

Quick Facts

CPIA Score

3.0

Below IDA Avg.

Change from previous year

▼ **0.1**

Decrease

Highest performing cluster

3.6

(Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity)

Lowest performing cluster

2.2

(Economic Management)

Population (millions)	20.4
GDP (current US\$, billions)	13.2
GDP per capita (current US\$)	645.2
International poverty rate (US\$2.15) (% of population)	70.1
Human Capital Index (2020)	0.41

Country Policy and Institutional Assessment 2022

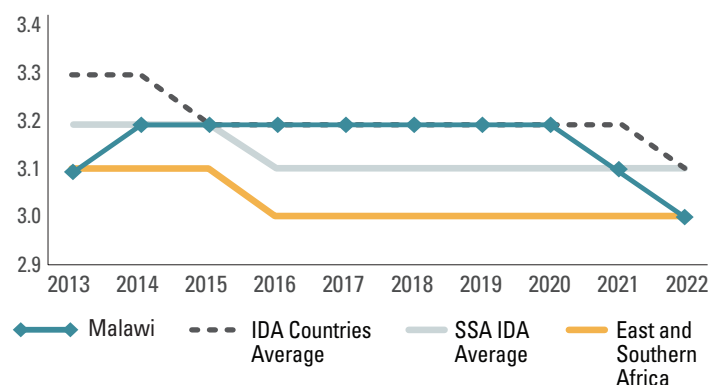
Indicator	Malawi	East and Southern Africa	SSA IDA Average	IDA Borrowers Average
Economic Management	2.2	3.1	3.2	3.2
Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy	3.0	2.8	3.4	3.4
Fiscal Policy	1.5	2.8	3.0	3.0
Debt Policy and Management	2.0	2.9	3.1	3.1
Structural Policies	3.3	3.5	3.2	3.2
Trade	3.5	2.7	3.7	3.7
Financial Sector	3.5	3.0	2.7	2.8
Business Regulatory Environment	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3
Gender Equality	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.3
Equity of Public Resource Use	4.0	3.5	3.5	3.4
Building Human Resources	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.6
Social Protection and Labor	3.5	3.2	3.0	3.0
Policies and Institutions for Environmental Sustainability	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.2
Public Sector Management and Institutions	2.9	2.5	2.9	3.0
Property Rights and Rule-Based Governance	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.8
Quality of Budgetary and Financial Management	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.0
Efficiency of Revenue Mobilization	3.5	2.8	3.3	3.2
Quality of Public Administration	2.5	2.5	2.9	2.8
Transparency, Accountability, and Corruption in the Public Sector	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.9
Overall CPIA Score	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

Highlights

- Policies for social inclusion and equity are a strength, with a relatively high score for equity of public resource use.
- Macroeconomic management weakened, with challenges in fiscal policy, debt management, and quality of public financial management. Public debt increased rapidly, driven by rising fiscal and external deficits.
- Public financial management is rated low, indicating issues with managing arrears and continued corruption. Moreover, progress in procurement and audit systems was limited.

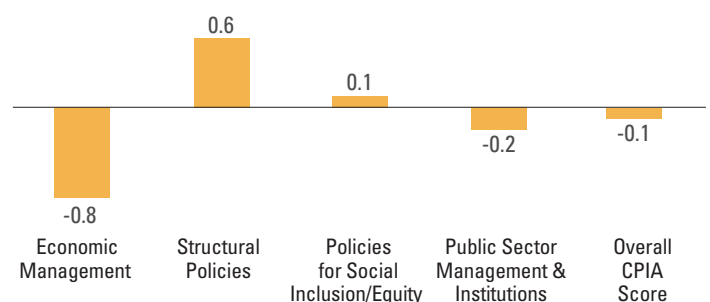
Trend

OVERALL CPIA SCORES



Progress

CHANGE IN CPIA SCORES FROM 2013 TO 2022



Definitions:

- CPIA: Country Policy and Institutional Assessment
- IDA: International Development Association, the arm of the World Bank Group that provides credits to the poorest countries
- SSA: Sub-Saharan Africa
- Poverty data are based on the MFM Database, Macro-Poverty

- Outlook, World Bank, spring 2023. Poverty data are expressed in 2017 purchasing power parity.
- The cutoff date for the World Development Indicators database is June 2023.
- The Human Capital Index 2020 is from the Human Capital Project, World Bank, 2020.

Average scores for comparisons refer to country groupings as follows:

- **IDA Borrowing Countries:** 74 countries eligible for IDA credits and with CPIA scores in 2022
- **SSA IDA Countries:** 39 SSA IDA countries that had CPIA scores in 2022
- **West and Central Africa:** 20 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2022
- **East and Southern Africa:** 19 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2022