

# GEF - PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (PIR)

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**UNEP GEF PIR Fiscal Year 2024**  
Reporting from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

## 1 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

### 1.1 Project Details

<b>GEF ID:</b> 10149	<b>Umoja WBS:</b> SB-017358
<b>SMA IPMR ID:</b> 44220	<b>Grant ID:</b> S1-32GFL-000672
<b>Project Short Title:</b> Malawi CBIT	
<b>Project Title:</b> Malawi Climate Transparency Framework	
<b>Duration months planned:</b>	36
<b>Duration months age:</b>	36
<b>Project Type:</b>	Medium Sized Project (MSP)
<b>Parent Programme if child project:</b>	N/A
<b>Project Scope:</b>	National
<b>Region:</b>	Africa
<b>Countries:</b>	Malawi
<b>GEF Focal Area(s):</b>	Climate Change Mitigation
<b>GEF financing amount:</b>	\$ 1,056,000.00
<b>Co-financing amount:</b>	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Date of CEO Endorsement/Approval:</b>	2021-01-22
<b>UNEP Project Approval Date:</b>	2021-05-05
<b>Start of Implementation (PCA entering into force):</b>	2021-05-07
<b>Date of Inception Workshop, if available:</b>	2021-07-22
<b>Date of First Disbursement:</b>	2021-06-25
<b>Total disbursement as of 30 June 2024:</b>	\$ 945,000.00
<b>Total expenditure as of 30 June:</b>	\$ 662,894.00

<b>Midterm undertaken?:</b>	n/a
<b>Actual Mid-Term Date, if taken:</b>	
<b>Expected Mid-Term Date, if not taken:</b>	
<b>Completion Date Planned - Original PCA:</b>	2024-06-30
<b>Completion Date Revised - Current PCA:</b>	2024-12-31
<b>Expected Terminal Evaluation Date:</b>	2025-06-30
<b>Expected Financial Closure Date:</b>	2025-12-31

## 1.2 Project Description

### Project Objective:

To strengthen the capacity of institutions in Malawi and set up an information system to fulfill the enhanced Transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement.

Component 1: Establishing the National Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system.

Component 2: Developing and operationalizing an integrated platform for data management

Component 3: Targeted capacity building to strengthen institutional and individual capacities to meet the Paris agreement requirements on an Enhanced Transparency Framework.

**Executing Agency:** Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) - Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change.

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### 1.3 Project Contacts

<b>Division(s) Implementing the project</b>	Climate Change Division
<b>Name of co-implementing Agency</b>	
<b>Executing Agency (ies)</b>	Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) - Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change
<b>names of Other Project Partners</b>	ASCENT
<b>UNEP Portfolio Manager(s)</b>	Asher Lessels
<b>UNEP Task Manager(s)</b>	Julien Lheureux
<b>UNEP Budget/Finance Officer</b>	Fatma Twahir
<b>UNEP Support Assistants</b>	Kerubo Moseti
<b>Manager/Representative</b>	Tawonga Mbale-Luka
<b>Project Manager</b>	Yamikani Idriss
<b>Finance Manager</b>	Stella Maonga
<b>Communications Lead, if relevant</b>	N/A

## 2 Overview of Project Status

### 2.1 UNEP PoW & UN

<b>UNEP Current Subprogramme(s):</b>	Thematic: Climate action subprogramme
<b>UNEP previous Subprogramme(s):</b>	N/A
<b>PoW Indicator(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate: (iii) Number of national, subnational and private-sector actors reporting under the enhanced transparency arrangements of the Paris Agreement with UNEP support.</li> </ul>
<b>UNSDCF/UNDAF linkages</b>	UNDAF 2019-2023 for Malawi, Strategic Priority 1: Peace, Inclusion and Effective Institutions , Outcome 1: Rights holders in Malawi access more accountable and effective institutions at the central and decentralised levels that use quality disaggregated data, offer integrated service delivery and promote civic engagement, respect for human rights and rule of law. Strategic Priority 3: Inclusive and Resilient Growth, Outcome 7: Households have increased food and nutrition security, equitable access to healthy ecosystems and WASH and resilient livelihoods.
<b>Link to relevant SDG Goals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</li> </ul>
<b>Link to relevant SDG Targets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13.3 Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning</li> </ul>

### 2.2. GEF Core and Sub Indicators

GEF core or sub indicators targeted by the project as defined at CEO Endorsement/Approval, as well as results

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
11- People benefitting from GEF-financed investments	N/A	150 (75 male, 75 female)	150 (75 male, 75 female)	So far, the project has directly benefitted to 30 women and 57 men. At the time of this report, the target of a 50-50 gender representation for direct beneficiaries has not been achieved. The EAD project team

Indicators	Targets - Expected Value			Materialized to date
	Mid-term	End-of-project	Total Target	
				will continue to strive to achieve the balance in male and female participation in the project activities and trainings, before its completion in December 2024.
	N/A			

Implementation Status 2023: 3rd PIR

### 2.3. Implementation Status and Risks

	PIR#	Rating towards outcomes (section 3.1)	Rating towards outputs (section 3.2)	Risk rating (section 4.2)
FY 2024	3rd PIR	S	S	M
FY 2023	2nd PIR	S	S	L
FY 2022	1st PIR	S	MS	L
FY 2021				
FY 2020				
FY 2019				
FY 2018				
FY 2017				
FY 2016				
FY 2015				

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## Summary of status

### Rating towards outcomes:

The project is on track to achieve the 3 expected outcomes. An online information system is being developed by International partner Africa Sustainability Centre (ASCENT) to help strengthen the capacity of institutions in Malawi for transparency reporting is about to be made operational. Main achievement being that a full report on the MRV system review and the design of the online platform for MRV data management has been produced by ASCENT; followed by technical meeting on the designing and functionalities of the system led by Online Platform Management System (OPMS) expert from ASCENT and IT experts from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change. The system will be supported by a strong institutional framework with clear roles and responsibilities which its report has also been developed submitted together with draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and data management/ sharing protocols. The project has also progressed well in developing country specific emission factors, during the reporting period the emission factors and activity data for FOLU sector were published in a peer reviewed journal. IPPU sector has also submitted draft reports which are under review by stakeholders.

The main challenges experienced during the reporting period were related to the finalization of the functional review process of the Environmental Affairs Department to establish the Climate Transparency Unit (CTU), which has been done now waiting for the final approval from the office of president and cabinet. The other challenges include delays to identify and contract an expert for developing Emission Factors and Activity Data in the Agriculture sector, the delays in procuring equipment for transport sector Emission Factors and Activity Data development and delays by ASCENT to complete some the deliverables including the operationalization of the Online platform and development of data sharing protocols and regulations. In order to mitigate these delays, the EAD has prepared a workplan revision No. 2, extending the project's completion date from June 2024 to December 2024.

Based on the analysis provided in section 3.1 below, project implementation is generally on track and the different outcome level indicators are likely to be met by the time the project reaches completion in December 2024. The project's progress towards achieving the outcomes is therefore rated as **"Satisfactory"**.

### Rating towards outputs:

#### Output 1.1. Institutional arrangement and inter-ministerial coordination mechanisms established and formalized for data management activities

The project has completed most of the deliverables under this Output. Some institutions are yet to nominate experts for sector Data Collection Hubs. The legal team led by the Ministry of Justice in Malawi is reviewing the draft MoUs on coordination mechanisms before they are signed by the Climate Transparency Unit (CTU) and sector data collection hubs (DCHs). The signing of the MoUs is expected to take place in Q4 of 2024, along with the official approval of the new organizational structure of the EAD which has established a CTU.



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Output 1.2. Country specific emission factors and activity data for AFOLU, energy, industry, transport and waste sectors developed and made accessible to stakeholders

All consulting teams are working steadily to accomplish their tasks which includes literature review, field data collection, and computing for the production of country specific emission factors and activity data. The FOLU sector has finalized and published the report on emission factors and activity data, while the IPPU has submitted a report to the EAD which is undergoing stakeholder consultation, the Energy and Transport are doing laboratory analysis, while Agriculture has commenced data collection and analysis. There has been a delay on starting data collection on Agriculture sub-sector under AFOLU due to lack of expertise for the first group that was engaged. A new team has been recruited. The transport also faced delays to purchase an equipment due to foreign currency challenges.

Output 1.3. Data collection and sharing protocols and regulations including linkages between hubs customized in line with the recent intergovernmental guidelines and made available to institutions

Draft data collection and sharing protocols and regulations were submitted to EAD followed by stakeholder reviews currently awaiting finalization by ASCENT. The adoption of the protocols are expected to be done by end of October 2024. The slight delays in the finalization of the data sharing protocols and regulations are due to the fact that a few key institutions still need to nominate their experts for the DCHs.

Output 2.1. A data management platform customized to the country's circumstances and operationalized to support the MRV system

The report on technological and institutional gaps has been completed and the stakeholder engagement workshop to get inputs on the structure of the online data management platform was conducted. The design of the system is going on smoothly with strong engagement between expert from ASCENT and the Ministry. However, the delays in operationalizing the Online Data Management Platform is impacting the preparing of the data collection tools (output 2.2), the organization of capacity building trainings (output 2.3) and the uploading of relevant data (output 2.4).

Output 2.2: Sector data collection and reporting tools for GHG emissions, climate actions and support needed and received customized and made available to relevant stakeholders.

A report on gap analysis of current data collection tools templates and guidelines has been done almost 40%, the remaining of the work is scheduled to be finalized in Q4 of 2024. The development of GHG Manual detailing process and steps in data management has been delayed, however the work is ongoing now and scheduled to be finalized in Q4 of 2024.

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Output 2.3. The Climate Transparency Unit members and other relevant stakeholders trained on the effective management and use of the data platform to track NDC GHG emissions, climate actions and support needed and received.

The EAD has successfully established the CTU in its new organizational structure following a functional process. However, training have not been done as the establishment of the online platform (output 2.1) is yet to be finalized. The capacity building trainings under this output will take place in Q4 2024. The EAD will make sure to conduct surveys after each training to ask the participants to asses / rate the relevance and usefulness of the trainings. These surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.

Output 2.4. Data from the GHG Inventory and MRV System aggregated, entered into the platform and made publicly available

The data uploads onto the platform are to be started once the system is fully operational. This output will be completed by the end of year 2024. Delays have been experienced in finalization and operationalization of the Online Data Management Platform under output 2.1.

Output 3.1. Field data teams from the key sectors (AFOLU, energy, transport, industry and waste) assigned and trained in data management:

During the reporting period, 1 training was organized for 17 waste sector data experts, in November 2023. Another 2 trainings will be organized for the other sectors' field data teams in the 2nd half of 2024. The EAD will make sure to conduct surveys after each training to ask the participants to asses / rate the relevance and usefulness of the trainings. These surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.

Output 3.2. Knowledge of relevant national stakeholders on the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement and their respective roles enhanced

The policy brief on transparency requirements in the Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC was finalized. Several awareness raising workshops on the ETF have been organized, both at national and regional levels.

Output 3.3. Best practices on transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement, including gender mainstreaming, shared and scaled up through peer-exchange programs for relevant stakeholders via South-South interactions and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform

Experts from project coordinating office have participated at several peering events happening regional (in (in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Rwanda) and international, including the Conference of Parties under the UNFCCC.

Based on the above and the detailed analysis provided in section 3.2 below, project implementation is generally on track, with the exception of the MRV platform’s operationalization which is a bit behind schedule. The project’s progress towards delivering outputs is therefore rated as “**Satisfactory**”.

**Overall risk rating:**

Two (2) moderate risks have been identified as part of this PIR exercise.

The first risk is related to the delays in operationalizing the online data management platform, which could impact the timely completion of remaining project activities. The data management platform is now expected to be operational by end of October 2024. The EAD and ASCENT should ensure that this deadline is strictly met, to allow for timely completion of remaining activities under outputs 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.

The second risk is associated with the lack of evidence to document the relevance / usefulness of the trainings undertaken under output 2.3 and 3.2. Without surveys conducted to collect feedback from the beneficiaries of trainings, the EAD will not be able to report on outcome level indicators 2.2 and 3.2 of the project results framework. The EAD will therefore have to design and implement surveys to collect this information, disaggregated by sex.

Based on the above, the project is rated at “**Moderate**” risk.

**2.4 Co Finance**

<b>Planned Co-finance:</b>	\$ 150,000
<b>Actual to date:</b>	125,000
<b>Progress</b>	<p><b>Justify progress in terms of materialization of expected co-finance. State any relevant challenges:</b></p> <p>During the reporting period a total of 50,000 USD has been contributed from Environmental Affairs (EAD) as an in-kind contribution towards the project implementation. This brings the total cumulative contribution to 125,000 USD since project start.</p> <p>The EAD’s co-finance contribution during the period under review has materialized through staff time of the two Desk Officers responsible for providing oversight to Project Management Unit (PMU). Besides the two desk officers, over 15 EAD staff members (in the reporting period) have spent some time</p>

	on project work. In addition, the co-finance materialized through the EAD resources, tools and equipment used (i.e. vehicles, computers, printers, scanners, and office desks). Finally, the co-finance also includes rental charges for office space, as well as electricity and water bills for the office space provided by the EAD.
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## 2.5. Stakeholder

<b>Date of project steering committee meeting</b>	2023-11-13
<b>Stakeholder engagement (will be uploaded to GEF Portal)</b>	<p>The success of the project has heavily depended on active participation of the key stakeholders whose mandates/activities touch on climate and climate change issues at different levels as identified in the stakeholder engagement plan for the project.</p> <p>In the reporting period, several stakeholders have participated in project implementation activities under each output. Activities such as review of reports on development of Country specific emission factors and activity data in the FOLU sector, project steering committee meetings, review of an institutional framework report and draft MoUs, and the review of draft reports prepared by ASCENT on various deliverables within components 1 and 2 have been successful. ASCENT is an international think tank on MRV designs and implementation which has been contracted to help Malawi build its own MRV system through reports that have been submitted to EAD.</p> <p>Other participating stakeholders have been National Statistics office, Department of Human Resources Management and Development, Ministry of Justice, Department of Forestry, Department of Energy, Ministry of Agriculture and Academia (Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Malawi University of Science and Technology and Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences),</p> <p>As much as national stakeholders would like to engage more with each other, there are limited resources to support such interaction, which poses a challenge.</p> <p>The project's 4th PSC meeting was organized on 13 November 2023. The EAD will organize the 5th and final PSC meeting during Q4 of year 2024, to present the project's achievements to the PSC members</p>

## 2.6. Gender

Does the project have a gender action plan?	Yes
Gender mainstreaming (will be uploaded to GEF Portal):	<p>During the period under review, the consultation workshops and meetings organized as part of the project had an average 40% women representation, falling short by 10% from the 50-50 target.</p> <p>The challenge in terms of gender mainstreaming for the project has still been affected by less number of women in the climate change spaces. However, gender sensitive efforts have been exerted on all project activities through affirmative action realizing that gender is a key stand-alone consideration in all of Malawi's reporting to the UNFCCC (as indicated in the CEO Endorsement Document).</p> <p>According to the actions outlined in the project's Gender Action Plan, the project was expected to monitor the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gender aspects are included in at least 2 of the sectoral data collection and reporting tools / templates (output 2.2)</li> <li>• Women inclusivity is improved in data collection, processing and management to reach a 50%-50% female-male ratio in field data teams and in data management trainings (output 3.1)</li> <li>• Women inclusivity is improved in policy and decision making processes to aim for a 50% female participation in sensitization workshops (output 3.2)</li> <li>• Women inclusivity is improved in knowledge sharing aiming for a 50% female participation in peer to peer events (output 3.3).</li> </ul> <p>During the reporting period the EAD ensured that there is gender consideration in the sectoral data collection tools / templates under development. Furthermore, the invitation to nominate sectoral data collection field teams, the invitation to participate at sensitization workshops and peer to peer exchange events strongly emphasized the need for institutions to nominate women.</p> <p>During the next reporting period, the EAD will conduct surveys after each capacity building event or training (i.e. outputs 2.3 and 3.1). These surveys will be design in a way to request the participants to assess the relevance and usefulness of the trainings and shall be disaggregated by sex (male / female).</p>

## 2.7. ESSM

Moderate/High risk projects (in terms of Environmental and social safeguards)	<p>Was the project classified as moderate/high risk CEO Endorsement/Approval Stage?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, what specific safeguard risks were identified in the SRIF/ESERN?</p> <p>N/A</p>
New social and/or environmental risks	<p>Have any new social and/or environmental risks been identified during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, describe the new risks or changes?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Complaints and grievances related to social and/or environmental impacts	<p>Has the project received complaints related to social and/or environmental impacts (actual or potential) during the reporting period?</p> <p>No</p> <p>If yes, please describe the complaint(s) or grievance(s) in detail, including the status, significance, who was involved and what actions were taken?</p> <p>N/A</p>
Environmental and social safeguards management	<p>The is project was rated at “Low” safeguard risk category as it mainly focuses on normative issues, i.e., institutional capacity building toward improved reporting on NDC so the government meets the transparency requirements on the climate change commitments and reports the progress in a reliable manner.</p>

## 2.8. KM/Learning

Knowledge activities and products	<p>Both components 2 and 3 focus on knowledge management through the building of an online platform and the strengthening of institutional and individual capacities respectively, to handle increasing pool of knowledge around the ETF under the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>In the reporting period significant progress has been made by ASCENT to support the EAD in establishing an online data management platform.</p>
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	<p>Under deliverable 2.1.2. and 2.1.3, ASCENT Completed the OPMS report and submitted to EAD, the OPMS experts have conducted a series of meetings and discussions with the IT experts in EAD on the structure of the online platform. Also a report on “Review of Existing MRV Systems in Malawi and Country MRV Best Practices Design of the Online Platform Management System (OPMS) for the National MRV System was developed and formed a basis for developing the online data management platform.</p> <p>The EAD has successfully established a Climate Transparency Unit under the Climate Change Division within its new organizational structure. All technical considerations of the functional review report have been completed by the Department of Human Resources Management and Development awaiting the final endorsement/ approval by the office of president and cabinet. For a start the Unit will have five officers with two being senior while two are juniors. The Climate Transparency Unit (CTU) will manage the online data management platform and all the reporting requirements working closely with sector experts and Data Collection Hubs.</p> <p>The challenge now is waiting for the approval of the functional review report for the EAD and officially setting up and Sector Data Collection Hubs. Some institutions are yet to nominate focal points for data provision.</p>
<b>Main learning during the period</b>	<p>Transparency of action and support is crucial to the effectiveness of the Paris Agreement. This starts with GHG data collection exercise from or by key GHG sectors. During the awareness campaigns with institutions under deliverable 3.2.2 it was clear that sharing of information and clear understanding of data collection objectives enables data providing institutions to be less secretive in giving out institutional data, therefore institutions become accountable and transparent in their dealings.</p> <p>It is noteworthy to mention that during the period under review, a delegation from the EAD participated in the “Peer Learning Exchange on Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Monitoring Reporting and Verification Systems and Sharing Technical Insights on the Implementation of National CBIT Projects in four Anglophone African Countries” jointly organized by the CBIT Global Platform and the government of Zimbabwe. The workshop took place from 26 to 28 February 2024 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.</p> <p>The EAD also participated in the “Training on Preparation and Reporting of Results of National GHG Inventories under the ETF of the Paris Agreement” organized by the CBIT Global Platform from 25-27 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda</p>

## 2.9. Stories

<b>Stories to be shared</b>	N/A
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### 3 Performance

#### 3.1 Rating of progress towards achieving the project outcomes

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
To strengthen the capacity of institutions in Malawi and set up an information system to fulfill the enhanced Transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement.	Indicator A: # sectors on which the country is collecting and processing data on GHG emissions, climate actions, support needed and received	1 (AFOLU - Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses)		End-of-project target A: 5 (AFOLU, energy, transport, industry and waste)	0 sectors	At the time of this report, none of the 5 sectors are using the data management platform to collect and process climate data, since the platform is still under development. However, since the platform is nearly completed, the project will likely be able to meet this target by the end of the year 2024. This will be reported in the next PIR. The online information system under development will help strengthen the capacity of institutions in Malawi for transparency reporting. A full report on the MRV system review and the design of the online platform for MRV data management has been produced by ASCENT; and the OPMS experts have conducted a series of meetings and discussions with the IT experts in EAD on the structure of the online platform. The platform is expected to be completed and operational by the end of October 2024.	S
Outcome 1: Malawi's institutions effectively collaborate to track and report Greenhouse Gas (GHG)	Indicator 1.1: Data collecting and sharing protocols and regulations (in line with recent	No		Yes	Protocols and regulation are being finalized	The report on the proposed data collection and sharing protocols and regulations (Output 1.3) has been	S



Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
emissions, climate actions is and support needed and received	IPCC guidelines) are adopted by key institutions					developed and reviewed by the EAD. The final version of the protocols are under preparation and are aimed to be adopted by key institutions by the end of October 2024.	
	# of institutions using data collection and sharing protocols	0		At least 20 institutions	0	The data collecting and sharing protocol and regulations are currently being finalized. They should be completed and adopted by the end of October 2024. The use of these protocols is therefore likely to start in Q4 of 2024. Results on this indicator will be reported in the next PIR.	S
Outcome 2: Stakeholders use the data management platform to support the MRV system	# of government staff and other relevant stakeholders using the data management platform (gender-disaggregated)	0		At least 24 (of which at least 50% are women)	0	The data management platform development is being finalized and is planned to be operational and launched by the end of October 2024. Results related to this indicator are therefore likely to start materializing in Q4 of 2024 and will be reported in the next PIR.	S
	% of trained officers from the climate transparency unit and other sectors specific focal points declaring to be in a better position to implement MRV systems (gender disaggregated)	0		50% (of which at least 50% are women)	Not available yet	The CTU has been established by EAD, just awaiting the final approval of the new organizational structure by the Office of President and Cabinet. The appointment of sector focal points to support the sector data collection hubs is also ongoing with few sector institutions remaining to nominate experts. The trainings associated with this indicator will be organized in Q4	MS

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period(numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
						of 2024. The EAD will conduct surveys after each training provided to the CTU officers and other focal points, to assess whether they consider they are in a better position to use the data management platform and to support the climate transparency MRV system, after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.	
Outcome 3. The climate transparency unit, relevant sector institutions and stakeholders perform their roles in the MRV system on a continuous basis.	Qualitative rating of Malawi's institutional capacity for transparency-related activities (Based on the GEF 1-4 rating scale outlined in Annex IV of the CBIT's Programming Directions)	Level 1		Level 3	2 (+1 increment)	The CBIT project activities and results have led to a +1 increment in the qualitative rating of Malawi's institutional capacity for transparency-related activities, bringing the rating to level 2. The establishment of the Climate Transparency Unit through the CBIT project has led Malawi to having dedicated staff to support the reporting both under the convention and Paris agreement. This will ensure that Malawi retains its technical capacity and use the available resources efficiently, beyond the life of the project.	S
	# of trained sectoral field data teams declaring to be in a better position to manage data	0 team		target 3.2: At least 3 teams out of the 5 sectors (AFOLU,	0	Sectoral field data teams have been created while few sector institutions are yet to submit their nominations. However, the training on the MRV system has not taken place yet, waiting for the finalization of the Online Platform	S

Project Objective and Outcomes	Indicator	Baseline level	Mid-Term Target or Milestones	End of Project Target	Progress as of current period (numeric, percentage, or binary entry only)	Summary by the EA of attainment of the indicator & target as of 30 June	Progress rating
				energy, transport, industry and waste)		Management System and the preparation of the associated training modules. The trainings are now planned to take place in Q4 2024. The EAD will conduct surveys after each training provided to the sectoral field data teams, to assess whether the teams consider they are in a better position to manage climate transparency data after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex. The activity related to this indicator / target is likely to be finalized in Q4 of 2024. As such the project team will be in a position to report on this indicator in the next PIR.	

### 3.2 Rating of progress implementation towards delivery of outputs (Implementation Progress)

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
1 COMPONENT 1: Establishing the National Monitoring, Reporting and Verification	Output 1.1: Institutional arrangement and inter-ministerial coordination mechanism established and formalized for data management activities	2024-08-31	82	97	Work in output 1.1 has progressed well as all the deliverables are on track and close to finalization. The process of establishing the MRV system as an online Platform for data management close to completion with strong collaboration between OPMS experts from ASCENT and ICT	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
(MRV) system.					officials from the Ministry.	
	Deliverable 1.1.1: Report on stakeholder analysis and engagement as well as assessment of legal & regulatory framework on climate initiatives.	2023-06-30	100	100	The deliverable was finalized. The report on stakeholder analysis and assessment of legal and regulatory framework on climate initiatives was submitted to EAD followed by internal review and external stakeholder validation.	S
	Deliverable 1.1.2: Government Gazette notice establishing the institutional arrangement and Climate Transparency Unit and defining roles and responsibilities in the national MRV system	2023-12-31	95	100	A report detailing the institutional arrangements detailing the roles and responsibilities in the national MRV was finalized. The Climate Transparency Unit (CTU) has also been established through the completion of the functional review process by the EAD awaiting final approval of the organizational structure by the OPC.	S
	Deliverable 1.1.3: Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Climate Transparency Unit and data collection hubs	2024-08-31	95	98	This deliverable has been finalised by ASCENT. However, the legal team led by the Ministry of Justice in Malawi is reviewing the draft MoUs before they are signed by the CTU and sector data collection hubs (DCHs). The signing of the MoUs is expected to take place in Q4 of 2024.	S
	Deliverable 1.1.4: Formal documentation appointing data collection hubs' focal points	2024-07-31	50	90	The process for the appointment of data collection hub's focal points has already been done. However, the EAD is waiting for nominations/ appointment	MS

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					from other sector institutions who are yet to do so. The completion date of this deliverable is Q4 of 2024.	
	Deliverable 1.1.5: Terms of reference and Key Performance Indicators for the Climate Transparency Unit and hubs' focal points	2023-12-31	70	100	The ToRs for the CTU have been done and the CTU has been established through a functional review process of the EAD.	S
	Output 1.2: Country-specific emission factors and activity data for Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Use (AFOLU), energy, industry, transport and waste sectors developed and made accessible to stakeholders	2024-09-30	56	80	The consulting teams are facilitating the establishment of country specific emission factors and activity data for key sectors of AFOLU, IPPU, Energy and Transport. Some teams are doing literature reviews, others have finished field data collection exercises and others are still collecting field data.	S
	Deliverable 1.2.1: Report detailing the methodology, approach and timelines for developing country specific activity data and emission factors for the 5 key sectors	2024-09-30	57	100	The EAD received the inception reports for developing country specific emission factors and activity data for AFOLU, IPPU, Energy, Transport excluding the Waste (due to funds limitations). This was followed by an inception meeting to present the inception report to the stakeholders. The inception reports detailed the methodology, approach and timelines for the assignments.	S
	Deliverable 1.2.2: Report on the country-specific emission factors developed, including the methodologies, tools and assumptions adopted as well as a calculation report	2024-09-30	55	70	Work on this deliverable is progressing well now. The consultants on FOLU submitted the report which was reviewed by stakeholders and published. IPPU also submitted the report to EAD	S

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					followed by a stakeholders' review awaiting to receive a revised version of the report which will be followed by publication. Energy, Transport and Agriculture are in the field conducting data collection and analysis. Work completion is scheduled for Q4 of 2024.	
	Deliverable 1.2.3: Report on the country specific activity data developed, including the methodologies, tools and assumptions adopted as well as a calculation report	2024-09-30	55	70	Work on this deliverable is progressing well now. The consultants on FOLU submitted the report which was reviewed by stakeholders and published. IPPU also submitted the report to EAD followed by a stakeholders' review awaiting to receive a revised version of the report which will be followed by publication. Energy, Transport and Agriculture are in the field conducting data collection and analysis. Work completion is scheduled for Q4 of 2024.	S
	Output 1.3: Data collection and sharing protocols and regulations including linkages between hubs customized in line with the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) guidelines and made available to institutions	2024-09-30	67	67	This output is focused on quality assurance in data management. With many actors involved in MRV system at different levels and stages, standard procedures in data management need to be defined to maintain data integrity. ASCENT has produced a QC and QA report and also data collection protocols between the CTU and sector DCHs.	S
	Deliverable 1.3.1: Report of the proposed data collection and sharing protocols and regulations	2024-09-30	95	95	The data collection and sharing protocols draft report has been	S

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					submitted by ASCENT, feedback was provided by the review team from EAD and external stakeholders waiting for a revised report. Revised completion date is expected to be 31 October 2024.	
	Deliverable 1.3.2: Report on the adoption of data sharing protocols and regulations	2024-07-31	40	40	Data collection and sharing protocols adoption report will be done once the final version of the data collection and sharing protocol is available and when the CTU and sector DCHs are all fully functional. Revised completion date is expected to be 31 October 2024.	MS
2 COMPONENT 2: Developing and operationalizing an integrated platform for data management	Output 2.1: A data management platform customized to the country's circumstances and operationalized to support the MRV system.	2024-09-30	80	83	Deliverable 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 have been drafted by ASCENT and edits provided by EAD technical staff. What is remaining is work on deliverable 2.1.3	S
	Deliverable 2.1.1: A report assessing needs, constraints and gaps of existing technological and institutional capacity for the development of an online data management platform.	2023-12-31	95	100	A report was submitted to the EAD followed by the review and validation by the internal EAD team and wider stakeholders.	S
	Deliverable 2.1.2: One (1) stakeholder workshop to validate in 2.1.1 and one (1) stakeholder engagement workshop to get inputs on the structure of the online data management platform.	2023-12-31	95	100	Stakeholder workshop done for validation of 2.1.1 and for the inputs on the structure of the online data. Final document done.	S
	Deliverable 2.1.3: An online data management platform to support the national MRV system established with a report on its operationalization.	2024-09-30	50	50	The structure of the system is being worked on by ASCENT expert team and soon to be launched as an online data management platform. New tentative date of completion : 31 October 2024	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	Output 2.2: Sector data collection and reporting tools for GHG emissions, climate actions and support needed and received customized and made available to relevant stakeholders.	2024-10-31	20	47	The completion of this output depends on the finalization of the Online data management platform as the tools and platform needs to be aligned in terms of data needs and formats. Therefore, the output will now be completed in Q4 2024.	MS
	Deliverable 2.2.1: A report on gap analysis of current data collection tools, templates and guidelines in Malawi's MRV system	2024-05-31	80	80	The report is under development, however its finalization is highly dependent to the finalization of the Online data management platform. New completion date: 30 November 2024	MS
	Deliverable 2.2.2: Country-specific tools, templates and guidelines for data management;	2024-06-30	30	40	The country specific tools, templates and guidelines for data management are being developed. New completion date: 30th November 2024	MS
	Deliverable 2.2.3: A national GHG manual detailing the processes and steps in data management processes	2024-10-31	0	20	The drafting of the GHG Manual has started and is expected to be completed by 30th November 2024	MS
	Output 2.3: The climate transparency unit members and other relevant stakeholders trained on the effective management and use of the data platform to track NDC GHG emissions, climate actions and support needed and received	2024-08-31	0	35	The CTU has been established and Sector data collection hubs appointed in most sectors. The training will be done as the establishment of the system is finalised and the training modules developed.	MS
	Deliverable 2.3.1: One (1) training module and manual on platform use, operations and maintenance	2024-07-31	0	70	The development of the training module and manual has been an internal collaboration so far between ASCENT and EAD. This involved in-depth discussions about the structure and functionalities	MS



Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					of the online platform. The team's focus was on ensuring the platform's design and operations are user-centric and easy to maintain. 70% of the development of modules have been completed. The development process has been systematic, and the team has successfully agreed upon a timetable for the subsequent milestones. The EAD will conduct surveys after each training provided to the CTU officers and other focal points, to assess whether they consider they are in a better position to use the data management platform and to support the climate transparency MRV system, after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex. Expected to complete by 31st October 2024	
	Deliverable 2.3.2: Report on the training of the climate transparency unit members and other relevant stakeholders on use and management of the data platform (including results of a training survey)	2024-08-31	0	0	This deliverable has not been accomplished yet waiting for the operationalization of the platform and completion of the training modules as explained in the 2.3.1 above. The results of the surveys mentioned above shall be incorporated in this report.	MS
	Output 2.4: Data from the GHG inventory and MRV system aggregated, entered into the platform and made publicly available.	2024-11-30	0	0	The uploads onto the platform are to be started once the system is fully operational. This output will be completed by the end of year 2024.	S
	Deliverable 2.4.1: Data on GHG emissions, climate actions, support	2024-11-30	0	0	The work related to this deliverable is	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
	needed and received, challenges and vulnerabilities uploaded in the online data management platform				planned to start in Q4 of the 2024 once the platform is completed.	
3 COMPONENT 3: Targeted capacity building to strengthen institutional and individual capacities to meet the Paris agreement requirements on an Enhanced Transparency Framework.	Output 3.1: Field data teams from the key sectors (AFOLU, energy, transport, industry and waste) assigned and trained in data management.	2024-10-31	0	33	The targeted capacity building was only conducted in the waste sector; the other sectors have been planned for Q4 of 2024. The EAD received technical expertise from the CBIT- Global to during the delivery of the capacity building in the waste sector.	S
	Deliverable 3.1.1: Three (3) training modules (including: presentations, guides, handout notes.) /manual for field data collection teams on data management	2024-08-31	0	33	During the reporting period, 17 waste sector data experts were trained in November 2023. 2 more trainings will be organized targeting the field data teams of the other sectors in the 2nd half of 2024. The EAD will conduct surveys after each training provided to the sectoral field data teams, to assess whether the teams consider they are in a better position to manage climate transparency data after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.The work related to this deliverable is planned to be completed in Q4 of 2024.	S
	Deliverable 3.1.2: A report on the training of the field data collection teams on data management (including results of a training survey)	2024-10-31	0	33	Only targeted training in waste sector was done so far and a report for the training is available. The results of the surveys mentioned above shall be incorporated in this report.The work related to this deliverable is planned	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					to be completed in Q4 of the 2024.	
	Output 3.2: Knowledge of relevant national stakeholders on the Enhanced Transparency Framework of the Paris Agreement and their respective roles enhanced	2024-09-30	75	90	The policy brief on transparency requirements in the Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC was finalized. Several awareness raising workshops on the ETF have been organized.	S
	Deliverable 3.2.1: One policy brief on transparency requirements in the Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC	2024-03-31	100	100	The policy brief on transparency requirement in the Paris Agreement under UNFCCC finalized. Policy brief copies are available in both print and e-version formats.	S
	Deliverable 3.2.2: Six (6) workshop reports of semi-annual sensitization meetings on Enhanced Transparency Framework for policy makers and key staff drawn from the Climate Transparency Unit, EAD and other relevant agencies.	2024-09-30	50	80	Five(5) awareness and sensitization campaigns have been done with policy makers, decision makers, EAD staff and data sources institutions. This includes one (1) awareness campaign which was conducted during the reporting period. These campaigns took place at national and regional levels.	S
	Output 3.3: Best practices on transparency requirements of the Paris Agreement, including gender mainstreaming, shared and scaled up through peer-exchange programs for relevant stakeholders via South-South interactions and the CBIT Global Coordination Platform.	2023-07-31	5	90	National experts have participated in several peer-to-peer exchanges in other countries and at the international level through participation in COP 28	S
	Deliverable 3.3.1: Annual report on peer to peer exchange activities events at the regional and international level	2024-06-30	0	80	The national experts participated in several regional and international platforms for peer learning and exchange, including at COP28, and other countries such as Zimbabwe, South Africa and Rwanda. During the final semester of	S

Component	Output/Activity	Expected completion date	Implementation status as of previous reporting period (%)	Implementation status as of current reporting period (%)	Progress rating justification, description of challenges faced and explanations for any delay	Progress Rating
					the project, the EAD intends to participate in several peer learning events including at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.	
	Deliverable 3.3.2: Annual report on peer to peer learning on participation in the CBIT Global platform	2024-07-31	10	100	The delegation from the EAD participated in the “Peer Learning Exchange on Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Monitoring Reporting and Verification Systems and Sharing Technical Insights on the Implementation of National CBIT Projects in four Anglophone African Countries” jointly organized by the CBIT Global Platform and the government of Zimbabwe. The workshop took place from 26 to 28 February 2024 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The EAD also participated in the “Training on Preparation and Reporting of Results of National GHG Inventories under the ETF of the Paris Agreement” organized by the CBIT Global Platform from 25-27 June 2024 in Kigali, Rwanda	S

The Task Manager will decide on the relevant level of disaggregation (i.e. either at the output or activity level).

## 4 Risks

### 4.1 Table A. Project management Risk

Please refer to the Risk Help Sheet for more details on rating

Risk Factor	EA Rating	TM Rating
1 Management structure - Roles and responsibilities	Low	Low
2 Governance structure - Oversight	Low	Low
3 Implementation schedule	Moderate	Moderate
4 Budget	Low	Low
5 Financial Management	Low	Low
6 Reporting	Low	Low
7 Capacity to deliver	Low	Low

If any of the risk factors is rated a Moderate or higher, please include it in Table B below

### 4.2 Table B. Risk-log

#### Implementation Status (Current PIR)

Insert ALL the risks identified either at CEO endorsement (inc. safeguards screening), previous/current PIRs, and MTRs. Use the last line to propose a suggested consolidated rating.

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
Change of key personnel within Ministries and implementing departments	All	M	L	L	L			L	=	The stakeholders appointed a focal person and an alternate for continuity once one is not available.
Inadequate participation of all stakeholders and partners in capacity building events	All	M		L	L			L	=	All the stakeholders identified in the CEO Endorsement Document that

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
leading to incomplete knowledge loop to sustain project results										have been invited for project activities have been participating.
Insufficient human. technical resources to design and implement a comprehensive national climate monitoring. reporting and verification framework and support partners	All	M		L	L			L	=	Working with international partner (ASCENT) and with local experts for support Identify and harness existing capacities and skill sets in order to increase participation all national expertsLocal consultants have been recruited from national academic/research institutions. CSO and the private sector
Misappropriation of funds leading to loss of funds and non-achievement of project objectives	All	M	L	L	L			L	=	Funds are released in tranches based on the work plan to ensure that results are achieved from previous disbursement.
Delayed fund disbursement from the donor affecting project implementation schedule	All	M	L	L	L			L	=	Compliance to all agency requirements has been emphasized in project activities implementation.Accounting and reporting timelines have been adhered to
Delays and possible restriction in project activities due to the coronavirus pandemic	All	M	M	L	L			L	=	No more restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic
Limitations in capacity to gather physically for capacity building sessions due to travel restrictions	All	M	L	L				L	=	No more restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic
Limited capacity and experience for remote working and online interactions	All	M	L	L	L			L	=	Online interactions are not hampered.
Data collection challenges / delays due to	All	M		L	L			L	=	No mobility restrictions and rigid daily

Risks	Risk affecting: Outcome / outputs	CEO ED	PIR 1	PIR 2	PIR 3	PIR 4	PIR 5	Current PIR	Δ	Justification
mobility restrictions and rigid daily schedules set by Government										schedules by the Government during the reporting period
2022 PIR risk: Forex fluctuations with Central Bank affected the EAD's ability to timely disburse the funds to the implementing partner ASCENT. leading to a delayed start of project activities	Outputs 1.1. 1.3. 2.1 and 2.3.	N/A	M	L	L			L	=	There has been no forex scarcity to disrupt bank transactions within the reporting period
No risk identified in the 2023 PIR										
New risks identified in the current 2024 PIR										
Delays in operationalizing the online data management platform could impact the timely completion of remaining project activities	All				M			M		The data management platform is expected to be operational by end of October 2024. The EAD and ASCENT should ensure that this deadline is strictly met, to allow for timely completion of remaining activities under outputs 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4. This is related to the "Moderate" risk identified on "Implementation schedule" in section 4.1 above.
Lack of evidence to document the relevance / usefulness of the trainings could hinder the EAD's ability to properly report on the project's results framework	Outcomes 2 and 3				M			M		Without surveys conducted to collect feedback from the beneficiaries of trainings, the EAD will not be able to report on outcome level indicators 2.2 and 3.2 of the project results framework.
			M	L	M			M	↑	The overall project risk is Moderate.

### 4.3 Table C. Outstanding Moderate, Significant, and High risks

Additional mitigation measures for the next periods

Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
New risks identified in 2024 PIR					
Delays in operationalizing the online data management platform could impact the timely completion of remaining project activities			Action 1 [2024]:The EAD and ASCENT should ensure that all training modules and materials for the use of the online platform are developed and ready by mid-October 2024.	15 October 2024	EAD / ASCENT
			Action 2 [2024]:The EAD and ASCENT should ensure the online data management platform is fully tested and operational no later than 31 October 2024	31 October 2024	EAD / ASCENT
Lack of evidence to document the relevance / usefulness of the trainings could hinder the EAD's ability to properly report on the project's results framework			Action 3 [2024]:As part of Output 2.3, the EAD shall develop and conduct a survey after each training provided to the CTU officers and other focal points, to assess whether they consider they are in a better position to use the data	After each training	EAD



Risk	Actions decided during the previous reporting instance (PIRt-1, MTR, etc.)	Actions effectively undertaken this reporting period	What	When	By Whom
			management platform and to support the climate transparency MRV system, after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.		
			Action 4 [2024]:As part of Output 3.1, the EAD shall develop and conduct surveys after each training provided to the sectoral field data teams, to assess whether the teams consider they are in a better position to collect and manage climate transparency data after completing the training. The surveys shall be disaggregated by sex.	After each training	EAD

High Risk (H): There is a probability of greater than 75% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face high risks. Significant Risk (S): There is a probability of between 51% and 75% that assumptions may fail to hold and/or the project may face substantial risks. Moderate Risk (M): There is a probability of between 26% and 50% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks. Low Risk (L): There is a probability of up to 25% that assumptions may fail to hold or materialize, and/or the project may face only modest risks.

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## 5 Amendment - GeoSpatial

### Project Minor Amendments

Minor amendments are changes to the project design or implementation that do not have significant impact on the project objectives or scope, or an increase of the GEF project financing up to 5% as described in Annex 9 of the Project and Program Cycle Policy Guidelines. Please tick each category for which a change occurred in the fiscal year of reporting and provide a description of the change that occurred in the textbox. You may attach supporting document as appropriate

#### 5.1 Table A: Listing of all Minor Amendment (TM)

Minor Amendments	Changes
Results Framework:	No
Components and Cost:	No
Institutional and implementation arrangements:	No
Financial Management:	No
Implementation Schedule:	
Executing Entity:	No
Executing Entity Category:	No
Minor project objective change:	No
Safeguards:	No
Risk analysis:	No
Increase of GEF financing up to 5%:	No
Location of project activity:	No
Other:	No

#### Minor amendments

Implementation schedule: the EAD has prepared a 2nd revision to the project to factor implementation delays. The workplan was revised, now extending the technical completion date to 31 December 2024.

## 5.2 Table B: History of project revisions and/or extensions (TM)

Version	Type	Signed/Approved by UNEP	Entry Into Force (last signature Date)	Agreement Expiry Date	Main changes introduced in this revision
Revision 1	Revision	2023-03-14		2025-06-30	Workplan revised to accommodate delays in implementation of activities - technical completion date remains the same.
Revision 2	Extension	2024-05-24	2024-05-27	2025-12-31	Workplan revised to ensure completion of remaining project activities. The new technical completion date is 31 December 2024, and the PCA expiry date is 31 December 2025.

### GEO Location Information:

The Location Name, Latitude and Longitude are required fields insofar as an Agency chooses to enter a project location under the set format. The Geo Name ID is required in instances where the location is not exact, such as in the case of a city, as opposed to the exact site of a physical infrastructure. The Location & Activity Description fields are optional. Project longitude and latitude must follow the Decimal Degrees WGS84 format and Agencies are encouraged to use at least four decimal points for greater accuracy. Users may add as many locations as appropriate. Web mapping applications such as OpenStreetMap or GeoNames use this format. Consider using a conversion tool as needed, such as: <https://coordinates-converter.com> Please see the Geocoding User Guide by clicking here

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GEO Name ID	Location Description	Activity Description
Lilongwe. Malawi	-13.987511	33.768144	927967		

Please provide any further geo-referenced information and map where the project interventions is taking place as appropriate. \*

N/A