

Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund — Matching Grants Turning Inclusive-Business Ideas into Jobs

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2014, Malawi's donor-backed Innovation Challenge Fund has matched over 50 private firms' innovation costs, helping create more than 2,000 jobs and improve the livelihoods of roughly 350,000 low-income Malawians, 41% of them women.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	3/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

[UNDP Malawi — Private Sector Development Programme](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

[UNDP Malawi — MICF Manufacturing Window announcement](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

[UN South-South Galaxy — MICF solution profile](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

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