

AU-AIP AFRICA WATER INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2025

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Cape Town, South Africa



AU AIP WATER INVESTMENT SUMMIT: PROJECT SHOWCASE

PROGRAMME/ PROJECT OVERVIEW	
Project name	Integrated Water Security Programme for Salima and Dowa Town Centres: Chezi, Mvera & Chipoka
Location (Country, Region, Coordinates)	Central Region of Malawi: Coordinates: Chezi (13°50"S and 33° 54" E), Mvera (13° 43'S and 34°07"E), Chipoka(-13.98°E and 34.5°N)
Involved countries (if regional)	Malawi
Sub-Sector (Water Supply, Sanitation, Irrigation, Flood Management)	Water Supply and Sanitation
Project description (Goals and expected outcomes)	Project Description: This integrated programme delivers sustainable water solutions to benefit over 140,000 people with 1.2M person-days/year saved from water collection, 40% reduction in women's fetch time by Year 5, and Full cost recovery via tariffs; \$3.8M annual tourism boost in Chipoka
Technological details/ innovation	Use of SCADA and Mobile Apps for efficiency
Governance improvements / innovation	Prepaid metering system to improve revenue collection efficiency.
IMPLEMENTATION & KEY PLAYERS	
Lead institution	Central Region Water Board
Implementing agent(s)	Central Region Water Board
Sponsors / Investors / Contractors / Advisors	Not yet identified Advisors: Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs.
PROJECT TIMELINE & DEVELOPMENT STAGE	
Year of preparation, estimated start & end dates	Estimated Start: April 2026 - December 2027
Current development stage	Detailed Design Available.
PROJECT RATIONALE & STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE	
Alignment with national/regional plans, SDGs, Agenda 2063	Project is in accordance with 3 pillars of MW2063: 2030 SDGs number 6, African Union (AU) Agenda 2063.
Contribution to NDC's and alignment with NAPs / Adaptation and Mitigation measures	Aligned with Malawi's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) on Climate Change
Paradigm shift potential (scalability, replicability, policy or behaviour change)	With Salima-Lilongwe Water Project as bulk supply source, the project is sustainable and scalable supply
FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT DETAILS	
Total project cost, currency	US\$50.1 Million
Funding already raised (amount &	Funding not yet identified.

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sources)	
Proposed revenue model	Collections from customer bill payments
Financial metrics (IRR, Payback Period, DSCR, NPV) available? Y/N, date	NPV: USD 43,161,600, IRR (annual effective): 23.4% Discounted Payback: 6.25 years
Economic performance (Benefit-Cost Ratio) Y/N, date	Cost-Benefit Ratio: 1.861
INVESTMENT ASK & WAY FORWARD	
Remaining investment required: project component & type (Loan/Equity/Grant/Guarantee/insurance)	US\$50.23 Million (Loan or Grant)
Opportunity for bundling with other projects (Y/N, date)	Yes, with Salima-Lilongwe Water Project
Next steps	Engagement of Consultants and Contractor
TARGET GROUPS & SOCIAL IMPACT	
<u>Direct beneficiary</u> population per project component (if available, please provide estimated by income status, gender, ethnicity and/or other status, and numbers of each)	70% of beneficiaries are women and girls (~100,000 women and girls)
Social & gender impact assessment (Y/N, date)	50,000 people gain access to safe sanitation and save more than 2 hours in search for water.
Job creation estimate / local economic benefit assessment (Y/N, date)	More than 500 jobs created during and after construction, employment in tourism industry
SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS	
Environmental compliance & climate assessment (Y/N, date)	Not yet. Planned for October 2025 to December 2025
Environmental impact assessment (Y/N, date)	Not yet. Planned for October 2025 to December 2025
ESG performance (Y/N, date)	Not yet. Planned for October 2025 to December 2025
Safeguards & community engagement (Y/N, date)	Not yet. Planned for October 2025 to December 2025
RISK MANAGEMENT	
Main risks & mitigation measures (Political, Legal, etc)	No major risk as bulk supply is assured from Salima-Lilongwe Water Project.
Constraints or bottlenecks to finance	No constraints
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