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Indicator	Unit	Period	Value this period	Value previous period	Value in this period in previous year
Prices (Dec 2017=100)					
1.1 Month to Month Inflation					
National	Percent	Dec 2020	2.6	2.0	2.2
Urban	Percent	Dec 2020	1.1	1.8	0.8
Rural	Percent	Dec 2020	3.7	2.2	3.3
Blantyre	Percent	Dec 2020	-0.9	1.7	1.6
Lilongwe	Percent	Dec 2020	2.2	1.3	1.1
Mzuzu	Percent	Dec 2020	1.7	3.8	-1.5
Zomba	Percent	Dec 2020	0.6	6.0	1.9
1.2 National consumer price index					
All items	Percent	Dec 2020	131.9	128.6	122.6
Food	Percent	Dec 2020	147.6	141.5	133.6
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	Percent	Dec 2020	125.9	125.9	118.3
Clothing and footwear	Percent	Dec 2020	122.8	125.5	117.2
Housing, water and electricity	Percent	Dec 2020	114.9	114.5	112.2
Furnishing and Household operation	Percent	Dec 2020	127.6	127.5	116.5
Health	Percent	Dec 2020	125.5	123.9	119.4
Transportation	Percent	Dec 2020	126.1	122.7	116.8
Communication	Percent	Dec 2020	109.6	108.4	105.6
Recreation & Culture	Percent	Dec 2020	110.8	110.8	109.4
Education	Percent	Dec 2020	116.6	111.5	111.5
Restaurants and Hotels	Percent	Dec 2020	114.2	115.5	108.3
Miscellaneous	Percent	Dec 2020	129.4	127.9	119.8
1.3 Rural consumer price index					
All items	Percent	Dec 2020	141.9	136.9	128.7
Food	Percent	Dec 2020	157.5	149.3	139.5
1.4 Urban consumer price index					
All items	Percent	Dec 2020	120.4	119.1	115.4
Food	Percent	Dec 2020	130.3	127.9	123.4
1.5 Blantyre consumer price index: All Items					
Low income	Percent	Dec 2020	109.5	113.3	118.6
Medium income	Percent	Dec 2020	112.2	114.9	117.0
High income	Percent	Dec 2020	115.8	115.8	115.9
1.6 Lilongwe consumer price index: All Items					
Low income	Percent	Dec 2020	116.7	112.6	108.6
Medium income	Percent	Dec 2020	124.2	121.3	114.1
High income	Percent	Dec 2020	124.4	122.3	116.8
1.7 Zomba consumer price index: All Items					
Low income	Percent	Dec 2020	123.2	122.2	114.6
Medium income	Percent	Dec 2020	124.2	122.9	114.6
High income	Percent	Dec 2020	122.5	119.8	112.9
1.8 Mzuzu consumer price index: All Items					
Low income	Percent	Dec 2020	117.0	117.6	114.3
Medium income	Percent	Dec 2020	121.9	120.6	116.3
High income	Percent	Dec 2020	123.3	122.1	119.8
2 Agriculture					
2.1 Tea					
Total production	Thousand tonnes	Nov 2020	1,386.3	2,126.6	1,116.6
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
2.2 Sugar					
Total Production	Thousand tonnes	Aug 2020	41	42	34

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3 Money and Banking					
3.1 Money and Official Sector Deposits					
Total money and quasi money	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	1,405,023.0	1,386,222.0	1,263,458.0
Quasi money	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	698,608.0	714,475.0	667,278.0
Total money	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	706,415.0	671,747.0	596,180.0
Total deposits	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	1,433,880.0	1,422,212.0	1,404,332.0
Government	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	200,885.0	187,244.0	283,863.0
Demand deposits	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	710,691.0	696,847.0	648,403.0
Time and savings	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	522,304.0	538,121.0	472,066.0
3.2 Official External Reserves	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	653,807.0	612,246.0	919,828.0
Net Official Reserves	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	168,393.0	149,236.0	338,056.0
Gross Official Reserves	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	485,414.0	463,010.0	581,772.0
3.3 Reserve Bank Foreign Assets	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	485,414.0	463,010.0	581,772.0
Balance with foreign banks and securities	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	478,393.0	456,075.0	570,823.0
Special Drawing Rights position	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	7,021.0	6,935.0	10,949.0
3.4 Domestic sector credit and Commercial Bank Advances					
Total domestic credit	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	1,534.5	1,464.6	1,541.7
Private	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	566.6	566.8	615.6
Statutory bodies	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	21.9	25.9	24.4
Government	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	946.7	871.8	615.6
Commercial Banks Activities (Total advances)	Million kwacha	Jun 2020	628.1	628.1	550.7
3.5 Selected foreign exchange rates (Monthly Averages)					
UK Pound Sterling	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	1,067.5	1,041.0	971.9
US Dollar	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	769.6	763.7	741.6
Zambian Kwacha	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	36.3	36.4	51.0
South African Rand	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	52.2	52.2	51.4
Euro	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	975.0	942.5	822.4
Japanese Yen	Kwacha per unit	Dec 2020	7.4	7.2	6.7
4 Industrial Production					
4.1 Index of Production (2012=100)					
Total Index	Percent	Dec 2019	112.9	142.3	115.8
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
4.2 Electricity					
Production	Million KWh	Sep 2020	144.0	143.0	143.5
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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4.3 Building and Construction					
Value of all plans approved in Blantyre	Million kwacha	Oct 2020	58,833.2
Value of all plans approved in Lilongwe	Million kwacha	Nov 2020	2,492.9	2,953.9	6,697.1
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
5 Transport					
5.1 Road Accidents					
Fatal	Number	Sep 2020	89	132	81
Total persons injured	Number	Sep 2020	544	453	416
Severely injured	Number	Sep 2020	60	71	46
Slightly injured	Number	Sep 2020	484	382	370
Damages	Number	Sep 2020	447	449	428
Vehicles involved	Number	Sep 2020	1,871	1,729	1,562
6 External Trade					
6.1 Trade Balance	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	-100,359.6	-92,117.3	91,900.9
Total imports	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	146,624	119,075.1	146,140.0
Total exports	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	46,264	26,957.8	74,239.1
Domestic exports	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	46,264	26,905.0	74,188.3
Re-exports	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	...	52.8	50.8
6.2 Value of imports of selected commodities					
Fertilizers	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	3,908.2	5938.4	7,211.6
Diesel	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	2856.6	3,320.1	6,750.1
Petrol	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	3227.5	3,421.5	6,722.7
Paraffin	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	16.1	...	31.1
Coal	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	138.6	106.3	82.4
6.3 Quantity of imports of selected commodities					
Fertilizers	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	12.3	20.5	20.3
Diesel	Million litres	Jun 2020p	8.3	9.4	12.6
Petrol	Million litres	Jun 2020p	10.3	8.9	12.8
Paraffin	Million litres	Jun 2020p	0.1	...	0.1
Coal	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	1.7	1.1	0.8
6.4 Value of exports of selected commodities					
Tobacco	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	19545.8	4,142.3	8,156.8
Tea	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	4887.6	7,473.2	5,191.5
Sugar	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	6907.0	2,717.4	5,174.1
Nuts	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	4552.9	5,586.8	6,899.2
Pulses	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	1150.8	421.0	46.0
Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	327.8	281.3	239.2
Natural rubber	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	153.5	123.5	198.8
Cotton	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	135.4	...	27,301.0
Wood - Sawn and Plie	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	21.1	...	129.2
Coffee	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	0.3	12.2	*
Spices	Million kwacha	Jun 2020p	23.5	0.3	0.4

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6.5 Quantity of exports of selected commodities					
Tobacco	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	6.9	1.9	3.1
Tea	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	4.3	6.5	4.1
Sugar	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	16.7	6.5	10.5
Nuts	Thousand tonnes	Jun 2020p	7.5	9.5	7.3
Pulses	' tonnes	Jun 2020p	2.4	0.7	0.1
Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar	'000' litres	Jun 2020p	23536.3	354.9	401.3
Natural rubber	tonnes	Jun 2020p	138.8	113.2	166.9
Cotton	tonnes	Jun 2020p	250.0	...	944.5
Wood - Sawn and Piled	'000" Cubic meters	Jun 2020p	51.0	...	240.0
Coffee	tonnes	Jun 2020p	0.1	28.1	*
Spices	tonnes	Jun 2020p	17.1	6.8	47.7
Exports to major trading regions					
6.6 SADC region	Million kwacha	May 2020p	7,981.9	7,858.6	15,189.7
European Union	Million kwacha	May 2020p	4,964.0	14,028.4	34,554.5
Far East	Million kwacha	May 2020p	2,780.9	3,381.9	2,245.4
Neighbouring countries	Million kwacha	May 2020p	6,648.1	3,411.2	5,293.4
United States of America	Million kwacha	May 2020p	1,669.6	1,304.6	4,030.4
COMESA region	Million kwacha	May 2020p	30,176.0	10,139.5	11,035.9
UK	Million kwacha	May 2020p	2,913.8	2,808.7	25,073.3
Germany	Million kwacha	May 2020p	69,511.4	488.8	190.8
South Africa	Million kwacha	May 2020p	29,107.0	1,593.3	7,811.5
Zimbabwe	Million kwacha	May 2020p	1,168.3	1,071.3	1,189.1
Imports from major trading regions					
6.7 SADC region	Million kwacha	May 2020p	31,414.1	31,105.1	43,658.2
European Union	Million kwacha	May 2020p	20,644.5	6,254.7	33,146.2
Far East	Million kwacha	May 2020p	31,720.0	31,579.6	52,123.1
Neighbouring countries	Million kwacha	May 2020p	12,078.0	7,874.5	16,740.2
United States of America	Million kwacha	May 2020p	1,281.5	971.8	1,610.0
COMESA region	Million kwacha	May 2020p	13,780.7	9,530.9	18,215.1
UK	Million kwacha	May 2020p	1,281.5	1,597.1	14,556.2
Germany	Million kwacha	May 2020p	3,114.1	1,729.2	2,945.0
South Africa	Million kwacha	May 2020p	17,497.9	20,474.1	24,063.4
Zimbabwe	Million kwacha	May 2020p	2,196.2	1,581.2	1,804.3

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