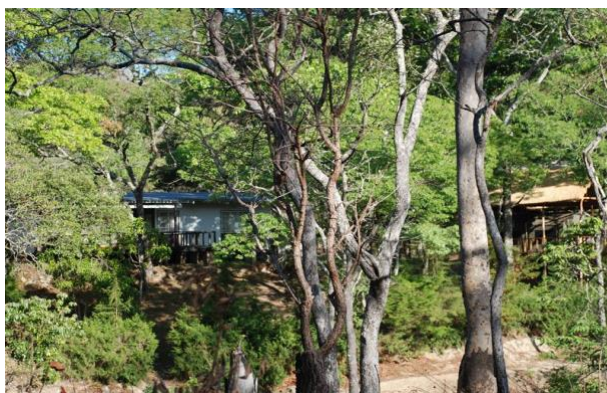


Lilongwe District Council

Summary of Development Priorities



1.0 Introduction

Lilongwe District is the largest district in the Central Region of Malawi. The district is bordered by Dedza District to the East, Salima to the North East. Mchinji District marks the western border. Dowa District lies to the north of Lilongwe with Kasungu to its North-western tip and the Republic of Mozambique to the South West (See Figure 1). The total land area is 6,159 square kilometers, representing 6.5 % of Malawi's total land area. Lilongwe District hosts the capital city of Malawi, which owes its name to the river that flows across the centre of the district. According to NSO the projected population for Lilongwe District for 2016 was 1,490,641. The District Council has 34 wards, each represented by a Councillor and 20 Area Development Committees represented by an elected chairperson

LILONGWE DISTRICT COUNCIL LIST OF DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITIES AND PROPOSED STRATEGIES

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
1.	Food Insecurity	Promote sustainable use of land and water management
		Promote integrated crop, livestock, fisheries farming and utilization
		Promote improved livestock breeds
		Promote stud breeding
		Promote established pasture seed banks
		Lobby for extension staff deployment
		Increase pests & disease surveillance activities
		Promote use of community drug box revolving fund
		Promote use of community animal health workers
		Promote harmonized and pluralistic delivery of agricultural advisory services
		Promote use of water saving irrigation technologies
		Promote integrated water resources management at all levels
		Sensitize council and ADCs on use of existing irrigation facilities
		Establish Farmer Based Organizations
		Promote use of climate smart technologies
		Promote use of early maturing crop varieties
		Use of drought tolerant varieties
		Promote watershed management
		Integrate Village Savings and Loan into Agricultural programmes
		Use of participatory approaches
		Lobby for more funding
		Campaign meeting on gender and equality

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
2.	Low fish production from Aquaculture	Facilitate /promote establishment of fingerling production centers/hatcheries
		Promote local feed production
		Increase utilization of Dam, Irrigation canals and other water bodies for small scale aquaculture
		Promote large deep fish pond technology

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No	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
3.	Environmental degradation	Promoting use of family planning practices
		Enforcing existing policies, laws and environmental and social standards on constructions and developments
		Building capacity to law enforcers on environmental laws and issues
		Increase public awareness on environmental laws and issues
		Promoting proper waste management and disposal technologies
		Promote alternative energy sources to fuel wood
		Support adaptation to and mitigation of climate change
		Build disaster risk management capacity

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
4.	i. Low revenue collection	Improve service delivery through provision of trainings
		Lobbying for deployment of more revenue collectors
		Lobbying for investment in procurement of tools and materials necessitating collection of revenue
		Lobbying for increased funds toward revenue collection
		Enhance education ,awareness, information sharing among stakeholders including business owners
	ii. Unsustainable cooperatives	Strengthening leadership and group dynamic skills
		Enhance all seasonal cropping(i.e. through irrigation)
		Enhance training in cooperative management
		Identify more valid markets for the products under the cooperative
		Link members to financial institutions to diversify their businesses as a measure of incentive

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
5.	High morbidity and mortality rate	Construct new health facilities Complete Nyanja and Nguluwemtoo health facilities Open additional village clinics Promote safe motherhood initiatives Reach every child with immunization campaign Promotion of safer sex , HIV testing, treatment and support services Promote use of family planning methods Strengthen communication and referral system in health Lobby for additional health personnel and deploy available resources for health Promote community awareness on health issues Strengthen supply chain management Promote hygiene practices Strengthen ODF approaches Promote good and healthy lifestyle

No.	Development Issue	Strategies
6A.	i. Low quality of education	Construct additional classrooms Construct additional teachers houses Sensitize communities to take part in self-help projects Formulate by-laws at district level to let teachers work where their services are required following the establishment Procure and distribute teaching/learning materials Encouraging use of TALLULAR as a method of generating materials Lobby for increase of school improvement grants Procure and distribute desks to schools Encourage school management structures to maintain damaged desks Provision of regular infrastructure maintenance KPA Lobby developmental partners to assist
6.B	i. Poor access to secondary education	Construct girls' hostels
		Construct teachers' houses
		Construct libraries
	ii. Poor quality of education in CDSS's	Construct libraries

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
7.A	i. Gender Based Violence	Disseminate gender related laws and protocols
		Stakeholders mapping
		Conduct orientation courses on gender based violence
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		Conduct orientation courses on the rights of women , youths and children
		Promotion of Economic empowerment activities
		Carry out trainings on gender based violence
		Promote gender campaigns and advocacy activities
7.A	ii. Low women & youth participation in development programmes	Build capacity of local structures on participation of women in development programmes
		Sensitize communities on negative influences of culture and tradition
		Build skill levels of women and youth
		Training on gender mainstreaming
		Promote girl child education and attention

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
7B.	i. Inadequate early child development centers	Conduct community awareness on the importance of ECD centers
		Facilitate the mobilization of community participation in the establishment and running of ECD centers
		Strengthen community participation in the establishment and running of ECD centers
		Link up communities with other organizations which are doing ECD activities
		Increase early child development centers by constructing new center structures
		Develop a proposal for funding the ECD centers
		Lobby for more support to ECD centers from different organizations
	ii. Property grabbing	Increase awareness on property rights and consequences of property grabbing
		Build the capacity of women through trainings in issues of property
		Improve the law enforcement on property rights
		Link up widows or widowers and their families to different economic empowering organizations for assistance
		Raise awareness on the cultural practices which infringe on people's rights on property
		Provide small scale loans to widows and widowers

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
	iii. Inadequate support to orphans and other vulnerable groups	Conduct community awareness meeting on issues of the extended family system
		Conduct capacity building for parents and guardians in parenting and income generating activities
		Provide increased support to vulnerable children in cash or in kind
		Link up families to economic activities in order to enhance adequate support by families to orphaned and vulnerable children
		Train CCI's in child care, parenting, case management and OVC care and support
	iv. Poor networking amongst stakeholders involved in OVCs	Create a GPS map of all the organizations working with OVC'S in Lilongwe
		Develop a directory of organizations working with OVCs in Lilongwe
		Conduct periodic meeting (Monthly, Quarterly , biannual and annual) with stakeholders
		Establish information sharing website for all stakeholders working with OVCs
		Conduct exchange visits which will help information sharing
	v. Inadequate policy on child protection	Develop policy for social welfare
		Lobby for policy support from the members of parliament to endorse the policy
	vi. Increased cases of juvenile delinquency	Link up families to economic activities in order to provide support to children
		Conduct community awareness meeting on issues of juvenile delinquency and crime prevention
		Introduce and establish children's corner sessions to children between 9 to 14 years through existing community structures
		Lobby for the establishment of children's community libraries in order to keep children busy/engaged
		Train parents and guardians in parenting skills

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
7C.	i. Low household income levels	Promote savings and investment culture in COMSIP and VSL groups
		Lobbying for adequate financial and value addition skills from COMSIP UNION and other relevant stakeholders
		Linking COMSIP UNION and VSL groups to reliable markets
		Improve capacity of business group members through trainings
		To introduce adult literacy classes in COMSIP groups
		Promote savings and investment culture in COMSIP and VSL groups
		Lobbying for adequate financial and value addition skills from COMSIP UNION and other relevant stakeholders
		Linking COMSIP and VSL groups to reliable markets

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
	ii.High adult literacy levels	Promote savings and investment culture in COMSIP and VSL groups
		To intensify community sensitization and integrate good cultural practices into school activities
		Intensify community mobilization to increase school infrastructures
		To lobby on formulation of guidelines on informal education
		To lobby for capacity building and honoraria increase for adult literacy instructors
	iii.Low community participation in development activities	Promote leadership trainings at community level
		Intensive sensitization on problem solving strategies at community level
		Intensify awareness campaigns on literacy activities
No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
8.	Low sports development	Construction of one stadium in every T/A , so that communities could be generating funds from gate collections
		To train sports personnel in coaching ,umpiring , refereeing and sports administration in all the sports disciplines
		Reinforcement by holding meetings with PEAs, Head Teachers and sports teachers
		Establishment of sports academies
		Liaise with institutions of higher learning to introduce PE and sports programmes
		Rehabilitation of sports facilities in all the schools and communities
		Lobbying for sponsorship from development partners
		Procurement and distribution of standard sports equipment
		Lobbying for sports equipment donations from partners
		Organize sports competitions for all sports disciplines
		Conduct awareness campaign and advocacy on the importance of sports competitions
		Encourage the youth in communities to participate in indigenous games

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Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
i. High unemployment rate amongst youth	Promote and support technical vocational and entrepreneurship training facilities
	Establish youth multipurpose skills training center in at least one facility in every TA
	Promote community based skills training programs for the youth including village polytechnic
	Establish youth credit initiatives for deserving youth
	Promote business advisory services for youth
	Promote guidance and counselling sessions on alcohol and drug abuse
ii. Alcohol and drug abuse	Vocational skills training and business management skills
iii. Early marriages and early pregnancies among the youths	Vocational skills, Entrepreneurship skills, guidance and counselling and sexual reproductive health at the youth center
iv. Youth programs are not a priority when it comes to planning at ADC and VDC level though three quarters of the members are youth	Capacity building on youth development at all levels e.g. dissemination of youth policy ,status report ,leadership skills and all documents with youth components
v. High school dropout	Collaborating with other departments such as Education, Social welfare and the Civil society to come up with initiatives aimed at empowering young people and teen mothers to stay in school. These initiatives include the go back to school campaign and girls mentorship programs

Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
High HIV/AIDS prevalence (7.2%)	Campaign meetings on HIV and AIDS prevention methods such as effective and consistent condoms use, VMMC, PMTCT, HTS.
	Provision of HIV and AIDS services such as HTS, PMTCT, condom education, ART
	Production of by-laws on harmful cultural practices, and awareness campaign meeting with traditional leaders
	Intensify ART defaulter tracking
	Improve client adherence to ART
	Scale Up ART provision
	Campaigns on comprehensive HIV and AIDS awareness focusing on dangers of stigma and discrimination
	Youth Friendly health service meetings, campaigns
	Scale Up Behaviour Change Interventions
	Gender campaigns, distribution of IEC materials

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
11.	High level of stunting and other forms of malnutrition	Promotion of optimum breast feeding and complementary practices through campaigns and care groups
		Promotion of health seeking behaviors among pregnant women and lactating mothers through campaigns and care groups
		Promotion of appropriate cooking methods through demonstrations and care groups
		Promotion of behaviors that encourage health and sanitation hygiene i.e. use of toilets and hand washing facilities

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
12.	Poor access to social economic services	Upgrade rural feeder earth roads to gravel roads
		Increase funding allocation to road maintenance
		Construct new bridges and culverts on rural feeder roads
		Upgrade timber deck bridges to concrete
		Construct new access roads

No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
13.	High crime rate	Construction of offices and at least four staff houses per police unit
		Provision of social services : Football, Netball, Volleyball, Basketball, Bawo , Chess etc.
		Deliver judgements in time
		Lobbying for increasing number of judicial officers in the courts in the rural areas
		Introduction of vocational skills training in tailoring , welding ,carpentry, brick laying
		Conduct awareness campaigns against gender based violence , in particular against girls and women
13	Limited infrastructural development for peace and security institutions	To construct new offices and staff houses for police courts and prisons
		To rehabilitate existing offices for police courts and prisons

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No.	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
14.	Poor registration and identification of citizens	Decentralizing registration and identification system
		Increasing awareness
		Provision of equipment and training services
		Increasing awareness campaigns and monitoring of registration
		Increasing awareness and Civic education of chiefs and religious leaders
		Provision of transport
		Providing incentives to increase registration staff

No	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
15.	i. Poor housing conditions	Mobilize and strengthen housing committees through the provision of capacity building
		Intensification of training on safer house construction skills
		Submit housing project proposals for financing from relevant financing institutions for funding
15	ii. Poor loan repayment	Sensitize communities on negative influences of culture , tradition and politics
		Enforcement of the housing groups By Laws

No	Priority Area	Strategies (Planned Interventions)
16.	Transnational criminal activities	Vetting of passport applicants