



THE ENHANCED GENERAL DATA DISSEMINATION SYSTEM (e-GDDS)
OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) IS NOW LIVE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Reserve Bank of Malawi would like to inform the general public that the IMF's Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) opened on 10th November, 2016. This followed negotiations and collaboration between the IMF and the Government of Malawi to implement the system which was eventually endorsed by the IMF's Executive Board in May, 2015. Malawi now joins only a handful of countries in Africa to implement recommendations of the e-GDDS, a one stop publication for essential macroeconomic data.

The e-GDDS was established to enhance data transparency, encourage statistical capacity development, and help create synergies between data dissemination and surveillance. The system has replaced General Data Dissemination System (GDDS) which has been operational since 2007. In Malawi, the e-GDDS is being managed jointly by The Reserve Bank of Malawi (RBM), Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development (MoFEPD), and National Statistical Office (NSO).

The system is a web-based application which comes with a National Summary Data Page (NSDP) onto which macroeconomic data is uploaded and accessed. The NSDP comprises 15 data categories, namely National Accounts (GDP); Consumer

Price Index; General Government Operations; Central Government Operations; Central Government Gross Debt; Depository Corporations Survey; Central Bank Survey; Interest Rates; Stock Market; Balance of Payments; External Debt, Official Reserve Assets; Merchandise Trade; International Investment Position and Exchange Rates.

Publication of this data provides national policy makers as well as a broad range of domestic and international stakeholders, including investors, rating agencies and researchers with an easy access to information that has been identified by the IMF as critical for monitoring economic conditions and policies.

The general public is therefore informed that they can access the data from the country's National Summary Data Page (NSDP) available on the IMF's Dissemination Standards Bulletin Board (DSBB) at: <http://dsbb.imf.org>.

For more information, please contact the Director of Research and Statistics, Reserve Bank of Malawi.