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Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Specific Location	Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts, Majete, Mwabvi, Lengwe, Elephant Marsh
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2023-11-20
Borrower	Government of Malawi
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 26.62 million
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Project Cost (USD)	$ 265.58 million

Project Description

As stated by the AfDB, the project objective is to develop a resilient irrigated commercial agriculture and strengthen the management of natural resources in the Program area. Particularly, the Program aims at providing irrigation to over 43,000 ha through the phased construction of a new gravity-fed irrigation scheme to 27,600 ha of agricultural land presently under rainfed cultivation, as well as approximately 15,700 ha of existing irrigation areas that currently use electric pumps to abstract water from the Shire River.

SVTP is a 14-year Program implemented through a Series of projects with three sequential but partially overlapping projects in Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts in the Southern Region of Malawi. The Program is structured around four coordinated pillars:
(i) providing reliable, professionally managed, and sustainably financed irrigation service to a number of irrigators in a phased construction of an irrigation and drainage scheme;
(ii) supporting farmer organizations within a comprehensive land use plan, and supporting land tenure strengthening and voluntary consolidation;
(iii) establishing and investing in smallholder-owned commercial farm enterprises transitioning into commercial agriculture from subsistence farming and integrating them into commercial value chains; and
(iv) natural resources management in and around the Program area.

Protected areas in Majete Wildlife Reserve, Mwabvi Wildlife Reserve, Lengwe National Park, and Elephant Marsh RAMSAR site, will be beneficiaries through Component 4 of the project.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The AfDB categorized the project risks as follows -

Environmental Category: 1

Climate Safeguards Categorization: 2

Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

In addition to the AfDB grant, the project is being financed by the following institutions:

World Bank IDA - US$ 124.87 million Loan
OPEC Fund - US$ 19.97 million Loan
Private sector - US$ 9.32 million Direct investment
Government Counterpart Contribution - US$ 84.8 million Cash and In-kind

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal report (English)
- Appraisal report (French)
- Biodiversity Management Plan for Lengwe National Park and Elephant Marsh
- Contract/Procurement plan
- Expression of interest/Procurement plan
- GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE
- Labor Management Procedures
- Resettlement Action Plan
- Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- Updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

Other Related Projects

- WB-P158805 Shire Valley Transformation Program - I
- AFDB-P-MW-AA0-024 SHIRE VALLEY TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
- WB-P176575 Shire Valley Transformation Program - Phase II
- IFC-43014 Mpatamanga