



Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralisation

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THE DISBURSEMENT OF RESOURCES FOR THE CONSTITUENCY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralisation wishes to inform the general public that the disbursement of resources for the Constituency Development Fund (CDF) is on track as it started at the beginning of the 2026/27 financial year with funding of project preparation resources. However, it should be noted that the funding of the Reformed CDF is different from the previous CDF where funding was being done on a quarterly basis even before projects were identified and appraised. In the previous CDF, Local Councils would decide which projects to be implemented when they had already received project funding. In the current CDF however, project funding will be done after the projects have been identified, technical appraisal of the projects has been done and all the procurement processes have been completed. It is only after the procurement processes have been finalized that the resources for project implementation will be provided to cover Advance Payment to contractors. After the Advance Payment, subsequent disbursement of CDF resources will be project performance based and will be done upon presentation of valid works certificates and funds requests.

As at 1st July 2026, not all Local Councils had finalized the identification and appraisal of projects to be implemented. Some have however, finalized this process and are in the process of procuring contractors. Once contractors have been identified, resources for Advance Payment to contractors will be provided to these Local Councils. It is therefore, misleading to insinuate that the disbursement of CDF resources has delayed.

The general public is further being informed that the disbursement of project preparation resources, which are part of the CDF resources, started in May 2026 and as at end June 2026, a total of **MK7,866,318,182** had been disbursed to Local Councils. Treasury will continue disbursing project management resources based on the cashflows submitted by the Local Councils. The general public may also wish to note that Treasury has already started disbursement of resources for the Youth and Women loans to the Malawi Enterprise Development Fund (MEDF).

The general public is therefore, being assured that the disbursement of CDF resources is on track and Treasury is committed to timely disbursement of CDF resources to ensure successful implementation of CDF projects and programmes.

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