INTEGRATED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (iSDG) MODEL FOR MALAWI

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INTRODUCTION

• Malawi is in Southern Africa
• Is a member of SADC and COMESA
• Population is estimated to be slighted above 17 million
• Malawi is an agro-based economy with GDP growth rates averaging slightly above 3% from 2014 to-date
• 85% of the population dependent on agriculture
• Is a democratic government
Background of the iSDG Model in Malawi

• Malawi has three levels of development planning namely: Long-term, Medium-term and short-term,

• Long-term planning (Vision 2020); Medium-term planning (MPRS, MGDS 1&2); short-term planning (National Budget, MTEF)

• The medium-term plans in Malawi cover a period of five years i.e. MPRS (2000-2005); MGDS I (2006-2011); and MGDS II (2011-2016)

• MGDS II covered the period (2011-2016)

• Following its expiry in June 2016, the Government is in the process of formulating the next medium-term plan
However, this process coincided with the period of Implementation of SDGs (2016-2030), hence the need for the two frameworks (national and global) to go together.

There was, therefore, a need for instruments that could be used to prioritize the SDGs and domesticate them.

One of such instruments identified so far is the iSDG Model.

UNDP Malawi helped the Government to identify Consultants (Millennium Institute) to develop the model for Malawi.
Progress towards the Use of iSDG Model in Malawi

• Millennium Institute has come up with the model in conjunction with the University of Malawi

• The Institute also offered an online ‘Systems Thinking and Integrated Approach' to planning as regards SDGs, in order to make the process sustainable

• The model is customized to suit the Malawi local conditions

• Model is populated with data from Malawi on various socio-economic indicators

• Stakeholders workshop was held in Malawi to demonstrate the application of the model and get feedback

• The workshop also suggested national priorities, which would help to refine and customize the model

• Stakeholders found the model to be helpful, and will serve as a critical input into the process of formulating the next development plan

• Millennium Institute is still working on the model to incorporate stakeholders’ comments in the structure of the model
Benefits of the model

• Will greatly contribute to evidence-based planning in Malawi

• Is key in the prioritization of the SDGs, thereby feeding into the design of the next medium-term national plan

• The model demonstrates clear sectoral interlinkages – provides a platform for trade-offs and synergies in implementation of activities in Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs)

• Instrumental for policy reviews

• Is a framework or tool which could also facilitate effective alignment and coordination of donor support and interventions
Conclusion

• The Malawi Government has welcomed this tool
• The Government considers the iSDG Model as one of the critical instruments for use in determining national priorities alongside other instruments (CEM, AfDB Economic Model etc.) for the next 5 years
• Malawi Government has high expectations with regard to the use of this model since suggested national priorities are being used to refine and customize it-making it more relevant
• This model will continue to be used even after the next medium-term development plan is in place
• The Government is grateful for the donor support in various areas, particularly the UNDP on this model
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