



Malawi Social Protection Multi Donor Trust Fund

Activation funding to operationalise a new SP MDTF

Implementing partner: World Bank

Programme period: 2023-2025

Budget: \$3.350.000 USD

Location: country-wide

Summary: In January 2023 the Government of Iceland and the U.S. signed an agreement with the World Bank to kickstart a new social protection Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) and support the Government of Malawi to scale-up and strengthen existing shock responsive safety nets and their delivery systems. Since then the EU, Ireland, Norway, FCDO have joined the MDTF. The fund enables the Government of Malawi to provide unconditional cash transfers to 291.000 vulnerable households and 520.000 households are targeted for Climate Smart Enhanced Public Works.

In January 2024 Iceland provided 350.000 in additional funding to assist the expansion of the climate smart work component announced by the Government of Malawi. The objective of the programme is to create visible, durable, and quality assets within watersheds that will assist to improve household resilience to shocks; increase impact on household-level incomes and food security; and reduce households' exposure to risks associated with climate change and other disasters.

The MDTF's mandate includes:

- Improving social and economic inclusion through the Social Cash Transfer Program, Climate Smart Enhanced Public Works Program, livelihoods support activities and financing scalable safety nets;
- Strengthening and modernising harmonised delivery systems;
- Building capacity and supporting institutional strengthening of government institutions responsible for social protection.

