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SECOND CYCLE OF DATA COLLECTION 2025



MALAWI

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Under the **Mission 300 initiative**, progress on **National Energy Compacts** is monitored **twice a year** through data submitted by each country’s **Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU)**.

Monitoring covers both **policy reform actions** and **key targets** across four thematic areas:

- Electricity access
- Clean cooking access
- Share of renewable energy in national generation
- Private Capital mobilized

Countries report progress using a **standardized Excel template**, based on which **Compact Progress Reports (CPRs)** are produced. Each CPR is **prepared and validated by the Government through its CDMU**. While Mission 300 partners support the reporting process, **countries retain full ownership of data and responsibility of its interpretation**.

This report presents the **latest country-reported data**, submitted during the **January 2026 reporting cycle** and reflects **progress achieved in 2025**. The data provided is **country-reported and based on national methodologies**, which may limit direct comparisons across countries.

DEFINITIONS & METHODOLOGY

Priority Reform Action Status

- **NOT YET DUE:** No activities initiated for this action
- **IN PROGRESS – ON TRACK:** Implementation progressing well, no issues to be reported
- **IN PROGRESS – MINOR DELAYS:** In Progress but slight issues or minor delays expected
- **IN PROGRESS – AT RISK:** In Progress but major challenges, high risk of delay expected
- **DELAYED:** Deadlines passed and activities remain incomplete
- **COMPLETED:** All implementation activities concluded

“Connections” and “People Provided with Electricity access” Methodology

“New electricity connections” refers to additional electricity connections established since the start of Mission 300 up to the reporting year, across all solution types (grid, mini-grids, and solar home systems). To estimate the number of people gaining electricity access, the number of new connections is multiplied by the national average household size provided by the government (when available). This conversion is illustrative and does not imply that each connection corresponds to exactly one household.

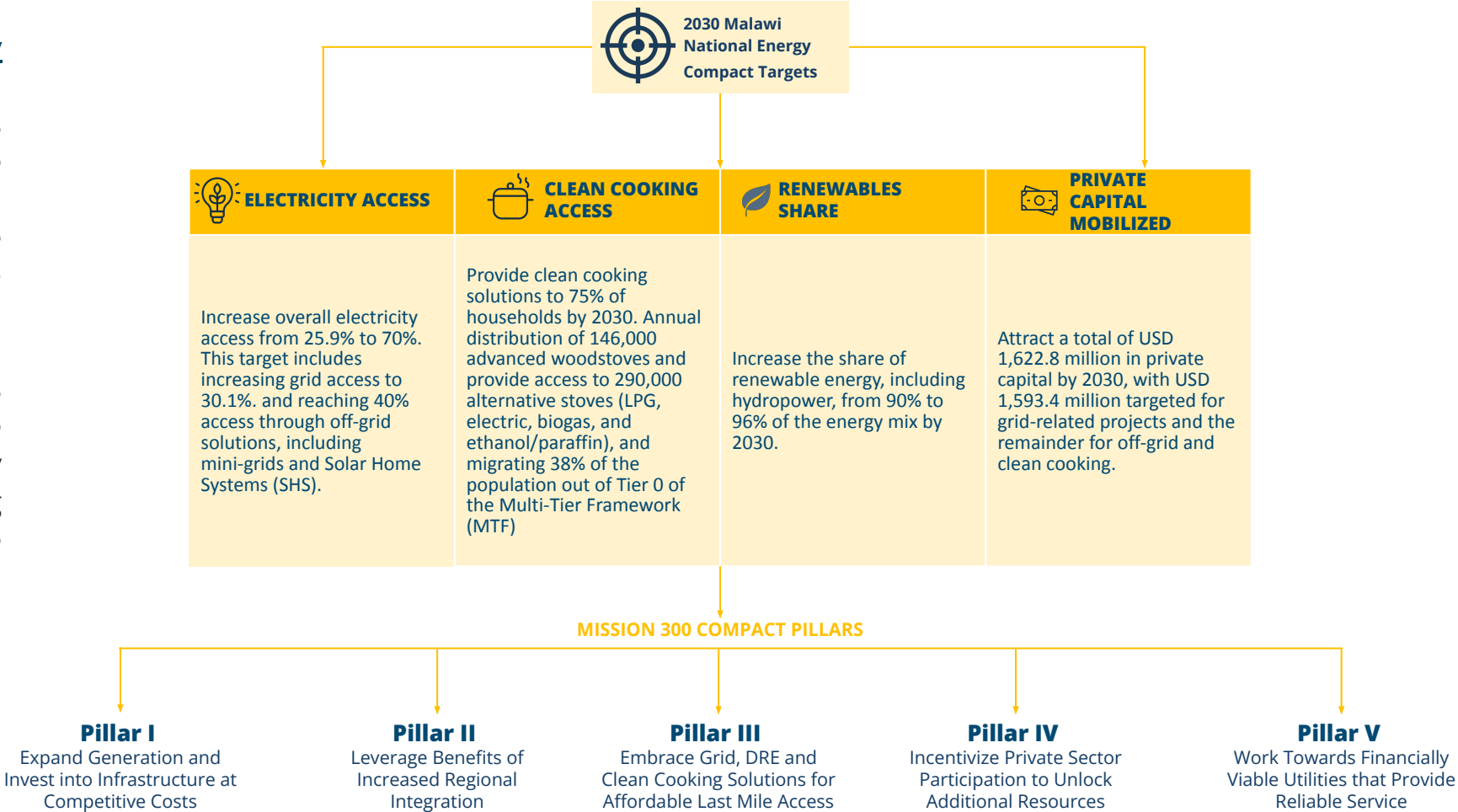
GLOSSARY

AfDB African Development Bank	PMSP/IRP Power System Master Plan/ Integrated Resource Planning
ATAF Automatic Tariff Adjustment Mechanism	SEforALL Sustainable Energy for All
CDMU Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit	SHS Solar Home Systems
CPR Compact Progress Report	TA Technical Assistance
DRE Distributed Renewable Energy	TBC To be Confirmed
ESCOM Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi	USD United States Dollar
IPP Independent Power Producer	
LPG Liquified Petroleum Gas	
MTF Multi-Tier Framework	

MALAWI NATIONAL ENERGY COMPACT

Under the Mission 300 initiative, Malawi presented its National Energy Compact in January 2025 at the Africa Energy Summit in Dar es Salaam, as part of the first cohort of twelve countries, outlining its reform commitments and targets to accelerate electricity access and mobilize private investment.

This Compact Progress Report tracks Malawi’s progress against these commitments using data submitted by the Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU), with the latest update provided in January 2026.



KEY TARGETS

The reporting period covers progress until 31 December 2025.

While Malawi has not provided updated quantitative data through the latest Compact Progress Reporting (CPR) data collection process, the country has set a target **under its National Energy Compact to provide 14.15 million people** with access to electricity. This would bring the total number of people with electricity to **17.11 million by 2030**, to reach 70% household electricity access.

Clean cooking access stood at approximately 24.5% in 2023, compared to a target of **75% by 2030**. Clean cooking technologies include LPG, electric cooking, advanced cookstoves, and biomass, ethanol, or paraffin-based improved stoves.

The share of renewable energy in national generation has a baseline of 92.2% in 2023, with a target of **96% by 2030**.

Private capital mobilized amounts to USD 31.3 million, against a **2030 target of USD 2.474 billion**.

Quantitative data presented in this slide reflect the information available as of the latest reporting cycle provided by the Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU).

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MALAWI'S PROGRESS ON HIGH-LEVEL COMPACT TARGETS			
Key Target	2023 Baseline	Progress to date (over 2025)	2030 Target
New people with access to electricity (# of people)	2,963,136	No data provided yet	+ 14,150,000
Clean Cooking (% of population)	24.5%	No data provided yet	75%
Share of Renewable Energy in national generation (% of generation)	92.2%	No data provided yet	96%
Private Capital Mobilized (Million USD)	\$31.3	No data provided yet	\$2,474



OVERVIEW OF REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS

MALAWI 	PILLAR I	PILLAR II	PILLAR III	PILLAR IV	PILLAR V	Total	STATUS		
	Expand Generation and Invest into Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Embrace Grid, DRE and Clean Cooking Solutions for Affordable Last Mile Access	Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources	Work Towards Financially Viable Utilities that Provide Reliable Service		No of actions COMPLETED	No of actions IN PROGRESS*	No of actions DELAYED
Priority Actions	2	1	1	5	4	13	5	5	3
Other Actions	11	2	19	9	14	55	7	24	24
Total	13	3	20	14	18	68	12	28	28

* For the purposes of this table, all actions with an “In Progress” status are presented in aggregated form. In the original Priority Action reporting, this status is disaggregated into the following categories: (i) **Not Yet Due**; (ii) **In Progress – On Track**; (iii) **In Progress – Minor Delays**; and (iv) **In Progress – At Risk**. The disaggregated status by category is detailed when appropriate in the next slide.

Reform Actions

Malawi’s National Energy Compact includes sixty-eight (68) Reform Actions across the five (5) pillars, of which thirteen (13) had been identified as Priority Reform Actions. Priority actions are subject to enhanced monitoring, while all remaining actions continue to be tracked by the CDMU.

By pillar, the distribution is as follows: Pillar I – 13 actions (2 priority); Pillar II – 3 actions (1 priority); Pillar III – 20 actions (1 priority); Pillar IV – 14 actions (5 priority); and Pillar V – 18 actions (4 priority).

In terms of status, as of January 2026, 12 actions (5 priority) are completed, 28 actions (5 priority) are in-progress and 28 actions (3 priority) are reported as delayed.



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (1/2)

Malawi Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions

#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
1	Pillar I - Expand Generation and Invest into Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Integrated Least Cost Power System Planning adopted incorporating regional resources	Periodically update the PMSP/IRP	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A
2		Competitive procurement policy and framework in place for private-sector investment in renewable energy	Update the 2017 IPP Framework to streamline and standardize the approval process.	31-Dec-26	In-Progress Minor Delays	N/A
3	Pillar II - Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Adopt and enforce harmonized transmission pricing within the respective power pools to facilitate the power trade across borders	Review and update the current power market framework to allow power exports by IPPs.	31-Dec-26	In-Progress On track	N/A
4	Pillar III - Embrace Grid, DRE and Clean Cooking Solutions for Affordable Last Mile Access	National clean cooking strategy in place	Introduce innovative financing mechanisms for clean cooking, such as carbon credits and loans to private companies	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A
5	Pillar IV - Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources	Facilitate private sector participation in the transmission and distributions sectors	Review the National Energy Policy and amend the Electricity Act	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A
6		Financial support to private sector DRE and clean cooking operators ensures affordability and viability	Strengthen the Ngwee Ngwee Ngwee Fund of the Ministry of Energy and institutionalise it to become the National Energy-Sector Fund to support investments of the private sector in off-grid solar	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A
7		Prioritise government support for strategic private investment considering the limited resources	Allow the use of dollar-denominated contracts for domestic projects on a case-by-case basis, subject to thorough assessment and alignment with national economic priorities	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A
8			Ensure that ESCOM will be permitted to trade in Foreign Currency for specific customers (particularly Mining)	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A
9			Ensure that ESCOM and the Mining Companies will be exempted from the Ministry of Finance Forex Surrender Policy	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (2/2)

Malawi Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions

#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
10	Pillar V - Work Towards Financially Viable Utilities that Provide Reliable Service	Utilities achieving at least 100 percent operational cost recovery	Enforce implementation of tariff schedules approved by the regulator and the automatic tariff adjustment mechanism (ATAF)	31-Dec-26	In-Progress On track	N/A
11		Deepening the utility digital strategy to protect revenue and reduce costs	Implement full digitalisation of the customer metering process to strengthen revenue protection, invoicing and operational efficiency	31-Dec-26	In-Progress On track	N/A
12		Implementation of ESCOM functional review	Streamline core functions and outsource the rest of the functions to qualified service providers	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A
13			Establish supply agreements with the mining sector to secure high-volume, long-term customers	31-Dec-26	In-Progress On track	N/A



ABOUT MISSION 300

Mission 300 is a joint initiative by the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank (AfDB), supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, SEforALL, GEA (Global Energy Alliance), which aims to provide electricity access to 300 million Africans by 2030. This ambitious goal seeks to halve the current number of people without electricity on the continent, driving sustainable development through collaboration and innovative solutions

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