

malawi



Demographics

Population	17 377 468 (July 2014 est.)
Population: world ranking	64 out of 240 countries (CIA)
Life expectancy (years)	Total population: 59.99, male: 58.04, female: 61.97 (2014 est.)
Main ethnic groups	Chewa 32.6%, Lomwe 17.6%, Yao 13.5%, Ngoni 11.5%, Tumbuka 8.8%, Nyanja 5.8%, Sena 3.6%, Tonga 2.1%, Ngonde 1%, other 3.5%
Business language	Chichewa (official), English (official)
Urban population	15.8%
Population below national poverty line	50.7% (2010 est.)

Sources: CIA, World Bank

Geography

Area in sq km	118 484
Area: World ranking	100 out of 252 countries (CIA)
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

Sources: CIA, World Bank

Sovereign ratings

S&P	N/R
Fitch	N/R
Moody's	N/R

Source: NKC Research

Economy in 2013

Nominal GDP (US\$bn)	3.85	Total government debt as % of GDP	68.42
Nominal GDP: World ranking	155 out of 188 countries (IMF)	Total external debt as % of GDP	39.49
Real GDP (% change, y-o-y)	5.00%	Consumer price inflation (average, %)	27.90
GDP growth: World ranking	48 out of 189 countries (IMF)	Current account balance as % of GDP	-19.71
GDP per capita (US\$)	235.16	Equity market: Size in US\$	US\$1.384bn
Agriculture as % of GDP	30.25	Equity market: Listed companies	13 domestic listings
Industry as % of GDP	21.74	Bond market size	US\$401.2m govt bonds outstanding in the domestic market
Services as % of GDP	48.01		

Source: NKC Research

Political environment

Government type	Multiparty democracy
Head of state	President Peter Mutharika
Head of government	President Peter Mutharika
Ruling political party	Democratic Progressive Party (DPP)
Main opposition parties	Malawi Congress Party (MCP), United Democratic Front (UDF)
Elections	Presidential, legislative and local government held on 20 May 2014 (next to be held in 2019)

Source: NKC Research

Macroeconomic data and forecasts

Key annual economic data	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013F	2014F	2015F
Real GDP (% change)	9.06	6.55	4.35	1.89	5.00	5.68	6.00
Nominal GDP (US\$bn)	5.03	5.40	5.61	4.17	3.85	4.43	4.98
Consumer price inflation (average, %)	8.42	7.41	7.62	21.27	27.90	14.56	9.92
Budget balance, incl grants (% of GDP)	-4.41	2.60	-5.23	-2.64	-6.66	-2.31	-0.93
- Revenue (% of GDP)	33.29	40.15	29.81	38.60	40.86	40.31	40.88
- Expenditure (% of GDP)	37.70	37.55	35.04	41.24	47.52	42.62	41.81
Government debt (% of GDP)	43.43	37.41	37.56	59.76	68.42	57.47	51.00
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-11.44	-13.77	-12.09	-21.04	-19.71	-22.89	-21.97
Trade balance (% of GDP)	-16.58	-20.50	-17.86	-29.78	-28.94	-31.17	-29.83
MWK/US\$	139.63	149.29	156.93	253.08	366.94	407.63	420.39
Short-term interest rate (%)	25.25	24.63	23.75	32.33	37.00	24.50	23.00
Foreign reserves (US\$bn)	0.15	0.31	0.20	0.22	0.37	0.41	0.51
Months of import cover	0.89	1.67	1.00	1.09	1.79	1.85	2.10

Source: NKC Research

Key monthly indicators	End-10	End-11	End-12	End-13	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14
Consumer price inflation (% , y-o-y)	6.30	9.80	34.60	23.50	24.00	23.90	22.60
Monetary policy rate (discount rate, %)	13.00	16.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Foreign reserves (US\$m)	391.00	190.00	223.00	403.00	478.00	454.00	451.00
91-day treasury bill rate (% , eop)	6.20	7.00	20.02	31.39	11.71	18.35	21.04
MWK/US\$ (eop)	150.00	162.05	321.00	415.00	385.00	385.00	383.00
Uranium (US\$/lb, eop)	62.50	52.50	43.75	34.50	34.70	30.75	28.25

Sources: NKC Research, Reserve Bank of Malawi, National Statistics Office, Reuters

Note: In the table above, E and F are the abbreviations for estimate and forecast respectively.