

Republic of Malawi

Ministry of Labour

PRESS RELEASE

FINALISATION OF THE JOB CREATION STRATEGY

On 26th November 2021, His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi, launched The Presidential Initiative on Job Creation, founded on five key principles as follows: creation of an enabling environment for agro-business, strengthening partnerships with the private sector, tackling barriers to SMEs, building the infrastructure needed to create jobs and supporting young people's meaningful participation in the economy.

In line with this initiative, The Ministry of Labour has finalised the Job Creation Strategy to facilitate the creation of employment within an environment of accelerated, inclusive, resilient and sustainable economic growth. The Job Creation Strategy will guide and support Government efforts to create more jobs and reduce unemployment in order to improve the livelihoods of Malawians.

The strategy is a guiding blueprint for all relevant Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies to actively engage the private sector as a partner in clearing roadblocks to enterprise development. Further, the strategy will enable the Ministry to play its coordinating role towards realising the goals and objectives of the Government's job creation agenda.

The Job Creation Strategy has been developed after thorough consultations with key stakeholders, among whom there is now general consensus that the strategy is achievable. Most sectors in the country have the potential to generate jobs if certain policy actions and incentives are implemented by all Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) and the private sector in the spirit of multisectoral collaboration and partnership.

The Ministry deeply appreciates all Government institutions, Private Sector partners, Employers' Consultative Association of Malawi, Malawi Congress of Trade Union, Malawi Confederation Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Development Partners (DPs) for their invaluable input during the consultations that enabled the development of the strategy.

In a special way, the Ministry recognizes the management and staff of the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Finance, National Statistical Office, Ministry of Economic Planning and Development and Public Sector Reforms; and Ministry of Trade and Industry for assigning officers who provided insightful technical input on survey design, administration and strategy development. Similarly, the Ministry of Labour acknowledges the Management of PLAN International Malawi for providing both technical and financial resources to the Ministry for the development of the Strategy.

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