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# Border Districts and Community-Based Conflict Prevention and Peace Building in Malawi

## Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund

**Implementing partner:** Min. of National Unity and Local Government (lead), Min. of Homeland Security, Min. of Justice, Min. of Gender, Min. of Youth and Sport, and Public Affairs Committee.

**UN Agencies:** UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, IOM, UN Women

**Programme period:** Phase I, September 2022 – August 2023

**Budget:** \$550.000 USD (Iceland's contribution)

**Location:** Mangochi and Mulanje Districts, borderland TAs

**Summary:** The project strengthens capabilities to mitigate and respond to existing and projected conflict, including the potential for spill over of conflict from Mozambique, which is playing on existing religious tensions at the community level.

It provides support in two border districts in areas of institutional, professional, and community resources to identify, mitigate, and respond to violent conflict or risk of conflict. This includes supporting community networks, increasing their engagement in conflict identification, mitigation, and prevention, strengthening border security management, and increasing the capacity of the national peace architecture.

Intended outputs of the projects are:

- **Strengthening the national peace architecture:** by strengthening the technical capacity for monitoring, coordination and community outreach of DPCs.
- **Improving institutional capacity to manage borders:** Increase the capacity of border security agents, immigration officials and community police, including specific focus on treatment of women.
- **Enhancing community capacity to mitigate and respond to conflict:** Improve the capacity of community-level leaders and mediators to address small scale conflicts and prevent them from escalating; Support conflict monitoring and early warning systems; Strengthen data collection on conflict drivers; and support gender transformative initiatives as peace building and prevention of conflict measures.

