

MALAWI

Capital: Lilongwe

GEODATA

Area

118,480 km²

Major languages

English, Chichewa, Chitumbuk

Major religious groups

Protestant (55%), Roman Catholic (20%), Muslim (20%)

Surrounding countries

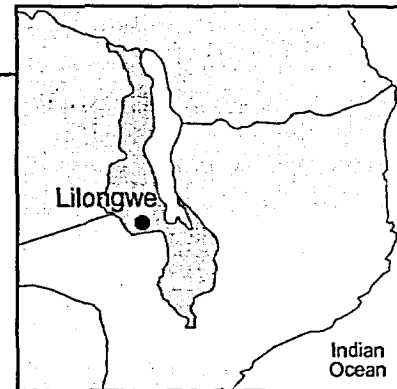
Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia

Population

11 million (2000)

Population growth rate

2.3% (2000)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

National legislature

Single chamber: National Assembly; multiparty

Leader

President Bakili Muluzi

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Lillian Patel

Minister of Commerce and Industry

Peter Kaleso

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Malawi ranks 151st among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance

\$20.32 million (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$1.7 billion US (2001 est.)

GDP growth rate

2.2% (2001 est.)

GDP per capita

\$201 US (2000)

Main exports

Tobacco, tea, sugar, cotton

Main imports

Petroleum products, transport equipment, foodstuffs

Main exports to Canada

\$3.2 million (2000), including tobacco, tea, fruit and nuts, vegetables

Main imports from Canada

\$3.1 million (2000), including worn clothing, vaccines

Inflation rate

29.5% (2000)

Unemployment rate

Not available

Canadian Representative

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