

Regulatory Indicators for Sustainable Energy (RISE) 2016 Country Data - Malawi

Energy Access

Indicator	Score
Existence and monitoring of officially approved electrification plan	80
Scope of officially approved electrification plan	37.5
Framework for grid electrification	33.33
Framework for minigrids	74.17
Framework for stand-alone systems	75.56
Consumer affordability of electricity	28.54
Utility Transparency and Monitoring	83.33
Utility Creditworthiness	100
Total	64.05

Energy Efficiency

Indicator	Score
National energy efficiency planning	33.33
Energy efficiency entities	85.71
Information provided to consumers about electricity usage	41.67
EE incentives from electricity rate structures	44.44
Incentives & mandates: large consumers	33.33
Incentives & mandates: public sector	0
Incentives & mandates: utilities	8.33
Financing mechanisms for energy efficiency	50
Minimum energy efficiency performance standards	11.11
Energy labeling systems	0
Building energy codes	0
Carbon Pricing	0
Total	25.66

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Renewable Energy

Indicator	Score
Legal framework for renewable energy	100
Planning for renewable energy expansion	50
Incentives and regulatory support for renewable energy	75
Attributes of financial and regulatory incentives	100
Network connection and pricing	33
Counterparty risk	94
Carbon pricing and monitoring	0
Total	64.57
Overall Score	51.43

Energy Access

Existence and monitoring of officially approved electrification plan	Score	80
Is there an officially approved national electrification plan?	Yes	
If not, is there a draft electrification plan that has been prepared but not yet been approved?	No	
Name of the electrification plan	Malawi Rural Electrification Program (MAREP) Phase 1-7	
Are the electrification plan and the updates publicly available?	No	
When was the last update of the electrification plan?	2013	
Is there an institution responsible for tracking progress of the plan?	Yes	

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Name of the tracking institution	Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA) and Rural Electrification Management Committee
Is there a timeframe defined in the electrification plan?	Yes

Scope of officially approved electrification plan	Score	37.5
Does the plan target a service level (e.g., power availability, number of guaranteed hours of power supply, etc.)?		No
Details on service level target		0
Does the electrification plan include both grid and off-grid?		Yes
Does the plan include community facilities?		Yes
Does the plan include productive use?		No
Are there geospatial maps conveying the timeframe of planned grid extension?		No
Are these geospatial maps made publicly available?		No

Framework for grid electrification	Score	33.33
Does the government have a dedicated funding line or budget for electrification (e.g., funded national program, budget item, rural electrification fund to finance grid extension)?		Yes
Are there capital subsidies paid to the utilities to provide distribution systems to rural areas/villages?		Yes
Details on funding support for grid electrification		N/A
Are there consumer financing mechanisms (i.e., utility loans, on bill financing, micro-loans, etc.) and/or direct subsidies available		No

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to support the payment of connection fees by consumers?	
Details on mechanisms to support the payment of connection fees	0
Does the government specify standards of performance on reliability along with new connections (e.g., number of guaranteed hours per day, etc.)?	No

Framework for minigrids	Score	74.17
Are minigrids legally allowed to operate in the country?		Yes
Name and date of the regulation for minigrids		Rural Electrification Act - 2004
Can minigrids be owned and operated by private operators?		Yes
Do regulations clarify what will occur when the interconnected grid reaches a mini-grid?		Yes
To convert from a power producer to a power distributor that buys electricity from the interconnected grid and resells to its local customers		Yes
To sell electricity to the interconnected grid operator and no longer sell electricity to retail customers		No
To sell its distribution grid to the interconnected grid operator and receive compensation for the sale of the asset		No
Other		No
Do the regulations detail procedures for consumers to get connected to minigrids?		Yes
Do the regulations differ by size of minigrids?		No
Are mini-grid operators legally allowed to charge a different tariff from the national tariff?		Yes

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Is there a retail electricity tariff schedule for minigrids?	No
Examples of minigrid tariffs	Mulanje Energy Generation Agency (MEGA)
Name of the regulation on minigrid tariffs	Feed-In-Tariff Policy - 2012
Are there publicly funded mechanisms to secure viability gap funding for operators?	No
Do subsidies exist for minigrids?	No
Details on subsidies for minigrids	0
Name of the document referring to minigrid subsidies	0
Do subsidies exist for power generators?	No
Do subsidies exist for energy storage systems?	No
Do subsidies exist for distribution systems?	No
Do subsidies exist for monitoring systems?	No
Do subsidies exist for other equipment related to minigrids?	No
Do duty exemptions exist for minigrid systems?	No
Details on duty exemptions for minigrids	N/A
Name of the document referring to mini-grid duty exemptions	Customs and Excise Act (Cap. 42:01) Customs and Excise (Tariffs) (No. 3) Order, 2014
Do duty exemptions exist for power generators?	Yes
Do duty exemptions exist for energy storage systems?	Yes

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Do duty exemptions exist for distribution systems?	No
Do duty exemptions exist for monitoring systems?	No
Do duty exemptions exist for other equipment related to minigrids?	No
Do subsidies exist for stand-alone systems?	Yes
Do subsidies exist for solar modules?	No
Do subsidies exist for batteries?	No
Do subsidies exist for charge controllers?	No
Do subsidies exist for power conditioning equipment?	No
Do subsidies exist for safety equipment?	No
Do subsidies exist for other equipment related to stand-alone systems?	No
Details on subsidies for stand-alone systems	0
Name of the document referring to subsidies for stand-alone systems	Rural Electrification Act, 2004
Do duty exemptions exist for stand-alone systems?	No
Details on duty exemptions for stand-alone systems	Duty exemption on electrical equipment (electric generating sets and rotary converters, solar primary cells and primary batteries, etc.)
Name of the document referring to duty exemptions for stand-alone systems	Customs and Excise (Tariffs) Order, 2015-2016
Do duty exemptions exist for solar modules?	Yes

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Do duty exemptions exist for batteries?	Yes
Do duty exemptions exist for charge controllers?	Yes
Do duty exemptions exist for power conditioning equipment?	Yes
Do duty exemptions exist for safety equipment?	No
Do duty exemptions exist for other equipment related to stand-alone systems?	Yes
Are there legal restrictions that limit the prices standalone home system retailers or service providers can charge?	Yes
Are there specific financing facilities available to support operators/consumers to develop/purchase stand-alone home systems?	Yes
Are there specific market financing facilities available to support operators to develop stand-alone systems?	No
Are there specific government financing facilities available to support operators to develop stand-alone systems?	Yes
Are there specific market financing facilities available to support consumers to purchase stand-alone standalone systems?	Yes
Are there specific government financing facilities available to support consumers to purchase stand-alone standalone systems?	No
Are there technical standards detailing the requirements for minigrids to connect the grid?	No
Are technical standards made publicly available?	No
Name of the document detailing technical standards	0
Are there safety standards for minigrids?	Yes
Are these safety standards made publicly available?	Yes

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Name of the document detailing safety standards	Electricity Act (Cap. 73:01), 2004; Electricity By-Laws, 2012
Does the government implement certification programs for minigrid installers?	Yes
Does the government provide or endorse certification programs for one or more components or equipment required for minigrids?	Yes
Has the government adopted international quality standards for stand-alone systems?	Yes
Name of the document detailing quality standards	Catalogue of Malawi Standards, 2014 Information Guide of Malawi Bureau of Standards Services
Has the government adopted international testing methods?	Yes
Does the regulation accept testing done elsewhere/in another country (vs in-country testing required)?	Yes
Is there a governmental certified program for solar equipment installers?	No
Are there environmental regulations on the disposal of solar devices and standalone home system products or components?	No
Name of document detailing environmental regulations	0

Framework for stand-alone systems	Score	75.56
Are there publicly funded mechanisms to secure viability gap funding for operators?	No	
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Name of document detailing environmental regulations	0
Are there national programs which aim to develop stand-alone systems or support the development of stand-alone systems?	Yes
Details on the national program promoting stand-alone systems	Rural Electrification Programme to ensure that the majority of the Malawian population in peri-urban and rural communities have access to efficient, sustainable and affordable energy for their social economic development through grid extension and off grid electricity supply, including solar home system technologies

Consumer affordability of electricity	Score	28.54
What is the annual cost of subsistence consumption (30kWh/month) as a percentage of GNI per household of bottom 20 percent of population?		7.14568633087605%

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Tariff schedule / tariff structure taken into account	Electricity charges with effect from 4th April, 2014, ESCOM's website
Is there a mechanism to support low-volume consumers such as cross-subsidization, social or lifeline tariff?	No

Utility Transparency and Monitoring	Score	83.33
Are the financial statements of the largest generation company publicly available?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest transmission company publicly available?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest distribution company publicly available?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest retail electricity sales company publicly available?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest generation company audited?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest transmission company audited?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest distribution company audited?	Yes	
Are the financial statements of the largest retail electricity sales company audited?	Yes	
Is the transmission loss rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes	
Is the distribution loss rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes	

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Is the bill collection rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Is the amount of electricity available for sale to end-users published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Is the utility operating an incidence/outage recording system (or SCADA/EMS with such functionality)?	Yes
Is the utility measuring the SAIDI and SAIFI or any other measurements for service reliability?	Yes
Are the measurements reported to the regulatory body?	No
Are the measurements available to public?	No

Utility Creditworthiness	Score	100
Current ratio (working capital ratio) of selected utility		25
EBITDA margin of selected utility		25
Debt service coverage ratio of selected utility		25
Days payable outstanding of selected utility		25

Energy Efficiency

National energy efficiency planning	Score	33.33
Is there legislation or a national action plan that aims to increase EE?		Yes
Name of EE legislation or action plan		Energy Regulation Act, 24
Is there an energy efficiency goal or target at the national level?		No

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Natonal target details	N/A
Is there a target for the residential sector?	No
Target details	N/A
Does the target have a milestone or deadline?	No
Is there a commercial servcies sector target?	No
Target details	N/A
Does the target have a milestone or deadline?	No
Is there an industrial sector target?	No
Target details	N/A
Does the target have a milestone or deadline?	No
Is there a power sector target?	No
Target details	N/A
Does the target have a milestone or deadline?	No

Energy efficiency entities	Score	85.71
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to setting EE strategy?	Yes	
Name of entity	DoE	
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to setting EE standards?	Yes	
Name of entity	MERA	

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Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to regulating EE activities of energy suppliers?	Yes
Name of entity	MERA
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to regulating EE activities of energy consumers?	Yes
Name of entity	MERA
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to certifying compliance with equipment EE standards?	Yes
Name of entity	MERA
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to certifying compliance with building EE standards?	No
Name of entity	NCIC
Are there governmental and/or independent bodies dedicated to selecting and/or approving third party auditors tasked with certifying EE standards?	Yes
Name of entity	MBS

Information provided to consumers about electricity usage	Score	41.67
Residential customers		
Is it mandatory for utilities to provide reports of their energy usage, in a bill or by other means?	Yes	
Commercial customers		
Is it mandatory for utilities to provide reports of their energy usage, in a bill or by other means?	Yes	

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Industrial customers	
Is it mandatory for utilities to provide reports of their energy usage, in a bill or by other means?	Yes
Residential customers	
At what intervals do customers receive these reports (times per year)?	12
Do the reports include the price levels customers pay for energy usage?	Yes
Commercial customers	
At what intervals do customers receive these reports (times per year)?	12
Do the reports include the price levels customers pay for energy usage?	Yes
Industrial customers	
At what intervals do customers receive these reports (times per year)?	12
Do the reports include the price levels customers pay for energy usage?	Yes
Does the regulator track utilities' compliance with laws for providing energy usage information to customers?	No
Residential customers	
Do customers receive a bill or report which compares them to other users in the same region and/or usage class?	No
Method of comparison	N/A
Commercial customers	

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Do customers receive a bill or report which compares them to other users in the same region and/or usage class?	No
Method of comparison	N/A
Industrial customers	
Do customers receive a bill or report which compares them to other users in the same region and/or usage class?	No
Method of comparison	N/A
Residential customers	
Do customers receive a bill or report that shows their energy usage compared to previous bills or reports over time?	No
Commercial customers	
Do customers receive a bill or report that shows their energy usage compared to previous bills or reports over time?	No
Industrial customers	
Do customers receive a bill or report that shows their energy usage compared to previous bills or reports over time?	No
All customers	
Can customers access real time feedback on energy usage (for either prepaid or post-paid systems)?	No
Do customers have the ability to manage energy usage levels remotely (through apps or other technology mediums that can track real time usage)?	No

EE incentives from electricity rate structures	Score	44.44
Residential customers		

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Are customers charged a flat fee (per connection)?	Yes
Are customers charged constant block rates?	Yes
Are customers charged declining block rates?	No
Are customers charged increasing block rates?	No
Commercial customers	
Are customers charged a flat fee (per connection)?	Yes
Are customers charged constant block rates?	Yes
Are customers charged declining block rates?	No
Are customers charged increasing block rates?	No
Industrial customers	
Are customers charged a flat fee (per connection)?	Yes
Are customers charged constant block rates?	Yes
Are customers charged declining block rates?	No
Are customers charged increasing block rates?	No
Residential customers	
Do customers pay energy charges (per kWh)?	Yes
Do customers pay demand charges (per kW)?	No
Do customers pay reactive power charges (per kVAR)?	No
Commercial customers	
Do customers pay energy charges (per kWh)?	Yes

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Do customers pay demand charges (per kW)?	No
Do customers pay reactive power charges (per kVAR)?	No
Industrial customers	
Do customers pay energy charges (per kWh)?	Yes
Do customers pay demand charges (per kW)?	Yes
Do customers pay reactive power charges (per kVAR)?	Yes
Residential customers	
Are customers charged based on real-time pricing?	No
Are customers charged based on variable peak pricing?	No
Are customers charged based on critical peak pricing?	No
Are tariffs adjusted according to seasons?	No
Do customers pay according to time-of-day electricity use or receive peak-time rebates?	No
Commercial customers	
Are customers charged based on real-time pricing?	No
Are customers charged based on variable peak pricing?	No
Are customers charged based on critical peak pricing?	No
Are tariffs adjusted according to seasons?	No
Do customers pay according to time-of-day electricity use or receive peak-time rebates?	No
Industrial customers	

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Are customers charged based on variable peak pricing?	No
Are customers charged based on critical peak pricing?	No
Are tariffs adjusted according to seasons?	No
Do customers pay according to time-of-day electricity use or receive peak-time rebates?	No

Incentives & mandates: large consumers	Score	33.33
What is the threshold for classifying large consumers?		Using >360,000 kWh/year
Large consumer EE mandate/incentive regulations		
Is it required for the consumption and/or savings of large-scale energy users to be tracked and documented on a regular basis?		No
Are efficiency targets mandated for large consumers?		No
Details		0
Are energy audits mandated for large consumers?		No
Are energy efficiency progress reports mandated for large consumers?		No
Interval of reports		0
Are energy-management systems mandated for large consumers?		No
Details		0
Are there penalties in place for non-compliance with regulatory obligations for large consumers?		No

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Is there a measurement and verification program in place?	No
Is verification done by a third party?	No
Are there financial incentives for large consumers to invest in energy efficiency?	No
Details	0
Are there tax incentives for large consumers to invest in energy efficiency?	No
Are there other incentives for large consumers to invest in energy efficiency?	Yes
Details	Negotiated tariff discounts and rescheduling of load shedding
Is there a program to publicly recognize large-scale users that have achieved significant energy savings measures?	No
Are energy savings and/or financial savings publicized?	No
Does the program offer assistance (from a government or independent entity) to large-scale users to identify energy savings investments opportunities?	No
Primary Energy Consumption (MJ - latest GTF data from 2012)	14861

Incentives & mandates: public sector	Score	0
Are there binding energy savings obligations for public buildings?	No	
Are energy savings from efficiency activities at public buildings tracked (either in-house or by a third party)?	No	
Are there binding energy savings obligations for other public facilities (may include water supply, wastewater services,	No	

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municipal solid waste, street lighting, transportation, and heat supply)?	
Are energy savings from efficiency activities at other public facilities tracked?	No
Is there a specific policy or mandated guidelines for public procurement of energy-efficient products and services?	No
Public procurement guidelines for EE	
Do public budgeting regulations and practices allow public entities to retain energy savings?	No
Public budgeting regulations for EE	

Incentives & mandates: utilities	Score	8.33
Name of utility energy efficiency regulation program		
Electricity generation		
Are utilities required to carry out energy efficiency activities in this area?	Yes	
Details		
Are energy savings or other target indicators measured to track performance in meeting EE requirements?	No	
Are the requirements measured/validated by an independent third party?	No	
Are there penalties in place for non-compliance with EE requirements?	No	
Are there mandates or incentives for new and/or brownfield co-generation?	No	
Transmission & distribution		

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Are utilities required to carry out energy efficiency activities in this area?	Yes
Details	kms of rehabilitated OTL/cable lines, number of reconstructed substations, replaced transformers, distribution boards/switches, etc.
Are energy savings or other target indicators measured to track performance in meeting EE requirements?	No
Are the requirements measured/validated by an independent third party?	No
Are there penalties in place for non-compliance with EE requirements?	No
Demand-side management -	
Are utilities required to carry out energy efficiency activities in this area?	No
Details	0
Are energy savings or other target indicators measured to track performance in meeting EE requirements?	No
Are the requirements measured/validated by an independent third party?	No
Are there penalties in place for non-compliance with EE requirements?	No
Is there a demand-side management department within the selected utility?	No
Do utilities provide customers incentives for demand response, such as peak-time rebates?	Yes
Is there public budget funding available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy	No

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efficiency activities?	
Is there compensation for revenue losses via a tracking account available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
Are these available as solely market-driven financing mechanisms without any direct government approval, subsidy, authorization or other mediation procedure?	No
Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Are there credit lines available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
Are these available as solely market-driven financing mechanisms without any direct government approval, subsidy, authorization or other mediation procedure?	No
Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Are there partial risk guarantees available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
Are these available as solely market-driven financing mechanisms without any direct government approval, subsidy, authorization or other mediation procedure?	No
Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Is there program cost recovery available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
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Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Is there ESCO financing available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
Are these available as solely market-driven financing mechanisms without any direct government approval, subsidy, authorization or other mediation procedure?	No
Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Is there on-bill financing/re-payment available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	No
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Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No
Are there any other financing mechanisms available for utilities to recover costs associated with or revenue lost from mandated energy efficiency activities?	0
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Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No

Financing mechanisms for energy efficiency	Score
Residential sector	50

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Are there tax incentives available for energy efficiency investments?	Yes
Are there discounted "green" mortgages available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Is on-bill financing/re-payment available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Are credit lines available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Are energy services agreements or ESCOs available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Are green bonds available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Is vendor credit and/or leasing available for energy efficiency investments?	No
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Commercial services sector	
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Are partial risk guarantees available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Are there any other financing mechanisms available for energy efficiency investments?	No
Are these available as solely market-driven financing mechanisms without any direct government approval, subsidy, authorization or other mediation procedure?	No
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Are these available as government-driven financing mechanisms?	No

Minimum energy efficiency performance standards	Score	11.11
EE standards regulations		
Refrigerators		
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No	
Details of standards	0	
Is there a verification program in place?	No	

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Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No
Air conditioners	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No
Details of standards	0
Is there a verification program in place?	No
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No
Lighting equipment	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	Yes
Details of standards	Various (see standards)
Is there a verification program in place?	Yes
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	Yes
Industrial electric motors	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No

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Details of standards	0
Is there a verification program in place?	No
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No
Other industrial equipment	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No
Details of standards	0
Is there a verification program in place?	No
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No
Light duty vehicles	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No
Details of standards	0
Is there a verification program in place?	No
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No

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Heavy duty vehicles	
Have minimum energy performance standards been adopted?	No
Details of standards	0
Is there a verification program in place?	No
Is it carried out by a third party?	No
Is there a penalty for non-compliance with energy efficiency standards?	No
Are the standards based on external/international standards?	No

Energy labeling systems	Score	0
Refrigerators		
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No	
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No	
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No	
Air conditioners		
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No	
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No	
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No	
Lighting equipment		
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No	

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Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No
Industrial electric motors	
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No
Other industrial equipment	
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No
Light duty vehicles	
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No
Heavy duty vehicles	
Have energy efficiency labeling schemes been adopted?	No
Is the labeling scheme mandatory?	No
Is the labeling scheme based on external/international standards?	No

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Building energy codes	Score	0
Are there energy efficiency codes for new residential buildings?		No
Are there energy efficiency codes for new commercial buildings?		No
Is the energy efficiency code for new residential buildings its own stand-alone, separate code or part of the overall building code?		No
Is the energy efficiency code for new commercial buildings its own stand-alone, separate code or part of the overall building code?		No
Is there any provision for regular updates to the code for new residential buildings?		No
Is there any provision for regular updates to the code for new commercial buildings?		No
EE building code regulations		
When was the code last updated for residential buildings?		0
When was the code last updated for commercial buildings?		0
Is there a system to ensure compliance with building energy efficiency codes?		No
Is it carried out by a third party?		No
Are renovated residential buildings required to meet a building energy code?		No
Are renovated commercial buildings required to meet a building energy code?		No
Is the energy efficiency code for renovated residential buildings different from the code for new buildings?		No
Is the energy efficiency code for renovated commercial buildings different from the code for new buildings?		No

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Is the energy efficiency code for renovated residential buildings its own stand-alone, separate code or part of the overall building code?	No
Is the energy efficiency code for renovated commercial buildings its own stand-alone, separate code or part of the overall building code?	No
Is there any provision for regular updates to the code for renovated residential buildings?	No
Is there any provision for regular updates to the code for renovated commercial buildings?	No
Is there a mandatory standardized rating or labeling system for the energy performance of existing buildings?	No
Is the labeling scheme or rating adopted from external standards?	No
Are commercial and residential buildings required to disclose property energy usage at the point of sale or when leased?	No
Are large commercial and residential buildings required to disclose property energy usage annually?	No
Are there mandates or targets for new building stocks to achieve high quality energy efficiency certifications, such as LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) (e.g. percentage of new building stocks that must be LEED certified)?	No
Details	N/A
LEED incentives	No
Local program details	0

Carbon Pricing	Score	0
Is there a carbon pricing mechanism in place?		No

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For any carbon pricing mechanism (e.g. carbon tax, emission trading system), what is the portion of national GHG emissions covered)?	0
Is there a monitoring, reporting and verification system for greenhouse gas emissions in place?	No

Renewable Energy

Legal framework for renewable energy	Score	100
Does a legal framework for renewable energy development exist?		Yes
Name of the Law		Energy Regulation By-Laws 2009
Is private sector ownership of renewable energy generation legally authorized?		Yes

Planning for renewable energy expansion	Score	50
Does an official renewable energy target exist?		Yes
Overall target		87% RE of total energy mix (2020) and 80% RE of total energy mix (2050)
Solar target		
Wind target		
Hydro target		30% (2020) and 40% (2050)
Biomass target		50% (2020) and 30% (2050)

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Geothermal target	
Does a renewable energy action plan or strategy to attain the target exist?	Yes
Name of the action plan	0
Does the plan or strategy define the amount of investment necessary to meet the RE target?	Yes
The amount of investment identified	0
Is there an institution responsible for tracking progress in renewable energy development?	Yes
Name of the institution	0
Does an electricity generation plan that includes renewable energy development exist?	Yes
Name of the generation plan	0
Is the expansion plan based on a probabilistic approach?	No
Does the current transmission planning consider renewable energy scale-up?	Yes
Name of the transmission plan	0
Has the country conducted a variable renewable energy integration study?	No
Name of the integration study	0
Year of the integration study	
Does the country have sufficient resource abundance to warrant a solar resource atlas?	Yes
Does the government publish or endorse a solar resource atlas or other data on the abundance and quality of the resource?	No

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Solar atlas is validated by at least 5 ground-based measurements taken for a period of at least a year;	No
Solar atlas has a spatial resolution of 5km or less;	No
Solar atlas is based on modeling inputs covering at least a 10 year period;	No
Solar atlas is accompanied by an explanation of the methodology and instrumentation	No
Has the country carried out strategic planning or produced zoning guidance to inform the commercial development of solar resources?	No
Has the solar resource planning or zoning guidance been undertaken as part of a strategic environmental and social assessment or equivalent process?	No
Are the solar resource planning or zoning guidance outputs publically available?	No
Does the country have sufficient resource abundance to warrant a wind resource atlas?	No
Does the government publish or endorse a wind resource atlas or other data on the abundance and quality of the resource?	No
Wind atlas is validated by at least 5 ground-based measurements taken for a period of at least a year;	No
Wind atlas has a spatial resolution of 5km or less;	No
Wind atlas is based on modeling inputs covering at least a 10 year period;	No
Wind atlas is accompanied by an explanation of the methodology and instrumentation	No
Has the country carried out strategic planning or produced zoning guidance to inform the commercial development of wind resources?	No

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Has the wind resource planning or zoning guidance been undertaken as part of a strategic environmental and social assessment or equivalent process?	No
Are the wind resource planning or zoning guidance outputs publically available?	No
Does the country have sufficient resource abundance to warrant a hydro resource atlas?	Yes
Does the country publish or endorse a national hydro resource map or atlas?	No
Hydro atlas is validated by ground-based water run-off data and/or site surveys from potential sites;	No
Hydro atlas is accompanied by an explanation of the methodology and instrumentation	No
Has the country carried out strategic planning or produced zoning guidance to inform the commercial development of hydro resources?	No
Has the hydro resource planning or zoning guidance been undertaken as part of a strategic environmental and social assessment or equivalent process?	No
Are the hydro resource planning or zoning guidance outputs publically available?	No
Does the country have sufficient resource abundance to warrant a biomass resource atlas?	Yes
Does the country publish or endorse a national biomass resource map or atlas?	No
Biomass atlas is validated by ground-based survey or officially reported data;	No
Biomass atlas is accompanied by an explanation of the methodology and instrumentation.	No

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Has the biomass resource planning or zoning guidance been undertaken as part of a strategic environmental and social assessment or equivalent process?	No
Are the biomass resource planning or zoning guidance outputs publically available?	No
Does the country have sufficient resource abundance to warrant a geothermal resource atlas?	Yes
Does the country publish or endorse a national geothermal resource map or atlas?	No
The governmentn has collected and recorded well data at potential geothermal sites?	No
Does the government publish a national geological map?	No
The government has supported surface exploration (geological; geochemical; temp; gradient) at potential sites?	No
The government has supported test drilling at at least one site (slim bore or full well)?	No
The government has supported the creation of a reservoir model at at least one site?	No
Has the country carried out strategic geothermal resource planning or produced zoning guidance to inform the commercial development of the resource?	No
Has the geothermal resource planning or zoning guidance been undertaken as part of a strategic environmental and social assessment or equivalent process?nt process?	No
Are the geothermal resource planning or zoning guidance outputs publically available?	No

Incentives and regulatory support for renewable energy **Score** **75**

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Is there at least one scheme to support renewable energy per unit of electricity generated? (e.g., feed-in tariff, competitive bidding/auction, mandates, generation premiums, production tax credits)?	No
Feed-in tariff	No
Feed-in tariff - Solar	No
Feed-in tariff - Wind	No
Feed-in tariff - Hydro	No
Feed-in tariff - Biomass	No
Feed-in tariff - Geothermal	No
Government body in charge	Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA)
Projects guaranteed off-take	No
Solar Feed-in-tariff Price (\$ cents/kWh)	20
Solar Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (single)	10 MW
Solar Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (total)	100+50 MW
Solar Feed-in-tariff Closing date	N/A
Wind Feed-in-tariff Price (\$ cents/kWh)	13
Wind Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (single)	50 MW
Wind Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (total)	200 MW
Wind Feed-in-tariff Closing date	N/A
Hydro Feed-in-tariff Price (\$ cents/kWh)	10

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Hydro Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (single)	10 MW
Hydro Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (total)	150+50 MW
Hydro Feed-in-tariff Closing date	N/A
Biomass Feed-in-tariff Price (\$ cents/kWh)	10
Biomass Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (single)	100 MW
Biomass Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (total)	200+50 MW
Biomass Feed-in-tariff Closing date	N/A
Geothermal Feed-in-tariff Price (\$ cents/kWh)	11
Geothermal Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (single)	50 MW
Geothermal Feed-in-tariff Max. capacity (total)	200 MW
Geothermal Feed-in-tariff Closing date	N/A
Competitive bidding	No
Auction 1 - Year	
Auction 1 - Technology	
Auction 1 - Project-specific tender and size (MW)	
Auction 1 - Auction for total and size (MW)	
Auction 1 - Standard PPA and Term	
Auction 1 - Price ceiling	No
Auction 1 - Winning bid (\$ cents/kWh)	
Auction 1 - Government body in charge	

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Auction 2 - Year	
Auction 2 - Technology	
Auction 2 - Project-specific tender and size (MW)	
Auction 2 - Auction for total and size (MW)	
Auction 2 - Standard PPA and Term	
Auction 2 - Price ceiling	No
Auction 2 - Winning bid (\$ cents/kWh)	
Auction 2 - Government body in charge	
Winning bid guaranteed off-take	No
Mandates	No
Generation premium	No
Production tax credit	No
Does the government offer other direct fiscal incentives for renewable energy (e.g. capital subsidies, grants or rebates, investment tax credits, tax reductions?)	Yes
Investment tax credit	No
Accelerated depreciation	No
Reduction in import taxes	Yes
Reduction in sales tax or other taxes	Yes
Does the country provide prioritized access to the grid for RE?	Yes
Do RE projects receive priority in dispatch?	Yes

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Are there provisions to compensate seller if offtake infrastructure is not built in time?	Yes
Are there mechanisms to compensate RE projects for lost generation due to certain curtailments after project commissioning?	Yes

Attributes of financial and regulatory incentives	Score	100
Is the market entry mechanism for private RE projects defined? (e.g. 1st come 1st served; tenders)		Yes
Details		0
Are projects subject to development timelines or milestones?		Yes
Are tariffs indexed (in part or in whole) to an international currency or to inflation?		Yes
If there is a guaranteed tariff, is there a mechanism to adjust the level of the tariff for new entrants (e.g., declination)?		N/A
If there is a guaranteed tariff, is there a mechanism to differentiate tariffs based on the size of the generation plant?		N/A
If there is competitive bidding/auctions, are there provisions to ensure full and timely project completion (e.g., bid-bonds, project milestones, eligibility requirements)		N/A
If there is a renewable energy mandate, can it be met with tradable certificates (e.g., RECs, ROCs, TECs)?		N/A
Is the price subsidy/benefit implied by a renewable energy incentive program passed through in full or in part to the final electricity consumer?		No

Network connection and pricing	Score	33
Are there rules defining the allocation of connection costs?		Yes

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What is the type of the connection cost allocation policy (i.e. shallow/deep)?	Super Shallow
Are there rules that allow electricity customers to purchase power directly from a third party (i.e. an entity other than the designated utility in a service area)?	No
Do the rules define the size and allocation of costs for transmission and distribution wheeling charges? (e.g., wheeling charges, locational pricing?)	N/A
Do the rules consider customer type/size in determining eligibility for purchasing electricity from a third party?	N/A
connection cost document	0
Does the country have a grid code that includes measures or standards addressing variable renewable energy?	No
Is there more than one balancing area in the country?	No
Are there rules for exchanging power between balancing areas that penalize variable renewable energy (e.g. through imbalance penalties)?	N/A
Are there provisions in the power exchange rules that allow for plant forecasting?	N/A

Counterparty risk	Score	94
Does the government offer or allow backing of utility payments (e.g. through a letter of credit, escrow account, payment guarantee, or other)?	Yes	
Information disclosure	33	
Are the financial statements of the largest utility publicly available?	0	
Are the financial statements of the largest generation company publicly available?	Yes	

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Are the financial statements of the largest transmission company publicly available?	Yes
Are the financial statements of the largest distribution company publicly available?	Yes
Are the financial statements of the largest retail electricity sales company publicly available?	Yes
Are the following metrics published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	0
Is the transmission loss rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Is the distribution loss rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Is the bill collection rate published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Is the amount of electricity available for sale to end-users published in a primary official document (by the utility, regulator or ministry and/or government)?	Yes
Information Auditing	33
Financial statements independently audited?	0
Are the financial statements of the largest generation company audited?	Yes
Are the financial statements of the largest transmission company audited?	Yes
Are the financial statements of the largest distribution company audited?	Yes
Are the financial statements of the largest retail electricity sales company audited?	Yes

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Monitoring Reliability	0
Is the utility operating an incidence/outage recording system (or SCADA/EMS with such functionality)?	Yes
Is the utility measuring the SAIDI and SAIFI or any other measurements for service reliability?	Yes
Are the data reported to the regulatory body?	No
Are the data available to the public?	No
Name of the selected utility	ESCOM
data - 17.1. Current ratio (working capital ratio)	6
data - 17.2 Debt Service Coverage Ratio	10
data - 17.3 Days payable outstanding	68
data - 17.4 EBITDA margin	0
Current ratio (working capital ratio) of selected utility	25
Debt Service Coverage Ratio of selected utility	25
Days payable outstanding of selected utility	25
EBITDA margin of selected utility	25

Carbon pricing and monitoring	Score	0
Is there a carbon pricing mechanism in place?	No	
For any carbon pricing mechanism (e.g. carbon tax, emission trading system), what is the portion of national GHG emissions covered)?	0%	

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Is there a monitoring, reporting and verification system for greenhouse gas emissions in place?	No
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