MALAWI

Sub-Saharan Africa

▼ OVERALL PERFORMANCE

Index score	Regional average score
52.2	53.1

SDG Global rank 152 (OF 166)
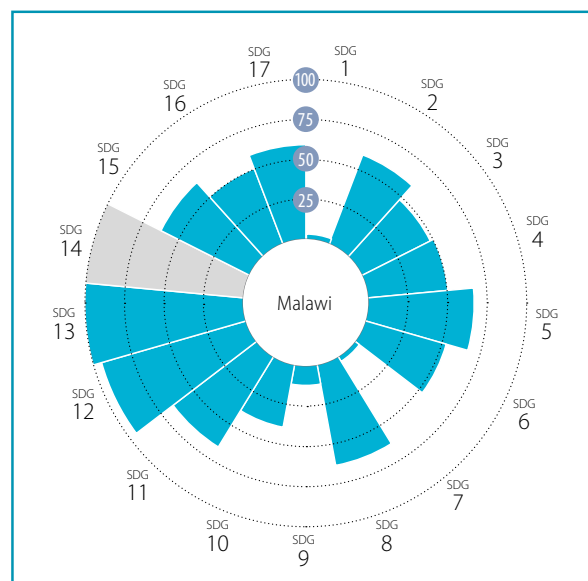
▲ AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG

Malawi

▼ SPILLOVER INDEX

100 (best) to 0 (worst)

▼ CURRENT ASSESSMENT – SDG DASHBOARD

■ Major challenges	■ Significant challenges
■ Challenges remain	■ SDG achieved
■ Information unavailable	

▼ SDG TRENDS
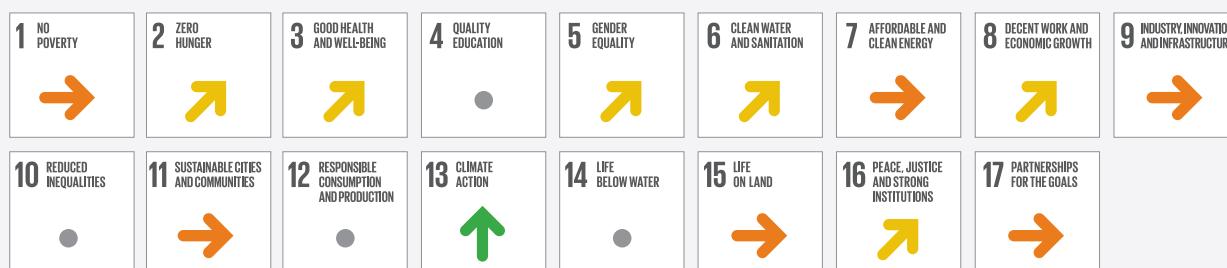
↓ Decreasing	→ Stagnating
↗ Moderately improving	↑ On track or maintaining SDG achievement
● Information unavailable	

Notes: The full title of Goal 2 "Zero Hunger" is "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture".

The full title of each SDG is available here: https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/sustainabledevelopmentgoals

SDG1 – No Poverty

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Poverty headcount ratio at $1.90/day (%)	66.5	2020	red	→
Poverty headcount ratio at $3.20/day (%)	87.4	2020	red	→

SDG2 – Zero Hunger

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Prevalence of undernourishment (%)	17.5	2017	red	→
Prevalence of stunting in children under 5 years of age (%)	37.1	2015	red	→
Prevalence of wasting in children under 5 years of age (%)	2.7	2015	green	↑
Prevalence of obesity, BMI ≥ 30 (% of adult population)	5.8	2016	green	↑
Human Trophic Level (best 2–3 worst)	2.1	2017	green	↑
Cereal yield (tonnes per hectare of harvested land)	1.9	2017	orange	↓
Sustainable Nitrogen Management Index (best 0–1.41 worst)	0.7	2015	red	→

SDG3 – Good Health and Well-Being

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births)	349	2017	red	↗
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	22.4	2018	red	↗
Mortality rate, under-5 (per 1,000 live births)	49.7	2018	orange	↑
Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population)	181.0	2018	red	↗
New HIV infections (per 1,000 uninfected population)	2.3	2018	red	↑
Age-standardized death rate due to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, or chronic respiratory disease in adults aged 30–70 years (%)	16.4	2016	yellow	↑
Age-standardized death rate attributable to household air pollution and ambient air pollution (per 100,000 population)	115	2016	orange	grey
Traffic deaths (per 100,000 population)	31.0	2016	red	↗
Life expectancy at birth (years)	64.2	2016	red	↗
Adolescent fertility rate (births per 1,000 adolescent females aged 15 to 19)	132.7	2017	red	→
Births attended by skilled health personnel (%)	89.8	2016	red	grey
Percentage of surviving infants who received 2 WHO-recommended vaccines (%)	87	2018	yellow	→
Universal health coverage (UHC) index of service coverage (worst 0–100 best)	46.0	2017	red	→
Subjective well-being (average ladder score, worst 0–10 best)	3.9	2019	red	→

SDG4 – Quality Education

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Net primary enrollment rate (%)	97.6	2009	green	grey
Lower secondary completion rate (%)	21.6	2013	red	grey
Literacy rate (% of population aged 15 to 24)	72.9	2015	red	grey

SDG5 – Gender Equality

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Demand for family planning satisfied by modern methods (% of females aged 15 to 49 who are married or in unions)	73.9	2016	yellow	↑
Ratio of female-to-male mean years of education received (%)	80.4	2018	orange	↗
Ratio of female-to-male labor force participation rate (%)	88.6	2019	green	↑
Seats held by women in national parliament (%)	22.9	2020	orange	↗

SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using at least basic drinking water services (%)	68.8	2017	red	→
Population using at least basic sanitation services (%)	26.2	2017	red	→
Freshwater withdrawal (% of available freshwater resources)	17.5	2005	green	grey
Anthropogenic wastewater that receives treatment (%)	0.0	2018	red	grey
Scarce water consumption embodied in imports (m^3/capita)	0.4	2013	green	↑

SDG7 – Affordable and Clean Energy

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population with access to electricity (%)	12.7	2017	red	→
Population with access to clean fuels and technology for cooking (%)	2.5	2016	red	→
CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion for electricity and heating per total electricity output ($MtCO_2$/TWh)	NA	NA	grey	grey

SDG8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Adjusted GDP growth (%)	-6.7	2018	red	grey
Victims of modern slavery (per 1,000 population)	7.5	2018	orange	grey
Adults with an account at a bank or other financial institution or with a mobile-money-service provider (% of population aged 15 or over)	33.7	2017	red	↑
Unemployment rate (% of total labor force)	5.7	2019	yellow	↗
Fatal work-related accidents embodied in imports (per 100,000 population)	0.1	2010	green	↑

SDG9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Population using the internet (%)	13.8	2017	red	↗
Mobile broadband subscriptions (per 100 population)	27.2	2018	red	↗
Logistics Performance Index: Quality of trade and transport-related infrastructure (worst 1–5 best)	2.2	2018	orange	↓
The Times Higher Education Universities Ranking: Average score of top 3 universities (worst 0–100 best)	* 0.0	2020	orange	grey
Scientific and technical journal articles (per 1,000 population)	0.0	2018	red	→
Expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)	* 0.0	2017	red	grey

SDG10 – Reduced Inequalities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Gini coefficient adjusted for top income	49.4	2016	red	grey

SDG11 – Sustainable Cities and Communities

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Annual mean concentration of particulate matter of less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM2.5) ($\mu g/m^3$)	23.6	2017	orange	↗
Access to improved water source, piped (% of urban population)	81.5	2017	red	→
Satisfaction with public transport (%)	43.1	2019	red	↗

SDG12 – Responsible Consumption and Production

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Municipal solid waste (kg/capita/day)	1.1	2013	yellow	grey
Electronic waste (kg/capita)	0.5	2016	green	grey
Production-based SO_2 emissions (kg/capita)	8.2	2012	green	grey
SO_2 emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.4	2012	green	grey
Production-based nitrogen emissions (kg/capita)	5.3	2010	green	grey
Nitrogen emissions embodied in imports (kg/capita)	0.4	2010	green	grey

SDG13 – Climate Action

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Energy-related CO_2 emissions (tCO_2/capita)	0.1	2017	green	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in imports (tCO_2/capita)	0.0	2015	green	↑
CO_2 emissions embodied in fossil fuel exports (kg/capita)	0.8	2017	green	grey

SDG14 – Life Below Water

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in marine sites important to biodiversity (%)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Ocean Health Index: Clean Waters score (worst 0–100 best)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Fish caught from overexploited or collapsed stocks (% of total catch)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Fish caught by trawling (%)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Marine biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.0	2018	green	grey

SDG15 – Life on Land

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Mean area that is protected in terrestrial sites important to biodiversity (%)	83.4	2018	green	↑
Mean area that is protected in freshwater sites important to biodiversity (%)	44.7	2018	yellow	→
Red List Index of species survival (worst 0–1 best)	0.8	2019	orange	→
Permanent deforestation (% of forest area, 5-year average)	1.0	2018	red	grey
Terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity threats embodied in imports (per million population)	0.3	2018	green	grey

SDG16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Homicides (per 100,000 population)	1.7	2012	yellow	grey
Unsentenced detainees (% of prison population)	14.4	2018	green	↑
Percentage of population who feel safe walking alone at night in the city or area where they live (%)	47.3	2019	red	↗
Property Rights (worst 1–7 best)	4.2	2019	yellow	grey
Birth registrations with civil authority (% of children under age 5)	5.6	2018	red	grey
Corruption Perception Index (worst 0–100 best)	31	2019	orange	→
Children involved in child labor (% of population aged 5 to 14)	39.3	2016	red	grey
Exports of major conventional weapons (TIV constant million USD per 100,000 population)	* 0.0	2019	green	grey
Press Freedom Index (best 0–100 worst)	29.4	2019	green	↑

SDG17 – Partnerships for the Goals

Indicator	Value	Year	Rating	Trend
Government spending on health and education (% of GDP)	7.5	2016	yellow	→
For high-income and all OECD DAC countries: International concessional public finance, including official development assistance (% of GNI)	NA	NA	grey	grey
Other countries: Government revenue excluding grants (% of GDP)	18.1	2018	orange	→
Corporate Tax Haven Score (best 0–100 worst)	* 0.0	2019	green	grey

* Imputed data point