Malawi



Highlights based on country-reported GLAAS 2018/2019 data

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I. To what extent has the government assumed responsibility for WASH and made themselves accountable?

NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS: EXISTENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION

	Policy status	Policy shared via public notice?	Year policy approved/ expected	Plan status	Plan costed?	Sufficient finance for plan?	Human resources assessed for plan?	Sufficient human resources for plan?	Year plan approved/ expected	Estimated cost
Urban sanitation	•	✓	2008	•	✓	0	X		2012	US\$ 1.07 billion
Rural sanitation	•	✓	2008	•	✓	0	X		2012	US\$ 1.07 billion for 2012-2022
Urban drinking-water		✓	2005	•	✓	0	×	0	2012	
Rural drinking-water	•	✓	2005	•	V	0	×	0	2014	US\$ 186.4 million for 2016-2020
Policy status: ○ No national policy; ● Policy under development; ● Existing policy undergoing revision; ● Policy formally approved. Plan status: ○ No plan; ● Under development; ● Approved, not implemented; ● Approved, partially implemented; ● Approved, fully implemented. Policy shared, Plan costed and Human resources assessed: ✓ Yes; メ No.										
Sufficient finance and Suffi	cient human	resources: O	Less than 50% o	of what is nee	ded; O Betwee	n 50% and 75	% of what is ne	eded; Mo	re than 75%	of what is needed.

SYSTEMS IN PLACE TO TRACK FUNDING FLOWS TO WASH									
		Availability of		Traceable donor	Tracking of				
	Financing	WASH	Expenditure	funding	expenditure				
	plan	budgets	reports	channels	sources				
Urban sanitation	0		•						
Rural sanitation	0				O				
Urban drinking-water	0	•			0				
Rural drinking-water	0		•		•				
Hygiene promotion	0				0				
Financing plan: O No plan	Financing plan: O No plan; O Under development; O Agreed, insufficiently implemented;								
Agreed, used in some de	ecisions; • A	greed and cons	sistently used.						
WASH budgets: O No WAS	SH budget dat	a available; 🔿	Fewer than hal	f of ministrie	s listed				
have budget data; O Budg	et totals avail	able for over h	alf of ministries	listed; To	tal and				
disaggregated data available	e for ministrie	es listed.							
Expenditure reports: O No	reports avai	lable; 🛈 Some	donor, NGO or	government	reports				
available; Donor, NGO a	nd governme	nt reports avail	able.						
Donor funding channels:	Donor funding channels: O No information; O Total funding known, but no disaggregation								
by funding channel; Total funding known with disaggregation by funding channel.									
Tracking expenditure source	ces: O No ex	penditure data	; 🔿 Some exen	diture data p	rovided				
but not disaggregated by su	bsector; 🛈 E	xpenditure dat	a available for s	ome sources	;				
Expenditure data available for all sources.									

NOTE: More information on budgets and finance is available in section IV of this highlight.

MONITORING PROGRESS TOWARDS NATIONAL TARGETS

	Monitoring WASH targets				
Government-led process for monitoring	✓				
Frequency of assessment					
Sufficiency of human resources for monitoring	0				
Government-led process: ✓ Yes; × No.					
Frequency of assessment: O Ad hoc; O Every 4+ years; O Every 2					
to 4 years; Annually.					
Sufficient human resources: O Less than 50% of what is needed;					
◆ Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; ◆ More than 75% of what is needed. ■ More than 75% of what is needed; ■ More than 75% of what is needed. ■ More than 75% of					

PROGRESS TOWARD NATIONAL TARGETS

	Baseline value	Baseline year	Current value	Current year	Target value	Target year	Target description
Urban sanitation	44%	2000	43%	2015	100%	2030	Percentage of urban population with access to at least basic sanitation
Rural sanitation	31%	2000	42%	2015	100%	2030	Percentage of rural population with access to improved sanitation
Urban drinking-water	84%	2000	87%	2015	100%	2030	Percentage of the urban population with access to drinking-water supply
Rural drinking-water	46%	2000	63%	2015	90%	2020	Percentage of population with access to basic drinking-water supply
Hygiene promotion			10%	2015	100%	2030	Proportion of population using safely managed sanitation services, including a hand washing facility with soap and water





II. What regulatory framework has been developed to support the quality and sustainability of services?

REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

SANITATION			DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural				
Formal national treatment standards - on-site sanitation	>	ζ	Formal national standards - drinking-water	✓	✓				
Formal national treatment standards - faecal sludge	×		×		Surveillance requirements defined in formal instruments	✓	✓		
Formal national treatment standards - wastewater		1	Roles and responsibilities for drinking-water safety defined	✓	✓				
Formal national treatment standards - safe reuse	×		Service delivery requirements beyond water quality	✓	✓				
Surveillance requirements defined in formal instruments		ζ							
SANITATION RISK MANAGEMENT	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER RISK MANAGEMENT						
Sanitation safety planning	0	0	Water safety planning	1	1				
✓ Yes; X No.									
Risk management: O No such instrument; O Instrument anticipated; O Inst	trument und	er develop	ment; Instrument fully approved.						

REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	Rural drinking-water
Responsible for setting tariffs	×	×	×	×
Oversee drinking-water quality			×	×
Oversee effluent quality	×	×		
Oversee service coverage and quality of service delivery	×	×	×	×
REGULATORY AUTHORITY MANDATE				
Established by law				
Located in different institution than service providers				
Can publish findings independently without clearance				
✓ Yes; X No.				

FUNCTIONS OF REGULATORS

SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural
Collect population service coverage data from operators			Collect population service coverage data from providers	×	×
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of plants/sewers			Collect water quality data from service providers	×	×
Set standards and monitor design, construction, use of on-site systems			Publish accessible reports on drinking-water quality	×	×
Set standards and monitor faecal sludge management			Publish accessible reports on water service delivery	×	×
Publish accessible reports on flows and sludge volumes			Take corrective action against nonperformers	X	×
Publish accessible reports on quality of on-site sanitation services					
Take corrective action against nonperformers					
✓ Yes; ▲ Partially; X No.					

INDEPENDENT SURVEILLANCE

SANITATION	Sewered wastewater effluent quality	On-site facilities	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural		
Testing of effluent and sludge quality against national standards	•	•	Testing of water quality against national standards	•			
Independent assessment of risk management approaches	0	0	Independent assessment of risk management approaches	•	•		
Independent sanitary inspections at premises to assess risks			Independent sanitary inspections to assess risk				
Collection and review of service provider monitoring records	0	0	Collection and review of service provider monitoring	0	0		
$igcirc$ Not done or insufficiently performed; $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Performed but data not used;	 Performed a 	and informs	remedial action.				
SANITATION	Urban	Rural	DRINKING-WATER	Urban	Rural		
Adequacy of testing frequency	•	•	Adequacy of testing frequency	•	•		
Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	0	1	Sufficiency of human resources for surveillance activities	1	•		
Adequacy of testing frequency: O No frequency requirement; O Less than 50%; D Between 50% and 75%; D Between 75% and 100%; 100% of required frequency. Sufficiency of human resources: C Less than 50% of what is needed; D Between 50% and 75% of what is needed;							

III. To what extent are stakeholders coordinated and what data are available for evidence-based decision-making?

INSTITUTIONAL ROLES - NUMBER OF LEAD AGENCIES

	Govern / Regulate	Provide Service	Monitor / Surveillance
Drinking-water	1	1	1
Hygiene promotion	0	3	0
Basic sanitation	1	2	1
Municipal wastewater	1	2	0
Faecal sludge collection and treatment	0	2	0

NOTE: Number indicates number of lead ministries and national institutions.

LIST OF MINISTRIES / INSTITUTIONS WITH ROLES IN WASH

Education, Science and Technology; city councils; water boards; district councils

INSTITUTIONAL WASH IN NATIONAL POLICY AND PLANS

INSTITUTIONAL WASHING NATIONAL FOLICE AND FLANS								
	Included in policies / plans	Year that policy was approved or is expected						
WASH in health care facilities	✓	2017						
WASH In schools	✓	2013						
Infection prevention and control	✓	2012						
✓ Yes; X No.								

COORDINATION BETWEEN ACTORS

	Formal or informal coordination process
Mechanism to coordinate work of different ministries exists	
O No; O In development; O Informal mechanism exists; Formal mechanism	n exists.
The coordination mechanism:	
· includes all ministries/agencies influencing service delivery	✓
· includes non-governmental stakeholders	✓
· includes donors that contribute to WASH activities nationally	✓
· includes mutual review and assessment	✓
· applies evidence-based decision-making	✓
· bases work on agreed sectoral framework or national plan	✓
· includes documentation of processes and activities	✓
· has a budget line allocated for coordination activities	×
✓ Yes; A Partially; No.	

JOINT SECTOR REVIEW

				Sectors covered					
		Year of most recent			Drinking-		WASH in health care	WASH In	
	Conducted	JSR	Title of JSR	Sanitation	water	Hygiene	facilities	schools	Other
Joint sector review (JSR)	✓	2018	Joint Sector Review for Water, Irrigation and Sanitation	✓	~	~	✓	~	✓
✓ Yes; X No.							·		

DATA AVAILABILITY FOR DECISION-MAKING

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SANITATION AND DRINKING-WATER	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Health sector				
Sector review and/or planning processes	0	•					
Resource allocation	•	•					
National standard or regulation development	•	•					
Targeting surveillance activities	•	•					
HEALTH SECTOR							
Identifying public health priorities for reducing WASH-related diseases			•				
Responding to WASH-related disease outbreaks							
Identifying priority health care facilities needing WASH improvements			•				
O Limited data collection and availability; O Partial availability and little use of data; O Data available and used							
for minority of decisions; Data available and used for majority of decisions							

IV. How sufficient are current resources and what actions are being taken to close resource gaps?

SUFFICIENCY OF HUMAN RESOURCES

				WASH in health care				
	Sanitation	Drinking-water	Hygiene	facilities	WASH in schools			
Achieving national targets	•	0	•	•				
	WASH sector							
Operations and maintenance	()						
Design/construction of WASH facilities and	(
networks		J						
C Less than 50% of what is needed; Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; Over 75% of what is needed.								

UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS (ABSORPTION)

				Rural drinking-
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	water
Domestic commitments	•	•	•	•
Donor commitments	•	1	•	•
O Less than 50%;				

COST RECOVERY STRATEGIES

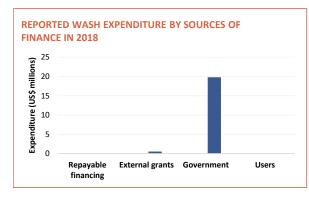
				Rural drinking-			
	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking-water	water			
Operations and basic maintenance covered by tariffs	•	•	•				
Cost recovery addressed in financing plan/budget	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Operations and maintenance covered by tariffs: ○ Less than 50%; ● Between 50% and 80%; ● Over 80%. Cost recovery addressed in plan: ✓ Yes; メ No.							

SUFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities	WASH in schools
Implementation of national plan	0	0	0	0	0		
Achievement of national targets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated annual need to reach national targets (US\$ millions)	Quantitative	data on spec	ific financial	needs by s	ubsector are	not availab	le.
Identified available finance from all sources (US\$ millions) Quantitative data on funds available for subsectors are not available.							
O Less than 50% of what is needed; • Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; • Over 75% of what is needed.							

WASH BUDGETS AND EXPENDITURES

	2017
Government WASH budget (US\$ millions, current US\$)	16.40
Government WASH budget per capita (current US\$)	0.88
Government WASH budget as a percentage of GDP	0.26%
	2018
National WASH expenditure (US\$ millions, current US\$)	32.95
National WASH expenditure per capita (current US\$)	1.72
National WASH expenditure as a percentage of GDP	0.52%





V. What actions are being taken to leave no one behind?

HUMAN RIGHTS

	Sanitation	Water
Does the constitution recognize the human rights to water and sanitation?	×	×
Do laws recognize the human rights to water and sanitation?	✓	✓
Has a court recognized the human rights to water and sanitation?	×	×
✓ Yes; X No.		

REACHING VULNERABLE GROUPS

			Sanitation				D	rinking-wat	er	
	Measures				Financing plan	Measures				Financial plan
	to extend				includes	to extend				includes
	services to				measures to	services to				measures
	group	Level of	Specific		target	group	Level of	Specific		to target
	included in	implementa	coverage	Progress for	resources to	included in	implementa	coverage	Progress for	resources
	policies or	tion of	targets for	group is	reduce	policies or	tion of	targets for	group is	to reduce
	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities	plans	measures	group	monitored	inequities
Poor populations	X		×	×	0	✓	1	×	✓	
Populations living in slums or informal settlements	×		×	×	0	×		×	×	•
Populations living in remote or hard-to-reach areas	×		×	×	0	×		×	×	0
Indigenous populations	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	0
Internally displaced persons and/or refugees	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	0
Women	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	0
Ethnic minorities	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	0
People living with disabilities	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	
Populations with a high burden of disease	X		×	×	0	X		×	×	0
Other: Elderly	×		×	×	0	×		×	×	
Measures included in plans, Specific coverage targets,	and Progress i	s monitored:	✓ Yes; 🗙	No; NA = No	t applicable.					
Level of implementation: O Not yet implemented; O	Partially imple	emented;	Fully implen	nented.						
Measures in financing plan to reduce inequities: O N	; 🛈 Yes, but	not consisten	tly applied;	Yes and m	easures applie	ed.				

AFFORDABILITY

	Urban sanitation	Rural sanitation	Urban drinking- water	Rural drinking- water			
Financial schemes to make access to WASH more affordable for vulnerable groups	0	0	0	0			
O No schemes exist; ① Schemes exist, but not widely used; ② Schemes exist and are widely used.							

SDG means of implementation target 6.b aims to support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management. WHO, in collaboration with partners, monitors this target through the GLAAS initiative, looking at existence of participation procedures, participation of women and availability of resources for participation.

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED AT NATIONAL LEVEL

	Participation procedures defined in laws or policy	Extent of participation by the service users	Women's participation specified	Extent of women's participation
Jrban sanitation	✓	•	✓	
Rural sanitation	✓		✓	
Jrban drinking-water	✓	•	√	1
Rural drinking-water	✓		√	
Hygiene promotion	✓	1	V	
Water resources management	V			

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

GOVERNIVIENT RESOU	RCES FOR I	OBLIC PARI	ICIPATION				
	Financial resources	Human resources	Agency responsible for monitoring extent and effectiveness of participation				
Urban WASH	0	0	×				
Rural WASH	0	0	×				
Water resources							
Financial and human resources: ○ Less than 50% of what is needed; ● Between 50% and 75% of what is needed; ● Over 75% of what is needed. Responsible agency: ✓ Yes; ➤ No.							

VI. To what extent have countries pursued the ambition of SDG 6?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) establish global aspirational targets leading up to 2030. Goal 6 aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Governments are expected to set their own national targets guided by the global level of ambition while taking into account national circumstances. This section presents findings on the extent to which countries are pursuing the ambition of SDG 6 by incorporating elements of safely managed services and other SDG themes into national WASH policies, plans and coverage targets. In addition, WHO is a co-custodian of SDG 6 means of implementation targets 6.a and 6.b through the GLAAS initiative.

NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS: INCORPORATING SDG 6 ELEMENTS

				Urban	Rural
	Urban	Rural		drinking-	drinking-
SANITATION	sanitation	sanitation	DRINKING-WATER	water	water
Access to safely managed services	✓	✓	Access to safely managed services	×	×
Access to improved sources or facilities	✓	✓	Access to improved sources or facilities	✓	✓
Climate resilience of WASH technology	✓	✓	Climate resilience of WASH technology	×	×
Open defecation	✓	✓	Affordability measures	✓	✓
Reuse of municipal wastewater and faecal sludge	✓	×	Household connections	✓	✓
Municipal wastewater and sewerage	✓	✓	HYGIENE		
Faecal sludge collection and transport	✓	✓	Promotion of handwashing with soap		1
Faecal sludge treatment	✓	×	Safe menstrual hygiene management	✓	
✓ Yes; X No.					

NATIONAL COVERAGE TARGETS: INCORPORATING SDG 6 ELEMENTS IN NATIONAL COVERAGE CRITERIA

	Urban	Rural		Urban drinking-	Rural drinking-		
SANITATION	sanitation	sanitation	DRINKING-WATER	water	water		
Excreta is transported via a sewerage network and treated off-site	0	•	Minimum volume of water per day	•	•		
Excreta is temporarily stored, emptied, and treated offsite	0	•	Minimum service hours per day	•	0		
Excreta is treated and disposed of on-site	0	•	Maximum roundtrip collection time, including queuing	•	•		
Improved sanitation facilities	•	•	Maximum roundtrip distance	•			
Shared sanitation facilities between two or more households	•	•	Drinking-water is accessible on premises	•	0		
			Drinking-water is free from contamination	•	0		
Target year	2030	2030	Target year	2030	2020		
Target value	100%	100%	Target value	100%	90%		
HYGIENE							
Handwashing facility on premises							
Soap and water on premises							
O Not included in target; 🛈 included in target, but monitoring data not available; 🌑 included in target and monitoring data available.							

TARGET-SETTING PROCESSES: ARE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS INCLUDED?

	Sanitation	Drinking- water	Hygiene	WASH in health care facilities
Inclusion of stakeholders	✓	✓	✓	✓
Baseline analysis	✓	√	✓	✓
Financial analysis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Human resources needs assessment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public consultation	✓	×	✓	
Revisions based on public consultation	~	✓	✓	
Political endorsement	×	V	×	✓
Public sharing of final targets	✓	V	✓	✓
✓ Yes; X No.				

SDG means of implementation target 6.a aims to expand international cooperation and capacity-building support for water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes. WHO monitors international cooperation between donor and recipient governments for this target.



Note: These proportions reflect the total value of grants and loans where data are available.