

 Early Warning System

**WB-P505095**

Digital Malawi Acceleration Project (DMAP)



## Quick Facts

Countries	Malawi
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2024-06-27
Borrower	Government of Malawi - Public Private Partnership Commission
Sectors	Communications, Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 70.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 90.00 million



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### Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to increase access to, and inclusive use of, the internet and improve the Government's capacity to deliver digitally enabled services.

Components:

1. Affordable broadband and secure data hosting
2. Interoperable and secure data platforms
3. High-impact digital services and productive digital usage
4. Program management and capacity building



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## Early Warning System Project Analysis

The possible ESS risks and impacts related to the project during the construction and operation/maintenance phases are diverse and are expected to have both positive and negative impacts on the environment, as well as potential health and safety risks to workers and communities if not managed properly. The ESS risk is Substantial.

For social safeguards, the rating considers the likely social risks and impacts resulting from project activities related to support national ID, scale-up of the data exchange platform, and development of e services that require safe handling and protection of personal data. There will also be risks associated with the rollout of the broadband infrastructure, which may include temporary displacement of people or land acquisition. There could also be possible inherited risk of social exclusion due to lack of affordable devices in the country. The environmental risks are associated with the e-waste management, which is being supported by the project.

The country is exposed to a high risk of flood, which may adversely affect digital infrastructure by damaging fiber optic networks and microwave networks, for which the project will deploy financing.



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## Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

IDA Grant: US\$ 70.00 MLN



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### ACCESS TO INFORMATION

To submit an information request for project information, you will have to create an account to access the Access to Information request form. You can learn more about this process at: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/access-to-information/request-submission>

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## Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Eastern and Southern Africa - Inclusive Digitalization in Eastern and Southern Africa \(IDEA\)](#) [Original Source]
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\) - P5050](#) [Original Source]
- [Malawi - Digital Malawi Foundations Phase 1 and Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\) : Impleme](#) [Original Source]
- [Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Grant E338-MW.pdf \(English\)](#)
- [Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Grant E338-MW.pdf \(English\)](#)
- [Revised Grievance Redress Mechanism Manual Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\) \(P505095\) \(Bok](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Digital Malawi Acceleration Project \(DMAP\) - P505095](#) [Original Source]
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