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Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2021-07-22
Borrower	Government of Malawi
Sectors	Education and Health, Transport
Investment Type(s)	Grant, Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 22.68 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 23.17 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the objective of the Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program - Phase 2 is to facilitate the movement of goods and people along the North-South Corridor and at the key border crossings in Malawi, whilst supporting improvements in road safety and health services along the corridor.

The project has four components:

1. Component 1: Improving the Road Infrastructure (Original Credit US$28 million; AF US$31.5 million).
    a. Component 1(a): The Karonga – Songwe Section of the M1 Corridor (US$25 million). This subcomponent has supported the improvement of the 46 km Karonga – Songwe section of the M1 road.
    b. Component 1(b): Accident Blackspot Intervention (original allocation US$3 million, revised allocation US$6.5 million). This sub-component will support the mitigation of priority accident blackspots on the M1 north-south corridor.
2. Component 2: Improving the Social Infrastructure (original allocation US$5.5 million; revised allocation US$8.1 million). The second component comprises two sub-components to mitigate the social costs associated with road trauma and traffic safety:
    a. Component 2(a): Improving management of road safety (original allocation US$2 million; US$2.15 revised allocation). This sub-component is to facilitate DRTSS with necessary resources and tools, including (i) the purchase of equipment (handheld speed detection radars, breathalysers) and mobile weigh scales (ii) undertaking of baseline surveys (seatbelt wearing and drunk driving), (iii) educational road safety campaigns, (iv) a study to estimate the socio-economic cost of road traffic accidents, and (v) technical assistance to design and support the DRTSS in implementing the pilot.
    b. Component 2(b): Improving health services and emergency response (original allocation US$3.5 million, revised allocation US$5.95 million). This sub-component will refurbish and extend priority health facilities in trauma care and provide technical assistance to develop the capacity of the staff in the local health facilities, in HIV/AIDS awareness, counseling and testing.
3. Component 3: Improving Trade Facilitation (original allocation US$26.8 million; revised allocation US$33.2 million). The objective of this component is to reduce the cost of cross border transport by modernizing, simplifying and harmonizing the trade and transit procedures and policies.
4. Component 4: Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Assistance (original allocation US$8.7 million; revised allocation US$10.69 million). The fourth component provides necessary project management, implementation assistance and capacity building to the RA, and strengthening of the institutional framework for transport.

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