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Malawi signed the Millennium Declaration adopted at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September, 2000. This global initiative is aimed at alleviating abject poverty, which is affecting more than one- sixth of the world's population. There are eight goals in the declaration namely: eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal primary education, promote gender equality and empowerment of women, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health, Combat HIV and AIDS, Malaria and other diseases, Ensure environmental sustainability, and organise a global partnership for development.

Malawi, like many other member countries that signed the Millennium Declaration is committed to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). As such the Malawi Government has already oriented its work around the goals. In Malawi, the MDGs will be implemented through the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy(MGDS), which is an overarching medium term development strategy to run from 2006 to 2011.

It must be noted however, that while implementation of the MDGs in middle income countries is integrated with regular budget processes and long term development strategy, least developed countries like Malawi, medium term development strategies are the most appropriate instruments. However, their achievements depend on the availability of right policies and sufficient resources. This implies that without sufficient resources, issues of economic development in Malawi articulated in the Vision 2020, MGDS, and the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) will not be achieved.

This Report, therefore, is devoted to assessing progress made towards the achievement of the MDGs, taking into account that 2007 is the mid-point for Millennium Development Goals. The report will also highlight challenges that are being faced in the course of implementing the MDGs and come up with ways of addressing the challenges.

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List of Acronyms

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
DAS	Development Assistance Strategy
DOTS	Direct Observable Treatment Short
EHP	Essential Health Package
EU	European Union
HIPC	Highly Indebtedness Poor Country
HIV	Human Immune Virus
HSA	Health Surveillance Assistant
ICT	Information Communication Technology
IT	Information Technology
IHS	Integrated Household Survey
IMCI	Integrated Management of Child Illness
MASEDA	Malawi Social Economic Database
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MDHS	Malawi Demographic and Health Survey
MDRI	Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative
MGDS	Malawi Growth and Development Strategy
MICS	Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey
MPVA	Malawi Poverty Vulnerability Assessment
MTEF	Medium Term Expenditure Framework
ODA	Overseas Development Assistant
PSIP	Public Sector Investment programme
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
STDs	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
SWAP	Sector Wide Approach
UNICEF	United Nation Children Fund
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Fund for Population
UPE	Universal Primary Education
WMS	Welfare Monitoring Survey

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