

THE ONE STOP BORDER POST (OSBP) IN MALAWI

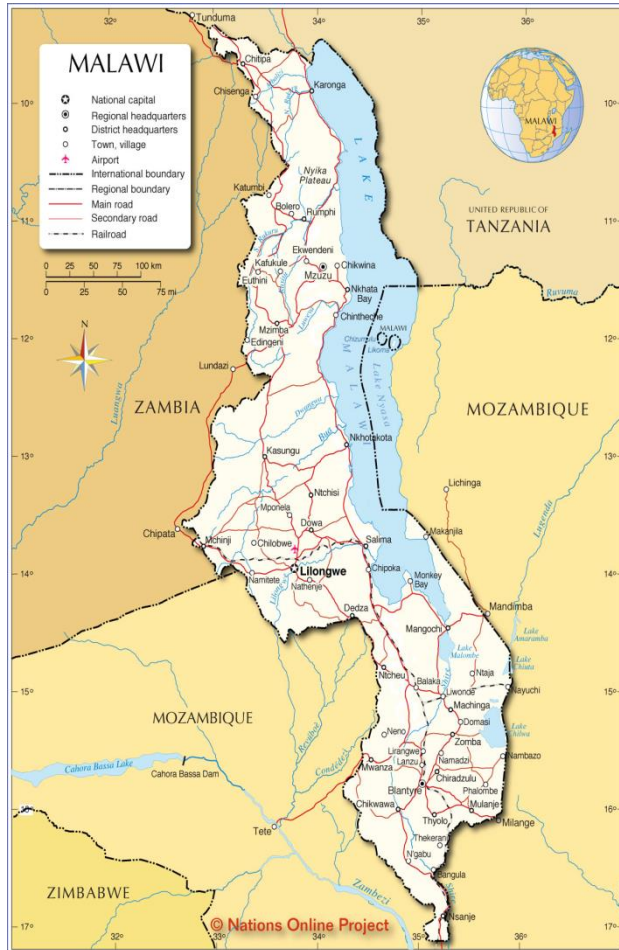
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Malawi at a glance



Land Area:	118,484 Km ²
Population:	Approximately 16 million
Capital City:	Lilongwe
Main Towns:	Blantyre, Zomba, Mzuzu
Climate:	Tropical (cooler in highlands)
Official language:	English
Common Language:	Chichewa
Currency:	Malawi Kwacha
Time:	GMT +2

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

- Improving crossborder trade through facilitation of movement of goods and people at border crossings;
- Facilitating legitimate trade;
- Minimizing cost of doing business in country.

PROJECT SCOPE:

The OSBP projects at the following border posts;

- Songwe border with Tanzania;
- Dedza, Mwanza, Muloza, and Chiponde borders with Mozambique; and
- Mchinji border with Zambia.

PROJECT COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION:

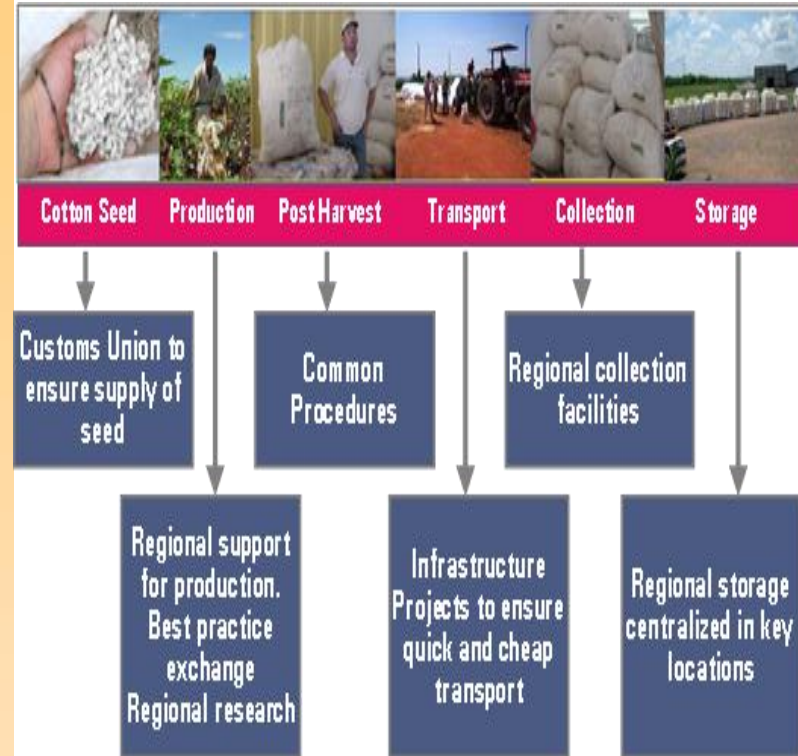
- The Ministry of Industry and Trade - as a national coordinating institution of all the OSBP's;
- The Malawi Roads Authority - as the implementing agency of all OSBP at national level; and
- The Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA) - as the coordinating institution for the border agencies.

PROJECT FINANCING:

The Government of Malawi,
The World Bank; and
The African Development Bank.

BENEFITS

- Enhancing trade and investments;
- Supporting the Regional Intergration agenda;
- Enhancing competitiveness and economic development;
- Greater cooperation of Customs and other border agencies;
- Facilitating easier movement of goods and personnel.



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CHALLENGES

■ International Level

- Resource availability
- Financing Agreements
- International and Bilateral Agreements
- Technical specifications

■ National Level

- Inter-agency Management of the Projects
- Coordinating Units

■ Micro Level

- Technical Expertise
- Resources



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Permanent coordinating mechanism;
- Joint development of project proposals;
- Joint resource mobilisation mechanism;
- Greater involvement of other key players such as the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the World Customs Organisation; and
- Regional institutions such as SADC playing a greater coordinating role.

THANK YOU
