Manufacturing	Percent	Dec 2020	105.3	104.7	100.1
Electricity	Percent	Dec 2020	100.0	100.0	100.0
Water supply	Percent	Dec 2020	107.7	107.5	101.0
Electricity and water	Percent	Dec 2020	102.6	102.6	100.4
<b>3 Production</b>					
<b>3.1 Agriculture</b>					
<b>3.1.1 Tea</b>					
Total production	Thousand tonnes	April 2021	6422.7	7997.4	6 383.2
Value auctioned at Limbe	Million kwacha	Aug 2020	6.4	...	429.8
Quantity auctioned at Limbe	Thousand tonnes	Aug 2020	188.0	...	463.0
Average price at auction	Kwacha per kg	Aug 2020	4 757.9	...	919.2
<b>3.1.2 Sugar</b>					
Total Production	Tonnes	Aug 2020	34,622	35,744	16,000

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<b>3.2 Electricity</b>					
<b>Production</b>	<b>Million KWh</b>	<b>Sep 2020</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>143.0</b>	<b>143.5</b>
Total value of sales	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	10 029.0	9 958.0	10 009.9
Value of domestic sales	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	3 427.0	3 550.0	3 029.9
Value of power sales	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	3 750.0	3 720.0	4 250.9
Value of sales under general tariff	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	2 809.0	2 639.0	2 681.8
Value of exports to Mozambique / Zambia	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	46.0	46.0	47.3
Quantity of domestic sales	Million KWh	Sep 2020	54.0	55.0	47.1
Quantity of power sales	Million KWh	Sep 2020	63.0	62.0	69.7
Quantity of sales under general tariff	Million KWh	Sep 2020	26.0	24.0	24.9
Quantity of exports to Mozambique / Zambia	Million KWh	Sep 2020	2.0	2.0	1.7
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<b>3.3 Building and Construction</b>					
Value of all plans approved in Blantyre	Million kwacha	Oct 2020	58 833.2	...	...
Value of all plans approved in Lilongwe	Million kwacha	Apr 2021	10 292.8	8 612.9	20 772.0
Value of all plans approved in Mzuzu	Million kwacha	Oct 2020	5 000.0	...	431.3
Cement production by Lafarge Cement Company	Thousand tonnes	Sep 2020	11.1	15.7	14.0
Cement sales	Thousand tonnes	Sep 2020	11.7	17.7	14.1
Value of Cement Sales	Million kwacha	Sep 2020	1 203.7	1 915.6	1 574.0
<b>3.4 Industrial Production</b>					
<b>Index of Production (2012=100)</b>					
<b>Total Index</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Dec 2019</b>	<b>112.9</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>115.8</b>
Food products	Percent	Dec 2019	91.0	160.0	93.7
Beverages	Percent	Dec 2019	101.4	105.4	98.3
Tobacco products	Percent	Dec 2019	89.8	132.8	109.1
Chemicals and chemical products	Percent	Dec 2019	123.3	126.6	121
Rubber and plastics products	Percent	Dec 2019	78.8	115.4	80.1
Other non-metallic mineral products	Percent	Dec 2019	141.5	143.2	144.1
Fabricated metal products	Percent	Dec 2019	209.2	166.8	210.6
Total manufacturing	Percent	Dec 2019	106.0	142.8	112.0
Electricity and Water	Percent	Dec 2019	132.0	141.0	126.5
<b>4 Money and Banking</b>					
<b>4.1 Money and Official Sector Deposits</b>					
<b>Total money and quasi money</b>	<b>Million kwacha</b>	<b>Feb-21</b>	<b>1 523 412.0</b>	<b>1 513 158.0</b>	<b>1 289 005.0</b>
Quasi money	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	810 470	780 827	679 401
Total money	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	712 942	732 331	609 603
Official Sector Deposits	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	396 993	368 596	307 239
Government	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	245 657	220 908	203 680
Demand deposits	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	140 208	139 856	91 160
Time and savings	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	11 128	7 832	12 399
<b>4.2 Official Foreign Exchange Reserves</b>					
<b>Total Official Reserves</b>	<b>Million kwacha</b>	<b>Feb-21</b>	<b>356 322.0</b>	<b>379 881.0</b>	<b>908 694.0</b>
Net Official Reserves	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	-18 496	-3 399	330 684
Gross Official Reserves	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	374 827	383 281	578 010
<b>4.3 Reserve Bank Foreign Assets</b>	<b>Million kwacha</b>	<b>Feb-21</b>	<b>485 414.0</b>	<b>463 010.0</b>	<b>581 772.0</b>
Balance with foreign banks and securities	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	478 393.0	456 075.0	570 823.0
Special Drawing Rights position	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	7 021.0	6 935.0	10 949.0
<b>4.4 Domestic sector credit and</b>					
<b>Commercial Bank Advances</b>					
Total domestic credit	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	1 833.0	1 808.7	1 292.0
Private	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	647.7	639.9	550.9
Statutory bodies	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	23.7	22.8	17.1
Government	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	1 161.6	1 146.0	723.9
Commercial Banks Activities (Total advances)	Million kwacha	Feb 2021	716.4	707.5	605.4
<b>4.5 Selected foreign exchange rates (Monthly Averages)</b>					
UK Pound Sterling	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	1 148.7	1 139.6	922.0
US Dollar	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	793.9	790.3	741.9
Zambian Kwacha	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	35.5	35.5	39.8
South African Rand	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	58.8	55.9	40.4
Euro	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	1 011.8	994.0	809.7
Japanese Yen	Kwacha per unit	April 2021	7.3	7.2	6.8
<b>5 Transport</b>					
<b>5.1 Road Accidents</b>					
<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Sept 2020</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>81</b>
Total persons injured	Number	Sept 2020	544	453	416
Severely injured	Number	Sept 2020	60	71	46
Slightly injured	Number	Sept 2020	484	382	370
Damages	Number	Sept 2020	447	449	428
Vehicles involved	Number	Sept 2020	1 871	1 729	1 562

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<b>6 External Trade</b>					
<b>6.1 Trade Balance</b>	<b>Million kwacha</b>	<b>Jan 2021p</b>	<b>-117 198</b>	<b>-156 086</b>	<b>-116 792</b>
Total imports	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	166 725.0	186 557.0	171 246.0
Total exports	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	49 527.0	30 471.0	54 454.0
Domestic exports	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	49 354.0	29 808.0	51 253.0
Re-exports	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	173.0	662.0	3 201.0
<b>6.2 Value of imports of selected commodities</b>					
Fertilizers	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	29 006.0	20 123.8	21 061.3
Diesel	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	4 260.0	6 143.6	7 544.7
Petrol	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	7 928.0	6 335.0	5 526.0
Paraffin	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	24.0	23.4	17.2
Coal	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	182.0	106.3	105.9
<b>6.3 Quantity of imports of selected commodities</b>					
Fertilizers	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	71.3	59.3	58.9
Diesel	Million litres	Jan 2021p	9.0	15.3	15.4
Petrol	Million litres	Jan 2021p	15.4	16.4	12.2
Paraffin	Million litres	Jan 2021p	0.5	0.5	.3
Coal	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	2.2	1.2	0.9
<b>6.4 Value of exports of selected commodities</b>					
Tobacco	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	21 984.7	11 799.5	23 603.6
Tea	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	4 067.0	1 534.1	5 605.2
Sugar	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	8 546.8	3 326.2	9 174.9
Nuts	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	4 021.6	3 450.8	2 304.0
Pulses	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	882.7	1 064.2	15.6
Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	0.0	0.0	279.8
Natural rubber	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	210.3	25.7	226.9
Cotton	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	360.3	304.1	118.9
Wood - Sawn and Plie	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	191.8	54.3	210.3
Coffee	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	882.7	298.6	27.1
Spices	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	5.8	6.4	0.3

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<b>6.5 Quantity of exports of selected commodities</b>					
Tobacco	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	8.1	5.5	9.4
Tea	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	3.2	1.2	4.6
Sugar	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	22.2	7.7	22.0
Nuts	Thousand tonnes	Jan 2021p	6.7	4.4	2.9
Pulses	' tonnes	Jan 2021p	14 959.0	1 793.8	30.0
Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar	'000' litres	Jan 2021p	-	-	338.1
Natural rubber	tonnes	Jan 2021p	166.3	27.7	194.4
Cotton	tonnes	Jan 2021p	367.5	390.2	125.0
Wood - Sawn and Piled	'000" Cubic meters	Jan 2021p	381.3	112.0	432.2
Coffee	tonnes	Jan 2021p	61.9	87.3	21.2
Spices	tonnes	Jan 2021p	11.0	12.0	2.9
<b>Exports to major trading regions</b>					
6.6 SADC region	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	8 419.1	8 787.3	9 715.4
European Union	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	14 680.2	7 813.8	9 852.2
Far East	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	305.6	231.9	749.8
Neighbouring countries	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	2 956.7	3 389.5	3 830.3
United States of America	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	4 141.2	1 928.2	1 796.9
COMESA region	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	9 568.7	8 415.2	18 294.5
UK	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	1 813.4	997.9	1 926.0
Germany	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	2 008.0	994.0	2 268.0
South Africa	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	2 886.6	2 259.1	2 318.4
Zimbabwe	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	2 395.4	2 764.0	2 644.8
<b>Imports from major trading regions</b>					
6.7 SADC region	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	47 389.6	48 439.4	32 849.3
European Union	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	6 125.3	8 456.0	6 508.8
Far East	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	1 428.5	400.5	1 463.7
Neighbouring countries	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	8 826.8	9 561.2	6 338.9
United States of America	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	2 279.4	2 605.4	1 435.4
COMESA region	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	11 378.5	12 604.3	6 376.4
UK	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	11 008.6	6 622.2	12 414.1
Germany	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	1 530.3	2 598.7	1 541.7
South Africa	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	36 625.0	36 709.9	25 367.7
Zimbabwe	Million kwacha	Jan 2021p	874.4	1 643.3	812.3

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