

The ACP-EU Water Facility

The principles and specific activities in Malawi

EU Partners

Project 1:

Dedza & Ntcheu safe water supply, sanitation & hygiene promotion:

- Concern Universal
- Dedza district Assembly
- Ntcheu district assembly

The project has a budget of €3,585,311.00 (75% EU)

Project 2:

Peri-Urban Water & Sanitation Project Blantyre & Lilongwe

- European Investment Bank
- Water Aid (British NGO)
- Blantyre Water Board
- Lilongwe Water Board

The project has a budget of €30,850,000 of which €14,930,000 EU grant under the water facility



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the Republic of
Malawi

"The Water Facility will help people in the project area achieve the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals on water and sanitation".

Mr. Samson Hailu, Country Director
Concern Universal, Dedza.



What is the ACP-EU Water Facility?

- The ACP-EU Water Facility is based on an initiative taken by the European Union (EU) in 2003 to **improve the delivery of water and sanitation infrastructure** in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).
- The ACP-EU Water Facility is a response to the need for additional funding outside the traditional cooperation between ACP countries and the EU and to work directly with those most affected by water shortages and the absence of sanitation.
- The overall objective of the ACP-EU Water Facility is to contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development through the achievement of the **United Nations' Millennium Development Goals** and the World Summit for Sustainable Development targets on water and sanitation in ACP countries.
- The specific objective is to boost sustainable delivery of water and sanitation infrastructure and improve water governance and Integrated Water Resources Management practices in ACP countries by helping to address the financing gap.
- In 2004, the EU Council approved €250 million for the facility. A further €250 million was approved in 2005.
- In 2004 and 2006 the EU organised two calls for proposals in which governments, international organisations, NGOs and others could submit project proposals for possible EU co-funding. More calls are planned for the future.
- Regarding **Malawi**, the two following contracts were signed:
 - One with Concern Universal for the project **Dedza and Ntcheu** safe water supply, sanitation & hygiene promotion; and
 - One with the European Investment Bank for the project Peri-Urban Water & Sanitation Project **Blantyre & Lilongwe**.

MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

MDG 4: Reduce the mortality rate of children

MDG 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

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What are we aiming to achieve?

Project 1: Dedza & Ntcheu safe water supply, sanitation & hygiene promotion; budget: € 3,585,311

The project aims at delivering the following achievements over a period of five years:

- 127 safe water points will be developed (26 new boreholes will be constructed, 78 water holes will be rehabilitated and 23 shallow wells will be upgraded);
- 15,116, pit and 4 VIP latrines will be constructed;
- 9,143 sanitation platforms will be installed;
- 10,937 hand-washing facilities will be constructed
- 245 village health and water committees will be trained;
- In addition to its core focus of providing safe water and sanitary facilities, the project promotes equal participation irrespective of age, gender as well as social and health status.

Implementation started in 2008 and will end in 2013.

Project 2: Peri-Urban Water & Sanitation Project Blantyre & Lilongwe; budget €30,850,000 (of which €14,930,000 is an EU grant)

The project will address safe and sustainable water supply and basic sanitation services to low-income areas in two cities of Blantyre and Lilongwe through the following means:

Physical investment in upgrading infrastructure (pipes, pumps, distribution network etc.); Institutional capacity-development through contractual arrangements with private-sector service providers; close cooperation with local organisations, notably Water Aid, for distribution of water in low-income areas. As a result of the project, it is foreseen that 723,000 additional people will have access to safe drinking water and 468,000 people access to basic sanitation.

The total cost of the action is estimated at €31.8m. Approximately €6.45m will be needed for service contracts, i.e. for the Private Sector Participation component and its procurement and for the HIV/AIDS program (developed by the World Bank). More than €7.9m will be directly invested in low-income areas; another €0.5m will be used to build strong civil society support through the involvement of NGOs and CBOs in service provision to low-income areas. The remainder (approximately €16.75m) will be invested in upgrading the water distribution networks in both cities. About two-thirds of the programme will be invested in Blantyre and one-third in Lilongwe. Financing of the project is divided between an EIB loan (50%), an ACP-EU Water Facility grant (48%), and a contribution from the Water Boards themselves (2%).

The implementation of the project started in 2009 and will end in 2013.



Launch of the Dedza & Ntcheu Safe Water Supply, Sanitation & Hygiene Promotion project in Kaphala Village, TA Kaphuka, Dedza District. The picture includes former Minister of Irrigation and Water Development, Hon Sidik Mia and representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to Malawi.