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Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-06-21
Borrower	Government of Malawi
Sectors	Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environment, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 175.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 250.00 million

Project Description

To provide access to gravity-fed irrigation services, provide secure land tenure for smallholder farmers, lay the foundation for increased agriculture productivity and commercialization in areas developed for irrigation under SVTP-1, and improve natural resources productivity. The PDO will be refined during project prparation.

The project has four components:

1. Component 1 – Irrigation Infrastructure Development and Service Provision SVTP-2 will finance the construction of the remaining 70 km of main canal, starting at the northern boundary of Lengwe

   National Park to the Bangula area in Nsanje District, and a number of secondary canals. This section of the main canal will eventually supply water to about 21,000 ha (including some 17,500 ha of new irrigation) in the Phase II project area, which comprises the agricultural blocks south of Lengwe National Park. The proposed project will also finance the construction of a number of secondary canals in the Phase II project area, the number depending on the available funds for development of agriculture blocks and secondary canals, as well as drainage and flood protection works and service and access roads.

2. Component 2 – Land Tenure and Consolidation SVTP-2 will continue with similar activities as implemented under SVTP-1 in the Phase II project area. MoL and the Project Management Team (PMT) will support the setting up of local governance bodies at Traditional Authority (TA) levels, including the Customary Land Committee, Customary Land Tribunals, and the Nsanje District Land Tribunal.

3. Component 3 – Agriculture Development and Commercialization SVTP 2 will, through MoA and PMT, continue adopting the current farmer driven approach around the SOCFE and the productive alliance (PA) models. The PA will promote horizontal alliance among smallholders to consolidate their land into customary estates, coordinate production, and sell their produce collectively as cooperatives.

4. Component 4 – Strengthening Landscape and Natural Resources Management in the Lower Shire Valley Despite the investments made and to be made under SVTP-1, there remains an infrastructure deficit in the protected areas and forest reserves to ensure effective surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement. Priority infrastructure investments such as park trails/roads, ranger camps, fences, and water holes, will be accompanied by critical community livelihoods interventions in the areas around the protected areas.

5. Component 5 – Project Management, Coordination, and Communication SVTP-2 will continue to provide funding for the Project Management Team. This will allow the PMT to provide day-today management and coordination, monitoring and evaluation, communication, and management of safeguard related issues, including the grievance redress mechanism. The PMT is fully staffed with qualified and competent specialists. It also has an external Gender Based Violence (GBV) service provider.

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Shire Valley Transformation Program - Phase [Original Source]
- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Shire Valley Transformation Program - Phase 2 - P176575 [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P158805 Shire Valley Transformation Program - I
- AFDB-P-MW-AA0-039 Malawi – Shire Valley Transformation Program – Phase 2 (SVTP-2)
- IFC-43014 Mpatamanga
- WB-P513489 Shire Valley Transformation Program - Phase 2