# Malawi

## Commitment to Human Capital - Scorecard

This scorecard presents a snapshot of the country's commitment to the human capital agenda and the World Bank Group's support for the social sectors.

#### INDICATORS ON THE AFRICA HUMAN CAPITAL PLAN

- Human Capital Index. In Malawi the productivity as a future worker of a child born today is 41 percent as much as it could be. The HCI has three components: survival to age 5, health, and education. For more information on human capital outcomes and the HCI, please see the country two-pager on www.worldbank.org/humancapitalproject
- Adolescent Fertility Rate. In Malawi, there are 140 births per 1,000 women ages 15-19. This is higher than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (83).
- Social Protection Coverage. In Malawi, 42 percent of the population is covered by social safety net programs. This is higher than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (30).
- Open Defecation. In Malawi, 6 percent of the population practices open defecation. This is lower than the Africa Human Capital Target for 2023 (15).

#### INDICATORS ON WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

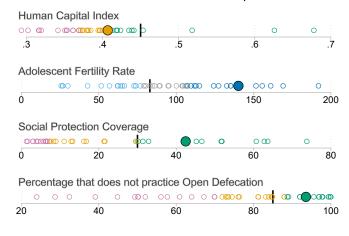
- **Total Fertility Rate.** In Malawi, the total fertility rate is **4.5**. This is higher than the average for its region (4.5) but lower than the average for its income group (4.7).
- Contraceptive Prevalence. In Malawi, 59 percent of women ages 15-49 uses some form of contraceptive method. This is higher than both the average for its region (31) and the average for its income group (28).
- Women, Business and the Law Index. This index measures gender inequality in the law and identifies barriers to women's economic participation, and a larger value shows higher gender equity. In Malawi, the value is 84 out of 100. This is higher than both the average for its region (70) and the average for its income group (68).
- Net Enrolment Rate in Secondary School. In Malawi, 31 percent
  of girls of secondary-school age are enrolled in secondary school.
  This is lower than the average for its region (35) but higher than the
  average for its income group (29).

### DOMESTIC RESOURCE USE AND MOBILIZATION

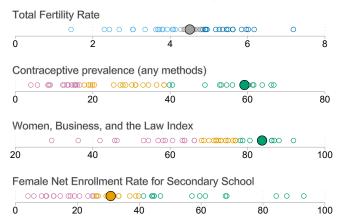
- **Health Spending.** Malawi spends **9.8 percent** of its government budget on health. This is higher than both the regional average (7.6) and the average for its income group (6.8).
- Education Spending. Malawi spends 17.2 percent of its government budget on education. This is higher than both the regional average (15.3) and the average for its income group (15.5).
- Social Protection Spending. Malawi spends 10.8 percent of its government budget on social protection. This is higher than both the regional average (9.9) and the average for its income group (10.8).

## **Human Capital Context**

## Indicators in the Africa Human Capital Plan

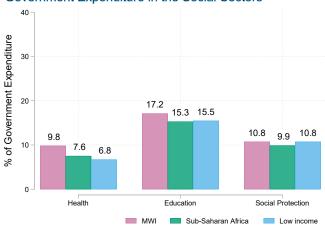


### Indicators on Women's Empowerment



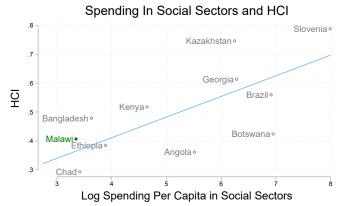
- Large circle=Malawi; small circles=other countries.
- Vertical lines refer to regional targets.
- Pink/light blue=1st tercile; orange/gray=2nd tercile; green/blue=3rd tercile

## Government Expenditure in the Social Sectors





 Efficiency of Spending. The HCI in Malawi is higher than what would be predicted for its level of per capita spending on the social sectors.



- A selection of 101 countries in the regression are displayed.
- **Domestic Resource Mobilization.** The tax revenue in Malawi is **17.3** percent of GDP. This is higher than both the regional average (16.1) and the average for its income group (14.3).



- Countries with DRM greater than 25% of GDP are excluded

#### **OTHER RELEVANT INDICATORS**

- Human Capital Participation. Malawi is part of a network of countries committed to the Human Capital agenda.
- Building Human Capital. The Country Policy and Institutional Assesment rating for building human resources in Malawi is 3.5 (1 is low and 6 is high). This indicator assesses the national policies and public and private sector service delivery that affect access to and quality of health and education services.
- **Identification** In Malawi, **21.2 percent** of the population does not have proof of identity. This is lower than both the regional average (33.8) and the average for its income group (34.6).
- Statistical Data on Human Capital In Malawi, the latest available data on stunting rates is from 2015. Similarly, the last available data point on Harmonized Learning Outcomes is from 2013.

#### HOW IS THE WORLD BANK SUPPORTING THE EFFORT?

The following table summarizes the World Bank's investments in Human Development for Ethiopia, including measures of volume, performance, and other relevant indicators.

World Bank Investments in HD				
Indicator	HD	Edu	HNP	SPJ
HD Portfolio				
USD (million)	409	182	50	178
Percentage of total	31	14	4	14
Diff. with perc. for regional average	+8	+8	-4	+5
Diff. with perc. for income group avg	+4	+6	-7	+4
HD FY 20 Lending Program				
USD (million)	0	0	0	0
Percentage of total	0	0	0	0
Diff. with perc. for regional average	-31	-9	-9	-12
Diff. with perc. for income group avg	-36	-8	-11	-16
HD Performance				
Average Development Outcome (DO)	4	4	4	3
Difference with DO for region	+0.06	+0.35	+0.43	-0.65
Difference with DO for income group	+0.05	+0.33	+0.42	-0.57
Perc. Satisfactory DO	100	100	100	100
Average Implementation Progress (IP)	3	3	4	3
Difference with IP for region	-0.12	-0.22	+0.65	-0.52
Difference with IP for income group	-0.11	-0.23	+0.60	-0.36
Perc. Satisfactory IP	100	100	100	100
Disbursement ratio (DR)	61	65		51
Difference with DR for region	+21	+37		-2
Difference with DR for income group	+16	+36		-9
Other indicators				
Average project size (PS) (USD mill.)	82	61	50	178
Difference with PS for region	+5	+3	-10	+89
Difference with PS for income group	-4	+2	-22	+84
Perc. of portfolio that is co-TTL'd (CTT)	23	25	100	0
Diff. with CTT for region (perc. points)	-4	+10	+69	-31
Diff. with CTT income group (perc. points)	-7	+3	+65	-36

Note: a) Pink indicates that the value is within the first tercile of the distribution for all the countries. Orange indicates that the value is is within the second tercile. Green indicates that it is within the third tercile. b) FY20 lending program includes only projects rated A, B and unrated. c) DO and IP are on a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is Unsatisfactory and 5 is Highly Satisfactory. d) Data as of July 15, 2019.

- **Human Capital Policy Operations.** Currently, the pipeline for Malawi does not include any Development Policy Operation with a Human Capital-related component or prior action.
- Women's Empowerment Project. Currently, the pipeline for Malawi does not have an active project focused on women empowerment or on sexual and reproductive health.

This scorecard is intended to be a conversation starter on where a country is on various aspects of human capital development and the state of the World Bank's support in the social sectors. The list of indicators presented here is not exhaustive and should be complemented with more specific variables. Most of the indicators are related to the Africa Human Capital Plan.

The sources of data for the different indicators include: the Human Capital Project, the World Development Indicators, and the World Bank's internal system to monitor investments.

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