



MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DECENTRALIZATION
CONTINGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT
Maize Procurement Response
Public Disclosure

The World Bank is offering to provide the Republic of Malawi with just-in-time support for preparedness planning through a Contingent Emergency Response Project (CERP). The CERP is a critical mechanism for Malawi, designed to provide rapid and flexible financial support in the wake of emergencies and disasters. It can be triggered by the Government through an official declaration that an eligible emergency or disaster has occurred, supported by a Declaration of activation of the National Contingency Plan.

On the 25th of October 2025, the Government of Malawi declared State of National Disaster on Effects of Prolonged Dry Spells-Induced Food Insecurity thereby triggering the activation of the CERP to access financing for procurement of maize supplies from outside the country to respond to the disaster in the ThirtyTwo (32) affected Local Government Authorities (LGAs).

This *Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)* has been adapted by the Government of the Republic of Malawi for use by the Government and the relevant Implementing Agencies who are expected to be involved in the procurement, transportation and distribution of the maize supplies.

This ESMP identifies the anticipated risks and impacts and sets out agreed mitigation measures to address the environmental and social risks and impacts associated with the triggered response Activities as set out in Section 3. Implementing Agencies will be required to familiarize themselves with the contents of this ESMP, in particular the mitigation measures that relate to the Activities for which they will be responsible. The Implementing Agencies will follow the national law requirements for each Activity as set out in Section 4, supplemented or adjusted as appropriate by the measures set out in Section 5. Together, through application of appropriate mitigation measures, the activities will be implemented in accordance with the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and WB Environment, Health and Safety Guidelines (WB EHSG).