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Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-09-25
Borrower	Government of Malawi
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 120.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 125.00 million

Project Description

The proposed project obhective is to increase adoption of resilience-enhancing landscape management practices in targeted watersheds and strengthen capacity for improved water resources management.

The proposed project will support Government of Malawi's National Forest and Landscape Restoration Strategy (NFLRS). The overall objective of the NFLRS is to restore degraded landscapes for improved water and energy security, agricultural productivity and livelihoods. The project will contribute to achieving this objective by investing in restoration activities in selected priority watersheds, while at the same strengthening institutions and information for resilience and sustainability. Proposed project activities will be organized under five components:

1. Institutional capacity strengthening. This national level component will finance a package of activities designed to strengthen the institutional and policy framework for integrated landscape and water resources management at national, district and local levels and will also support the development and piloting of a Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES) mechanism for the Shire river basin that could deliver longer-term financing for efforts to address land degradation and protect natural resources that generate ecosystem services.
2. Landscape management and livelihoods support. This component will finance an integrated package of interventions designed to protect environmental services and restore degraded landscapes in selected watersheds in ways that will also build resilient livelihoods.
3. Hydro-meteorological monitoring and climate services improvement. This component will invest in the expansion and modernization of Malawi's hydrometeorological monitoring network and associated data management and decision-support systems. It will also support the integration, efficiency and scaling up of climate information services. It will support Malawi's efforts to establish a National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS) through investments in the entire value-chain of climate products and services. This component will complement an ongoing Green Climate Fund-supported initiative by extending geographical focus to cover southern Malawi and by strengthening development of digital solutions.
4. Project management support. This component will finance a package of project management support activities to ensure cost-efficient, timely and quality delivery of project activities and results, and will include:
    i. establishment of a project management support unit with specialized project management professionals to provide support to the lead implementing ministry/department and the multi-sectoral technical team;
    ii. incremental operating costs for day-to-day management of project activities at the national and district levels; and
    iii. support to multi-sectoral coordination and implementation at the district and local levels.
5. Contingency Emergency Response. A Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) with zero allocation will be created and made implementation-ready to allow the GoM to respond quickly in case of an eligible emergency. The CERC will complement those in place already under agriculture and nutrition projects and the forthcoming Malawi CAT DDO. The mechanism will be defined in a specific CERC Operational Manual that will clearly outline the triggers, eligible expenditures, procurement thresholds, and procedures for using part of IDA resources of the project to respond quickly in the event of an eligible emergency.

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