



MALAWI



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Arthur Peter MUTHARIKA

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Lilongwe

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly (193 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Appeal (consists of the chief justice and at least 3 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Edward Yakobe SAWERENGERA

US Ambassador

Ambassador Robert SCOTT

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 118,484 sq km

Land: 94,080 sq km

Water: 24,404 sq km

Climate

sub-tropical; rainy season (November to May); dry season (May to November)

Natural Resources

limestone, arable land, hydropower, unexploited deposits of uranium, coal, and bauxite

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

economic performance constrained by policy inconsistency, macroeconomic instability, poor infrastructure, rampant corruption, high population growth, and poor health and education; agriculture accounts for about one-third of GDP and 80% of export revenues

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$22.24 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1,200 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$1.42 billion (2017 est.)

partners: Zimbabwe 13.1%, Mozambique 11.8%, Belgium 10.7%, South Africa 6.3%, Netherlands 5%, UK 4.7%, Germany 4.3%, US 4.2% (2017)

Imports

\$2.31 billion (2017 est.)

partners: South Africa 20.7%, China 14.2%, India 11.6%, UAE 7%, Netherlands 4.4% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

21.2 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

3.31% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Chewa 34.3%, Lomwe 18.9.2%, Sena 3.8%, Mang'anja 3.2%, Tonga 1.8%, Nyanja 1.8%, Nkhonde 1%, other 2.2%, foreign .3% (2018 est.)

Language

English (official), Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya

Religion

Protestant 33.5%, Roman Catholic 17.2%, other Christian 26.6%, Muslim 13.8%, traditionalist 1.1%, other 5.6%, none 2.1% (2018 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 17.4% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 4.19% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

