

Quick Facts

CPIA Score

3.0

Below IDA Avg.

Change from
previous year

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No change

Highest
performing cluster**3.6**(Policies for Social
Inclusion and Equity)Lowest
performing cluster**2.2**

(Economic Management)

Population (millions)	20.9
GDP (current US\$, billions)	14.1
GDP per capita (current US\$)	672.9
International poverty rate (US\$2.15) (% of population)	71.7

Country Policy and Institutional Assessment 2023

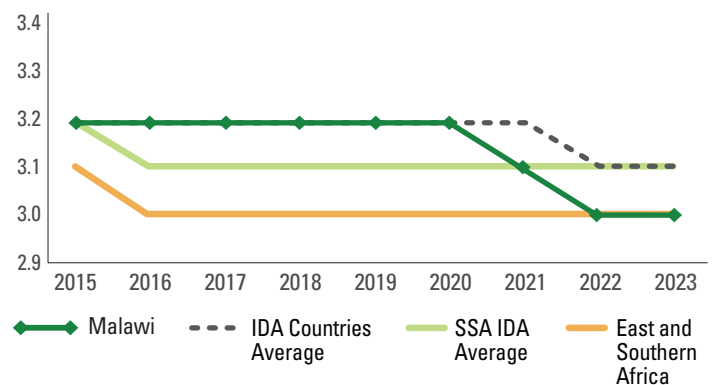
Indicator	Malawi	East and Southern Africa	SSA IDA Average	IDA Borrowers Average
Economic Management	2.2	2.9	3.2	3.2
Monetary and Exchange Rate Policy	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.4
Fiscal Policy	1.5	2.8	3.1	3.0
Debt Policy and Management	2.0	2.8	3.1	3.1
Structural Policies	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.2
Trade	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7
Financial Sector	3.5	2.7	2.7	2.8
Business Regulatory Environment	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0
Policies for Social Inclusion and Equity	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.3
Gender Equality	3.5	3.2	3.3	3.3
Equity of Public Resource Use	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.4
Building Human Resources	4.0	3.6	3.6	3.6
Social Protection and Labor	3.5	2.9	3.1	3.0
Policies and Institutions for Environmental Sustainability	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.2
Public Sector Management and Institutions	3.0	2.7	2.9	2.9
Property Rights and Rule-Based Governance	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.8
Quality of Budgetary and Financial Management	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.0
Efficiency of Revenue Mobilization	3.5	3.1	3.2	3.3
Quality of Public Administration	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8
Transparency, Accountability, and Corruption in the Public Sector	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.8
Overall CPIA Score	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1

Highlights

- ▶ The country faced widening macroeconomic imbalances and stagnating growth, mainly due to unsustainable debt and the effects of multiple shocks, including an outbreak of cholera and cyclone Freddy.
- ▶ Lack of progress in fiscal consolidation, debt restructuring, and donor support is a critical factor in achieving macroeconomic sustainability, underscoring the need for immediate action.
- ▶ Policies for social inclusion and equity were strong, especially for equity of public resource use and building human resources.
- ▶ Public financial management was rated low, indicating issues with managing arrears and continued corruption, and progress in procurement and audit systems was limited.

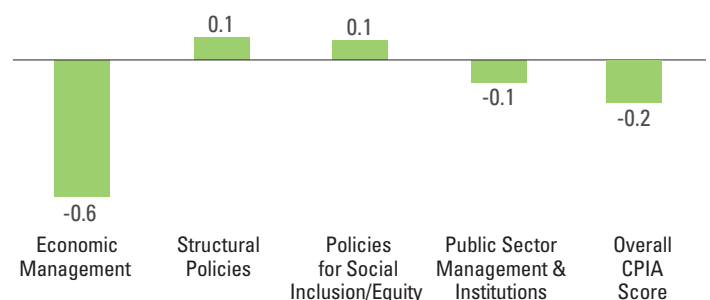
Trend

OVERALL CPIA SCORES



Progress

CHANGE IN CPIA SCORES FROM 2015 TO 2023



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 2024. Poverty data are expressed in 2017 purchasing power parity.
- The cutoff date for the World Development Indicators database is July 2024.

Average scores for comparisons refer to country groupings as follows:

- IDA Borrowing Countries: 74 countries eligible for IDA credits and with CPIA scores in 2023
- SSA IDA Countries: 39 SSA IDA countries that had CPIA scores in 2023
- West and Central Africa: 20 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2023
- East and Southern Africa: 19 SSA IDA countries with CPIA scores in 2023