

POOL FUND - CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

| Outcome | Output | Specific Activity | Indicator | Baseline (1.6.2025) | Annual Target (31.5.2026) | Current Budget (EURO) | Planned Quarter(s) | Means of Verification for the achievement of the target values |
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| Outcome 1: Enhanced effectiveness and legal coordination frameworks of the key justice institutions | Output 1.1: Improved knowledge, gender-balance skills and capacities of the key justice institutions | 1.2.1 Reorient XXX judicial officers, prosecutors and investigators on statutory time limits (issue 4) | % of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in accurately applying statutory time limits in post-training evaluation % of criminal case processed with statutory limits in target courts by may 2026 | Criminal procedure devoid of timelines for judgement, sentence and orders (activity 1.1.1 below) | 90% of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in accurately applying statutory time limits in post-training evaluation 25% of criminal case processed with statutory limits in target courts by may 2026 | 8,900.00 | Q4 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report Case Management System/E-Justice System |
| | | 1.2.2 Reorient XXX Court Clerks on remission of files from the lower courts to the HC (issue 12) | % of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in procedures for remission of files by end of training % of case files remitted from lower courts to the High Court within 30 days of judgment/order issuance by May 2026 | TBD | 90% of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in procedures for remission of files by end of training 50% of case files remitted from lower courts to the High Court within 30 days of judgment/order issuance by May 2026 | 2,900.00 | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report Case Management System/E-Justice System |
| | | 1.3.3 Train XXX investigators, prosecutors and judicial officers on immigration and refugee laws (issue 10) | % of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in accurately applying immigration and refugee laws in post-training evaluation % of immigration and refugee-related trials concluded with 183 days in target courts by May 2026 % of cases of immigrants unlawfully committed to Dzaleka Refugee Camp or prisons by May 2026 | Backlogged immigration Cases, Huge cases of illegal detention of immigrants, and issuing illegal deportation orders | 90% of trained staff demonstrated 280% proficiency in accurately applying immigration and refugee laws in post-training evaluation 40% of immigration and refugee-related trials concluded with 183 days in target courts by May 2026 10% reduction in cases of immigrants unlawfully committed to Dzaleka Refugee Camp or prisons reduced by 10% by May 2026 | | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report Case Management System/E-Justice System |
| | | | % of deportation orders issued by magistrate courts that comply with due process standards (consultation/ legal review) by May 2026. | | 65% of deportation orders issued by magistrate courts that comply with due process standards (consultation/ legal review) by May 2026. | | | |
| | | 1.3.4 Train XXX members of staff across 7 justice sector institutions on corruption (issue 9) | % of trained staff demonstrate 280% proficiency in accurately applying anti-corruption procedures in post-training evaluation % of citizens view justice sector institutions as corrupt by May 2026 | Frequent incidences of missing court files, Adhoc hearing scheduling, Illegal detention, and accusation of bribery and demanding for arbitrary fees <i>For E-Justice documents</i> 40% of citizens perceived judiciary as corrupt, thus fourth below the presidency, | 65% of trained staff demonstrate 280% proficiency in accurately applying anti-corruption procedures in post-training evaluation Atleast 25% of citizens view justice sector institutions as corrupt by May 2026 | | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report Public Opinion Surveys - Afrobarometer |
| | | 1.4.1 Train XXX police, magistrates and prison on restorative justice and peace building (issue 8) | % of trained staff demonstrate 280% proficiency in restorative justice and peace building in post-training evaluation | Burdened courts due to low awareness, ineffective and underutilised village mediation and other ADR mechanisms among communities and police | 65% of trained staff demonstrate 280% proficiency in accurately applying restorative justice approaches to case handling in post-training evaluation | | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report |
| | | 1.4.2 Train XXX police and communities in outer districts on diversion and mediation (issue 8) | % of trained people demonstrate 280% proficiency in applying diversion and mediation approaches in post-training evaluation | Burdened courts due to low awareness, ineffective and underutilised village mediation and other ADR mechanisms | 65% of trained people demonstrate 280% proficiency in applying diversion and mediation approaches in post-training | 4,900.00 | Q4 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report |
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| Output 1.2: Improved legal and coordination frameworks for key justice institutions | 1.1.1 Review laws on homicides, and develop criminal and financial crimes procedure and evidence codes (issue 12 and 6) | Draft amendment bills developed and submitted to Parliament by May 2026 | Criminal procedure devoid of timelines for judgement, sentence and orders (activity 1.1.1 below) | 1 Draft amendment bills developed and submitted to Parliament by May 2026 | 2,100.00 | Q4 | Revised laws |
| | 1.1.2 Conduct a comprehensive assessment of Malawi's existing legal framework regarding the status and regulation of paralegals and produce an analytical report (issue 1) | # of draft Procedure and Evidence Codes developed and submitted to Ministry of Justice by May 2026 Assessment report on paralegal legal framework completed and validated by stakeholders by May 2026 | Procedure rule on criminal procedures and financial crimes division not developed Paralegals not formally recognised | 2 of draft Procedure and Evidence Codes developed and submitted to Ministry of Justice by May 2026 Assessment report on paralegal legal framework completed and validated by stakeholders by May 2026 | 8,000.00 | Q4 | Final Report |
| | 1.1.3 Amend the law on legal representation to establish standards and accreditation criteria for paralegals (issue 1) | Draft amendment bill establishing standards for paralegals developed and submitted to Parliament by February 2026 | | Draft amendment bill establishing standards for paralegals developed and submitted to Parliament by February 2026 | 0 | Q3 | Amended law (s) |
| | 1.1.4 Amend section 15 of the Criminal procedure and evidence code to exempt some cases handled by professional magistrate from review by High Court (issue 1) | Draft amendment to section 15 submitted to MoJ/Parliament by February 2026 | | Draft amendment to section 15 submitted to MoJ/Parliament by February 2026 | 5,000.00 | Q3 | Amended law (s) |
| | 1.1.5 Develop a package of legal amendments for the institutionalization of paralegals (issue 1) | Comprehensive package of legal amendments on paralegals finalized and endorsed by MoJ by May 2026 | | Comprehensive package of legal amendments on paralegals finalized and endorsed by MoJ by May 2026 | | Q4 | Package developed |
| | 1.3.1 Implement Functional Review for the Judiciary (issue 5) | Functional Review report for Judiciary completed and endorsed by Judicial Service Commission by August 2025 | Limited Human Resource Capacity across magistrate and higher courts | 1 Functional Review report for Judiciary completed and endorsed by Judicial Service Commission by August 2025 | 1,000.00 | Q1-Q2 | Human Resource Records |
| | | % of recommendations from Functional Review implemented by November 2025 | | 70% of recommendations from Functional Review implemented by November 2025 | | | |
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| Output 1.4: Improved mechanisms and frameworks for enhanced accountability in justice institutions | 1.3.2 Advocate for increased and timely budget allocation for criminal justice institutions (issue 2) | # of advocacy engagements held with Ministry of Finance/Parliament by May 2026 Percentage of criminal justice institution funded with 85% of their strategic issues request submitted to Treasury by April, 2026. | TBD -Weak synergy in criminal justice financing, low financing for financial crimes division and jury trial | 1 of advocacy engagements held with Ministry of Finance/Parliament by May 2026 100% of criminal justice institution funded with 85% of their strategic issues request submitted to Treasury by April, 2026. | 600 | Q4 | Annual Budgets Analysis |
| | | Percentage of criminal justice institution funded according to their cashflow by April, 2026 | | 100% of criminal justice institution funded according to their cashflow by April, 2026 | | | |

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| Output 2.2: Improved capacity to offer legal and paralegal aid and mediation | 2.1.1 Conduct stakeholder mapping and organize introductory meetings in nine districts to identify key actors and referral points per district (issues 3) | # of SGBV multi-stakeholder coordination platforms established/revamped/Strengthened and meeting regularly in the nine districts by May 2026 | Fragmented referral pathways with limited capacity for advocacy, dispute resolution, SGBV prevention and case management | 9 SGBV multi-stakeholder coordination platforms established/revamped/Strengthened and meeting regularly across targeted district by May 2026 | | Q3 | stakeholder mapping report, Minutes |
| | | % of identified referral points actively linked to justice mechanisms for expedited SGBV casehandling by May 2026 | | 70% of identified referral points actively linked to justice mechanisms for expedited SGBV casehandling by May 2026 | | | |
| | | 2.1.2 Train criminal justice stakeholders and community actors across twelve districts through sessions to strengthen diversion, referral, GBV response, and survivor-centered case management (issues 3) | % of trained staff demonstrated ≥80% proficiency in diversion, referral, GBV response, and survivor-centered case management in post-training evaluation | Fragmented referral pathways with limited capacity for advocacy, dispute resolution, SGBV prevention and case management | 60% of trained staff demonstrated ≥80% proficiency in diversion, referral, GBV response, and survivor-centered case management in post-training evaluation | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report |
| | | 2.1.3 Conduct multi-disciplinary training sessions for mediators, mediators' teachers, and paralegals to develop mediation skills, GBV prevention, and referral mechanisms, with the goal of increasing case resolution and GBV prevention in communities (issues 3) | % of stakeholders demonstrated ≥80% proficiency in SGBV prevention and case management in post-training evaluation by February 2026 | Fragmented referral pathways with limited capacity for advocacy, dispute resolution, SGBV prevention and case management | 60% of stakeholders demonstrated ≥80% proficiency in SGBV prevention and case management in post-training evaluation by February 2026 | Q3 | Pre/Post-Training Evaluation, Training Report |
| | | 2.1.6 Conduct mobile legal clinics at district level in seven districts to provide legal awareness and advice (issues 3) | % of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on available legal services with their respective districts by December 2025 | TBD - Low awareness among right holders on complaint handling institutions and available channels for submitting complaint within their respective districts | 65% of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on available legal services with their respective districts by December 2025 | Q2 | Pre/Post-event Evaluation, Activity Report |
| | | 2.1.7 Facilitate referrals for women and child survivors of GBV, sexual abuse, and exploitation in remote communities (issues 3) | % of female and child SGBV survivors linked to appropriate services within targeted district by May 2026 | Limited awareness of legal rights and access to legal aid and court services among vulnerable groups (women, children and persons with disabilities), and underdevelop SGBV referral networks | 40% of female and child SGBV survivors linked to appropriate services within targeted district by May 2026 | Q4 | GBV women survivors list |
| | | 1.4.3 Deploy trained village mediators across several districts to mediate family, civil, and criminal disputes, promote community cohesion, and facilitate referrals, aiming to improve local justice access and resolve cases (issue 8) | # of village mediators deployed across target districts by May 2026 | Burdened courts due to low awareness, ineffective and underutilised village mediation and other ADR mechanisms among communities and police | 200 village mediators deployed across target districts by May 2026 | Q4 | Deployment schedule |
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| | 1.4.4 Orient XXX traditional leaders across several districts through sessions on mediation principles, dispute resolution, and legal frameworks to promote proper referral of disputes to trained mediators and strengthen community justice systems. (Issue 8) | % of trained traditional leaders demonstrated ≥50% proficiency in mediation principles, dispute resolution, legal frameworks, and referral pathways for community justice systems in post-training evaluation | Burdened courts due to low awareness, ineffective and underutilised village mediation and other ADR mechanisms among communities and police | 60 of trained traditional leaders demonstrated ≥50% proficiency in mediation principles, dispute resolution, legal frameworks, and referral pathways for community justice systems in post-training evaluation | 2100 | Q4 | Pre/Post-event Evaluation, Activity Report |
| | 1.4.5 Conduct community sensitization meetings and trainings for XXX stakeholders in XXX target districts on ADR (Issue 8) | % of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on available dispute handling mechanisms and procedures for submitting complaints by December 2025 | Burdened courts due to low awareness, ineffective and underutilised village mediation and other ADR mechanisms among communities and police | 60% of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on available dispute handling mechanisms and procedures for submitting complaints by December 2025 | | Q3 | Post-training evaluation/Activity report |
| Output 2.3: Improved legal awareness and education among those living in the most vulnerable situations | 2.1.4 Conduct awareness/sensitization campaigns on the rights of marginalized populations in contact with the justice system (Issue 11) | % of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on the rights of marginalized populations in contact with the justice system by December 2025 | Lack of awareness on legal rights among vulnerable groups, and weak management of pro bono legal aid case | 60% of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on the rights of marginalized populations in contact with the justice system by December 2025 | 2100 | Q2 | Awareness report |
| | 2.1.5 Distribute visual aids and communication materials in English and Chichewa during community awareness sessions across communities, police stations, and schools to reach community members (Issue 11) | # of people exposed to key messages on the rights of marginalized populations in contact with the justice system by May 2026 | Lack of awareness on legal rights among vulnerable groups, and weak management of pro bono legal aid case | 10,000 of people exposed to key messages on the rights of marginalized populations in contact with the justice system by May 2026 | 4200 | Q4 | Distribution List/ IEC Materials/ Activity Reports |
| | 2.1.8 Identify and document GBV cases, publishing biannual reports and featuring them in local media to raise awareness, inform policy, and improve justice responses for women and child survivors (Issue 3) | # of people exposed to messages on drivers of SGBV and trends in SGBV case management through community sensitization sessions, media, or IEC materials by November 2025 | Fragmented referral pathways with limited capacity for advocacy, dispute resolution, SGBV prevention and case management | 12,600,000 people exposed to messages on drivers of SGBV and trends in SGBV case management through community sensitization sessions, media, or IEC materials by November 2025 | | Q4 | Activity Report |
| | 2.1.9 Conduct public awareness on reporting corruption (Issue 9) | % of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on corrupt practices and reporting mechanisms by February 2026 | Frequent incidences of missing court files, Adhoc hearing scheduling, illegal detention, and accusation of bribery and demanding for arbitrary fees for filing of documents | 65% of attendees who recall ≥3 key messages on corrupt practices and reporting mechanisms by February 2026 | | Q1, Q3 | Post awareness evaluation/ Activity Reports |
| Total | | | | | 54,000.00 | | |
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