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MSG review of the outcomes and impact of the EITI

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# Introduction

Regular disclosure of extractive industry data is of little practical use without public awareness, understanding of what the figures mean, and public debate about how resource revenues can be used effectively. The EITI Requirements related to outcomes and impact seek to ensure that stakeholders are engaged in dialogue about natural resource revenue management. EITI disclosures lead to the fulfilment of the EITI Principles by contributing to wider public debate. It is also vital that lessons learnt during implementation are acted upon, that recommendations from EITI implementations are considered and acted on where appropriate and that EITI implementation is on a stable, sustainable footing.

The multi-stakeholder group may use this template to monitor the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation. Where information is already available elsewhere, it is sufficient to include a link to other publicly available documentation. The scope of this template reflects EITI Requirement 1.5 on work plan and Requirements 7.1 to 7.4 on outcomes and impact.

The MSG is required to review the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation annually (Requirement 7.4). The MSG is encouraged to update this document annually to monitor progress, keep track of efforts to improve data accessibility and inform work planning.

To inform Validation, the MSG is required to submit the completed form to the International Secretariat Validation team by the Validation commencement date. The period captured in this review may be the period since the previous Validation or the previous calendar/fiscal year. The MSG should clearly indicate the period covered by its review.

The MSG’s annual review of the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation should be publicly available, and stakeholders beyond MSG members should have an opportunity to provide feedback on the EITI process (Requirement 7.4).

# Part I: Relevance of EITI implementation

## Work plan (Requirement 1.5)

**1. Basic information about the current EITI work plan.**

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| Period covered by the current EITI work plan | *2019 TO 2021* |
| Information on how the public can access the work plan. | *www.mweiti.mw , MWEITI Secretariat Office And Partners* |
| Process for producing the current MWEITI work plan | *Conducted MWEITI Office drafting workplan workshop, made consultations with International EITI IS, Had MSG workshop with Consultant Rena, Final draft was validadted by MSG through the MSG meeting Minutes number 28 . The final work plan was approved by MSG* |
| MSG approval of the work plan | *9th June 2021 at Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC) MSG Meeting. Refer to Meeting Minutes number* **MINUTES/MSG/2021/28** |

**2. Explain how the work plan’s objectives reflect national priorities for the extractive industry. Provide links to supporting documentation, such as studies or national development plans, if available.**

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| The basis and pillars upon which the 2021/2022 Work Plan and other previous workplans were formulated are the 4 strategic objective Areas which were derived from Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) which has now been complemented with Malawi Vision (MW) 2063 and its First 10 Years Implementation Plan (MIP1).  These areas of Strategic Plan are namely:    Result area 1: Increased sector contribution to GDP;  Result area 2: Improved extractives sector growth and performance;  Result area 3: Improved information, openness, awareness on issues of extractive industries; and,  Result area 4: Enhanced capacity of MWEITI *and its stakeholders* to implement EITI Standards.  Links for MGDS III and Other National Economic Plans  <https://npc.mw/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MGDS_III.pdf>  <https://npc.mw/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/MW2063-VISION-FINAL.pdf>  https://npc.mw/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/MIP-1-WEb-Version-8-November-2021-Fast-view.pdf |

*3. Optional question: Has the MSG developed a theory of change on how EITI implementation will address the identified challenges of the sector in your country? If yes, please reference the corresponding document here.*

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| No.  . |

## Monitoring progress

**4. Provide an overview of activities undertaken in the period under review and progress in achieving the objectives of the previous work plan**. The MSG is encouraged to provide a summary here and to document progress in more detail in the work plan itself.

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| 1. Malawi EITI Reports productions   * The workplan usually includes the activities to achieve EITI reports production. Since 2019, MWEITI has achieved production of 3 EITI reports beside various challenges of financing and COVID-19 pandemic. Reports avaialable on www.mweiti.mw.   2. Dissemination and Communication   * The objective of EITI report is to disseminate and communicate the findings. During the period under review the National Secretariat and MSG together with partners conducted community sensitization and engagement workshops. Reports attached. * We conducted a number of TV and Radio shows articles attached. * Breaking of reports into summaries and translation into local languages for distributions and to ensure easy access to the information by local communities. EITI summary report brouchures attached. * Conducted a number of Media Taskforce members and Journalist report sensitization workshops.   3. MSG meetings   * Bringing MSG together to make resolutions and discuss matters. There were a number of MSG meetings done physically and virtually. Minutes of meetings attached.   The summary of progress in the previous workplan is documented in the 2020 Annual Activities Progress report which is avaialable on the MWEITI website. [www.mweiti.mw](http://www.mweiti.mw).  *[Summarise progress in implementing the previous work plan. Provide a link to the previous work plan with a more detailed analysis of progress in undertaking planned activities and achieving each objective or attach it to this submission.]* |

**5. Provide an overview of the multi-stakeholder group’s responses to and progress made in addressing the recommendations from EITI reporting and Validation and gaps in information in accordance with Requirement 7.3.**

The multi-stakeholder group is required to list each recommendation and the corresponding activities that have been undertaken to address the recommendations and the level of progress in implementing each recommendation. Where the government or the multi-stakeholder group has decided not to implement a recommendation, it is required that the multi-stakeholder group documents the rationale.

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| **Recommendation:** | **Status/progress:** |
| Use the Collective action Matrix submitted (Attached) | *[Has the recommendation been partly or fully addressed? How is the MSG following up on the recommendation? Has the MSG identified an agency or actor responsible for addressing the recommendation? If the MSG has decided not to implement the recommendation, please document the rationale.]* |
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**6. How have lessons learned from EITI implementation informed the current work plan?**

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| 1. Inclusion of EITI report production into the National Budget rather than relying on donars.  2. Institutionalization of MWEITI National Secretariat into the Ministry functional structure of Government due to failure to return MWEITI officers and problem in securing funding.  3. Inclusion of Monitoring matrix and use of Result Based Workplan.  4. Inclusion of formulation of MSG handbook or Manual on MSG members code of conduct.  5. Inclusion of development of the MSG Ant-Corruption strategy to guide MSG on how to handle future corruption allegations and other corruption matters |

## Innovations and impact

**7. Summarise any steps taken by the MSG to exceed EITI Requirements in a way that addresses national or local extractive sector governance priorities**.

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| 1. Inclusion of Forestry Sector in the EITI reconciliation resulting in more information being avaialable on the forest sector which was not the case before. Minutes of MSG attached  2. Reporting of corruption allegations in the licensing of the Ilomba Mine License. The letter of MSG to Anti-Corruption Beareau attached and avaialable in the 4th EITI report, last annex.  3, The use of Local consultant as an Independent Administrator to conduct reconcilation and produce EITI report |

**8. What kind of outcomes and impact have these measures resulted during the period under review?**

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| *1. The development of Forestry cadaster at Forestry national head office. The process underway for all forestry station to be online.*  *2. The inclusion of forestry sector has resulted in more transparency and accountability in the sector. Data avaialable on forestry contribution and policy matters. This information is avaialable in 3rd 4th and 5th EITI Reports.Reports avaialable on the website www.mweiti.mw.*  *3. Follow up on Corruption allegation and writing to the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) has led to the investigations of the case and shortly the report of the findings will be released soon by the ACB.*  *4. The use of local consultatnt as an Independent Administrator has led to reduced cost of production of EITI reports by almost half. This has also led to Local capacity building which was not there before.*  *[Explain how the MSG tracks outputs, outcomes and impact and include link(s) to any relevant documents. Summarise the outcomes and impact of efforts to ensure that EITI implementation addresses national or local extractive sector priorities. If the MSG has documented this elsewhere, please provide a link to relevant documents. Outcomes and impact can be disaggregated by constituency or beneficiary group, if relevant.]*]  *The MSG tracks outputs , Outcomes and Impactss through Production of Annual Activities progress reports available on the website.* [*www.mweiti.mw*](http://www.mweiti.mw)*. The MSG also use EITI reports to assess the outcome. For example the 4th EITI report includes progress in the implemenetaion of the previous recommendations and the validation report.* |

**8b. If the MSG has plans to include new issues or approaches to EITI implementation, please describe these**.

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| Not yet. N/A |

**9. What kind of outcomes and impact are these plans expected to result in?**

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| N/A |

**10. Summarise the MSG’s efforts to strengthen the impact of EITI implementation in the period under review, including** **any actions to extend the detail and scope of EITI reporting or to increase engagement with stakeholders. The MSG is encouraged to document how it has taken gender considerations and inclusiveness into account.**

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| **1**. MSG resolution and agreement to include Forestry companies representative in the MSG and also extending the EITI reconciliation into the Forestry sector. ,  2, The MSG also extended membership to Oil and Gas companies. Invitation letter of Oil and Gas companies attached.  3. It is recommended that Constituencies should consider gender balance in the MSG memberships. When the names are being submitted the recommendation is that either a Member or an Alternate of MSG representative should be a female. Names Invitation Letter attached.  4. The MSG has also approved the Annual work Plan which include an activity to develop a Gender mainstreaming study in EITI in order to come up with MWEITI Gender Policy. |

# Part II: Public debate

## Open data (Requirement 7.2)

**11. Open data policy and disclosures**

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| Provide a link to the open data policy agreed by the MSG (Requirement 7.2.a)  http://mweiti.mw/index.php/resource-center/documents/category/10-policy | The MWEITI Open Data Policy is available at the website [www.mweiti.mw](http://www.mweiti.mw)  *http://mweiti.mw/index.php/resource-center/documents/category/10-policy* |
| Is EITI data available in open data format and publicised? (Requirement 7.2.b) | *Yes but not all yet.*  *http://mweiti.mw/index.php/resource-center/documents/category/7-summary-data-sheets*  [*www.mweiti.mw*](http://www.mweiti.mw)  *[EITI data refers to disclosures within the scope of the EITI Standard, including the tables, charts and figures from EITI reports.]* |
| Has the MSG identified gaps in the availability of EITI data in open format? If yes, what kind of gaps? (Requirement 7.2.b) | Not yet |
| Has the MSG undertaken efforts to improve the availability of data in open format? If yes, please describe these. (Requirement 7.2.b) | Yes,  MSG formulated and developed an open data policy. (Available on website, www.mweiti.mw.  MSG also include the provision of data in open format in the IA terms of Reference. |
| Have summary data files been completed for each fiscal year for which data has been disclosed? (Requirement 7.2.c) | No,  Some years data files were not provided by the IA. |
| *What systematically disclosed data that is in the scope of EITI disclosures is machine readable and inter-operable? (Requirement 7.2.d)* | 1. The mining and exploration licenses (Mining Cadastre portal) Link below.  https://portals.landfolio.com/Malawi  2. Location of mining Licenses |

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## Outreach and communications (Requirement 7.1)

**12. Describe the MSG’s efforts in the period under review to ensure that information published about the extractive sector is comprehensible and available in appropriate languages**.

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| 1) The EITI reports were sumamarised and translated into two major local languages and shared through various workshops and by distributing to various stakeholders.  http://mweiti.mw/index.php/resource-center/documents/category/1-downloads  2) The MSG before any EITI report is produced. They develop the IA Terns of Reference which is also approved by the MSG. This helps to have a comprehensive report.  http://mweiti.mw/index.php/resource-center/documents/category/4-msg-tors-new-old |

**13. Describe examples of use of EITI data.**

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| *[Document instances of use of EITI data in various formats, whether from MSG members or any stakeholders. Examples of types of EITI data use could include:*   * *Print and broadcast media coverage of stories referencing EITI data* * *Research and analytical studies drawing on EITI data* * *Advocacy and lobbying notes referencing EITI data* * *Parliamentary submissions or proceedings drawing on EITI data* * *Etc.*   *Provide links to supporting evidence where available.]*  <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/members/malawi/commitments/MW0005/>  https://times.mw/malawi-in-breach-of-mining-conduct/  Anecdotal evidence can also be recorded, for instance in the following way:  [This person / group ] has used [type of data in the scope of EITI disclosures] to do [what the data was used for / what problem did it solve.] |

**14. Provide information about outreach events organised to spread awareness of and facilitate dialogue about governance of extractive resources, building on EITI disclosures**.

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| **Event name** | **Brief description of the event** | **Date** | **Location** | **Organiser** | **Number and type of attendees** | **Links to further information** |
| 1. Karonga Mining community dissemination workshop | Dissemination of EITI report finding | Feb 2020 | Karonga | National Secretariat and Karonga CSOs namely FOCUS and CCJP. | About 300 and Attendee included Community Leaders, Change agents, | Report attached |
| 2. Rumphi Mining community Dissemination Workshop | Dissemination of EITI report finding | Feb 2020 | Rumphi | National Secretariat and Karonga CSOs namely Church & Society. | About 300 and Attendee included Community Leaders, Change agents, | Report available attached |
| Phalombe Outreach | Dissemination of EITI report finding and COVI-19 assessment | Feb 2020 | Phalombe | National Secretariat and CEPA | About 200 | Report available CEPA |
| 4. Media Taskforce Report sensitization workshop | Report dissemination to major media houses | 2019  2020  2021 | Salima  Salima  Dowa | National Secretariat | 25 participants | Reports attached |
| 5, Radio and TV panel discussion | EITI dissemination | 2020  2021 | Lilongwe | OXFAM/CEPA/NCA/NRJN/NS | 5 panelists | Reports |
| 6. Mining Indaba and workshop presentation | EITI dissemination | 2019  2020  2021 | Salima  Mangochi | CEPA/ MEJN/NRJN | 50 people | Reports/Partners websites |
| 7.EITI report Dissemination to CSOs outside MSG members | EITI dissemination | 2020 | Mponela | NS/NRJN | 30 people | Reports |
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**15. Describe the MSG efforts in the period under review to consider access challenges and information needs of data users, including different genders and subgroups of citizens**.

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| 1. Publishing of the EITI reports on the websites  2. Summarizing of EITI reports into smaller versions easy to read  3. Producing brochures for specific topics in the reports for distribution  4. The documents are distributed to stakeholders freely.  5. EITI reports are interpreted into major local languages and distributed in the local communities and shared with stakeholders.  6. Community outreach programs. |

**16. Describe other efforts by the MSG in the period under review to ensure that information is widely accessible and distributed**.

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| 1. The MSG has produced summary reports, thematic reports which were shared.  2. The MSG conducted Media Taskforce and Journalist EITI report sensitization with the aim of encouraging the media to cover EITI issues in their reporting..  3, Development and review of the 5 years EITI communication strategy. The document available on the Mweiti website. [www.mweiti.mw](http://www.mweiti.mw) .  *Provide links to supporting evidence.]* |

**17. How could the MSG improve the accessibility and distribution of information, considering the needs of different subgroups of citizens?**

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| There is a need to revise and improve the MWEITI five years communication strategy which expires in 2022. The communication strategy need to include modern methods of communication like twitter, facebook and whatsapp. |

# Part III: Sustainability and effectiveness

**18. The MSG is requested to present any additional information and evidence related to the indicators for assessing the sustainability and effectiveness of EITI implementation**.

Each indicator will be assigned 0, 0.5 or 1 points by the EITI Board. The points will be added to the overall score of the country. The assessment of performance on the indicators will draw on information provided by the MSG, publicly available sources, stakeholder consultations and disclosures by the implementing country and companies. Please see the EITI Validation Guide for further information about how performance on these indicators will be assessed.

1. EITI implementation addresses nationally relevant extractive sector governance challenges. This indicator also recognises efforts beyond the EITI Standard.

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| 1. Instutionalization of EITI by incorporating it in the functional review of the Ministry of Finance. Ministry of functional review already apporoved and recruitment underway. (Ministry of Finance approved functional review with MWEITI attached)  2. Developing of the Corruption strategy included in the Annual workplan. This will help MSG to handle issues to do with corruption in the extractive sector. |

1. Extractive sector data is disclosed systematically through routine government and corporate reporting.

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| The MSG is encouraging Reporting entities to undertake EITI mainstreaming. The MSG included in the Workplan an activity to undertake the EITI mainstreaming study to inform how the reporting entities shall systematically disclose. |

1. There is an enabling environment for citizen participation in extractive sector governance, including participation by affected communities.

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| *[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence.]*  The MSG promotes inclusive approach in the formulation of the strategies. It encourages consultations and involvement of all relevant institutions and stakeholders in the processes. Like during EITI Report validation a National Stakeholders Workshop is conducted where all key stakeholders are invited without prejudice. |

1. Extractive sector data is accessible and used for analysis, research and advocacy.

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| *[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence]*  1) Reports and data are posted on the website  2)Reports are shared with all stakeholders including, CSOs and libraries of academic institutions.  3) Licensing information is avaialable on mining cadaster public portal. Link below.  https://portals.landfolio.com/Malawi |

1. EITI has informed changes in extractive sector policies or practices.

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| *[Add MSG response and additional information/evidence]*  1. Participated in the formulation of Mines and Mineral Act (No.8 of 2019).  2. Participated in TV and Radio panel discussions to encourage public policy debate. |

# Part IV: Stakeholder feedback and MSG approval

**19. Describe opportunities provided to stakeholders beyond MSG members to give feedback on the EITI process, including the EITI work plan.**

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| 1) National Stakeholders EITI reports validation workshops  2) By conducting EITI report consultation and dissemination to CSOs and Stakeholders beyomd MSG. |

**20. Describe how any feedback from stakeholders beyond MSG members have been considered in the review of the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation.**

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| Suggestions from stakeholders obtained through community outreach and special meetings were documented and submitted to MSG meeting. MSG took up those proposals with relevant Institutions for some reforms example is recruiting and fielding Officers in major mining districts. It was presented in the Karonga outreach workshop. Later the MSG were informed and the Ministry took up the initiative. Currently the ministry adopted the initiative though the recruitment is yet to be finalized. |

**21. Date of MSG approval of this submission and information on how the public can access it, e.g. link to national EITI website**.

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| 31st December 2021  [www.mweiti.mw](http://www.mweiti.mw) |