

 Early Warning System

AFDB-P-MW-AA0-042

Enhancing Climate-Adapted Agricultural Productivity Through Improved
Water Management (CAWMA)



Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-05-29
Borrower	Ministry of Finance
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 8.56 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 8.56 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 8.56 million



Project Description

According to bank's website, the Climate Adapted Water Management for Agricultural Productivity Improvement Project (CAWMA) is a climate resilience and agricultural recovery project in Malawi designed to restore cyclone-damaged agricultural and water infrastructure and strengthen climate-resilient livelihoods. Financed through the African Development Fund Climate Action Window, the project targets the districts of Phalombe and Thyolo, which were severely affected by Cyclone Freddy. It combines the rehabilitation of climate-resilient irrigation and WASH infrastructure, support to climate-smart agricultural production and commercialization, watershed restoration, institutional strengthening, and project management. The project will rehabilitate key irrigation schemes, access roads, water supply and sanitation facilities, promote climate-smart agriculture and seed multiplication, support structured market access, strengthen nutrition-sensitive interventions, and restore degraded watersheds using nature-based solutions. The total project cost is estimated at UA 10.6 million (about USD 14.41 million), financed by an ADF Climate Action Window grant of UA 6.25 million, with co-financing from FAO in cash and in kind, the IFAD, UNOPS, and an in-kind Government contribution. The executing agency is the FAO.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environmental Category: [1] High Risk

Climate Safeguards Categorization: [2] Projects may be vulnerable to climate risk



Investment Description

- African Development Bank (AFDB)

Financial Instrument: Project Cycle Grant

Masterloan number: 5190155000202

Commitment (UA): 6,251,633



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Bank Documents

- [Environmental Study \(EN\)](#)
- [Project Appraisal Report \(EN\)](#)
- [Project Appraisal Report \(FR\)](#)