

# Malawi Program Summary

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## *Program Highlights*

- ★ Malawi's threshold program, which focused on preventing corruption, enhancing oversight functions, and building enforcement and deterrence capacity, concluded on September 30, 2008. The purpose was to create more effective legislative and judicial branches of government, provide support for lead anti-corruption agencies, strengthen independent media coverage, and expand and intensify the work of civil society organizations.
- ★ The program supported the generation of Integrated Financial Management Information System reports for ministries and the National Assembly for proper budgetary oversight. In addition, a financial intelligence unit has been established and is providing a safeguard against corruption by enabling the government of Malawi to track suspicious movements of money. The program also helped to enact Anti-Money Laundering Legislation.
- ★ Malawi's threshold program has helped increase the number of civil society organizations testifying on anti-corruption before the National Assembly.
- ★ Program funding established a Media Council, which has enhanced local press freedom and instilled professionalism in the media, and created an Internal Affairs Unit in the Malawi Police Service to enhance professionalism and investigate improper activity within the police. Other program-supported training focused on professionalism and anti-corruption matters for budget officials, lawyers, police officers, prosecutors, investigators, procurement officers, auditors, journalists and bankers.
- ★ In December 2007, Malawi was named eligible for MCC compact program assistance and the government of Malawi is considering requesting support for some threshold program activities in its compact.

<b>Threshold Status</b>	
Status.....	Implementation, Year 2
<b>Threshold Information</b>	
Total Amount.....	\$20.92 million
Agreement Signed.....	September 23, 2005
<b>Country Information</b>	
Population.....	12,883,935*
GNI Per Capita Income.....	\$160*

\*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005