

Malawi

Update on Progress

- ★ Malawi’s constraints analysis, conducted in May 2008, identified unreliable energy supplies, high transport costs and lack of access to international trade corridors, and an overvalued exchange rate as principal constraints to economic growth.
- ★ During broad-based national consultations held to obtain stakeholder views on the constraints, stakeholders confirmed the constraints identified in the analysis and added lack of water, irrigation and underdevelopment of human capital as additional constraints. These findings were shared at the National Stakeholder Conference held in Malawi’s capital attended by over 100 representatives from the private sector, government, civil society and the donor community. A follow-up stakeholder conference was held in February 2009.
- ★ Based on criteria such as the need to prioritize investments, estimated timing of project preparatory work, potential for broad-based economic growth and poverty reduction, and existing donor activities, the government of Malawi decided to develop concept papers in the areas of power, transport and governance.
- ★ Malawi’s successful two-year \$20.9 million Threshold Program, which focused on anti-corruption reforms, concluded September 2008.

Compact Status	
Status	Compact Eligible
Country Information	
Population	13,603,181*
GNI Per Capita	\$250*
Compact Process	
Stage	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eligibility	12-12-2007
Notification	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concept Paper	04-17-2009
Receipt	
Concept Assessment Memo	
Congressional Notification on Compact Negotiations	
Investment Memo	
Board Approval	
Compact Signing	
Entry Into Force	
Initial Disbursement	

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2007