

Civil Society Social Protection Network

Strategic Plan - (2025-2030)

Bolstering collaboration for effective social protection in Malawi

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Outline

- ✓ Historical background
- ✓ Rationale and purpose of CSSPN Strategic Plan
- ✓ The network capacity statement
- ✓ CSSPN Strategic objectives
- ✓ Strategic activities, outputs and outcomes
- ✓ Monitoring and evaluation framework
- ✓ Implementation plan



Vision: Inclusive,
transparent and
accountable social
protection in Malawi
by 2030

Mission: Empower
stakeholders for
sustainable, inclusive
social protection

Core Values:
Transparency,
Accountability,
Participation,
Integrity, Inclusivity,
Partnerships



- Malawi had a weak and uncoordinated accountability mechanism in social protection
- CSSPN strives to empower civil society and stakeholders to advocate for sustainable, inclusive and equitable social protection through collaboration and coordination.
- Formed in 2022 to improve coordination in social protection
- Membership has grown from 41 to 50 organizations by 2024
- Supported by ILO, GIZ, and Irish Aid

Key Achievements



- ✓ Involved in the review of the National Social Protection Policy;
- ✓ iii. Successfully advocated for review of National Social Protection Policy
- ✓ Engaged Members of Parliament to raise their awareness of social protection;
- ✓ Increase of the membership from 41 in year 2022 to 50 in 2024



- ✓ Implemented Boosting Livelihoods Resilience, Response and Recovery program with support from Food and Agriculture Organization
- ✓ Media advocacy that has resulted into increased coverage of social protection issues.
- ✓ Trained 50 CSO members on social accountability
- ✓ Trained 20 CSOs on TRANSFORM – focusing on promoting social protection in Africa.



- ✓ Effectively participated in dialogue and consultations on social protection Policies such as social protection week, Global Accelerator for of jobs and social protection initiative launched by UN Secretary General in 2021
- ✓ Successfully developed the Social Protection advocacy Strategy
- ✓ Successfully conducted capacity building on budget tracking
- ✓ Developed and piloted social protection accountability guidelines for community structures

Rationale/ Purpose for Strategic Plan



- Poor coordination and accountability in social protection
- Low engagement of CSOs, limited funding and donor dependency
- Need to guide collaboration and improve implementation
- Strategic Plan serves as part of institutional strengthening by making the network better organized, strategically focused with a document to guide effective collaboration for social protection in Malawi.

Linkages with other policies

Malawi 2063

National Climate Change Management Policy

National Disability Policy

National Social Protection Policy 2024-2029

Malawi National Social Protection Strategy 2023-2028

National Early Childhood Policy

Sustainable Development Goal 1.3

Linkages with Relevant Legislation...

Policy derives its mandate from the Constitution of Republic of Malawi, 1995, Chapter IV

Disaster Risk Management Act, 2023

Persons with Disability Act, 2024

Environment Management Act, 2017

ALIGNMENT WITH ADVOCACY STRATEGY



- ***Goal 1: Enhance Advocacy on Social Protection.***
- ***Goal 2: Raising Awareness of social protection.***
- ***Goal 3: Strengthening Transparency and social accountability in the delivery of social protection system.***

Strategic Objectives



1. To strengthen the capacity of CSOs and CBOs to effectively engage in social protection

- Establish and equip secretariat
- Conduct capacity building
- Establish structures at community and district level
- Social protection fund for CSOs and CBOs

Strategic Objectives



2. *To strengthen civil society, CBOs coordination and networking towards advocacy of social protection*

- Knowledge fair
- Social protection documentation
- Stakeholders mapping and engagement
- Comprehensive social protection law

Strategic Objectives



3. To advocate for a strong legal framework in support of social protection policies and programmes

- Lobby Parly enactment of legislation to support social protection
- Advocate for design, implementation of comprehensive social protection

Strategic Objectives



4. To promote transparency and accountability in delivery of social protection program

- Conduct participatory monitoring and Evaluation
- Capacitate decentralized structures
- Enhance evidence based advocacy
- Shadow state party reporting and publication

Strategic Objectives cont...



5. To promote increased coverage of social protection programs for the poor and vulnerable populations

- Interface meetings, community dialogue with beneficiaries
- Outreach awareness
- Resource mobilization strategy
- Lobby for budget vote for social protection
- Private sector engagement on social protection

Strategic Objectives cont...



6. *To advocate for capacity strengthening of government units responsible for implementing social protection programs*

- Lobby govt to fill vacancies
- Engagement with economic planning and development
- Influence actors to upload social protection into management information system
- National Social protection commission



- **Strengths:** Diverse members, advocacy skills, governance
- **Weaknesses:** Inadequate staff, lack of space, limited mobility, missing policies
- **Opportunities:** Donor support, government recognition, legal frameworks
- **Threats:** Low funding, shrinking civic space, political interference



Theory of Change



- A capacitated secretariat will ably coordinate the work of the network, mobilize resources and facilitate engagement of network members, steering committee on one hand with beneficiaries, government, Parliament and Development Partners
- Increased awareness and collaboration to improve service delivery
- Civil society influences policy and accountability

Monitoring & Evaluation Framework



- Annual and mid-term evaluations
- End-line evaluation for impact and lessons
- Progress tracked through defined indicators

(Refer to framework table)

Implementation Plan Overview

- Lead roles assigned to steering committee, secretariat, and members
- Timeline defined over 5 years (2025-2030)
- Key activities mapped to strategic objectives



Risk Analysis and Contingency Plan

- Risks: Political sensitivity, limited will, donor dependency
- Mitigation: Evidence-based advocacy, stakeholder engagement, diversification

Conclusion

- Strategic plan provides a roadmap for 2025-2030
- Focuses on collaboration, advocacy, and accountability
- CSSPN to lead inclusive and sustainable social protection

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING !!!



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