

2026 IIAG Scorecard - Malawi

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
56.8	20 th	+3.4

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	62.1	8	+4.7
SECURITY & SAFETY	79.8	10	-3.2
Absence of Armed Conflict	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Violence against Civilians	86.0	19	-1.5
Absence of Forced Migration	97.1	6	-0.1
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	67.9	12	-5.0
Absence of Crime	82.4	2	-1.1
Public Perception of Security & Safety	45.4	21	-11.3
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	63.5	10	+5.9
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	73.2	14	+7.6
Impartiality of the Judicial System	93.3	2	+23.0
Judicial Processes	54.5	15	-2.3
Equality before the Law	57.9	16	-6.3
Law Enforcement	34.7	31	+5.8
Property Rights	72.6	13	-3.0
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	58.2	6	+16.1
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	59.8	6	+9.4
Institutional Checks & Balances	70.0	9	-1.7
Absence of Undue Influence	59.3	7	0.0
Civic Checks & Balances	75.0	7	+4.6
Disclosure of Public Records	57.4	5	+16.9
Accessibility of Public Records	38.9	17	+17.2
Public Perception of Accountability	58.4	5	+19.5
ANTI-CORRUPTION	45.3	22	+6.7
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	42.0	17	-6.2
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	48.9	21	+8.0
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	40.6	24	+12.2
Public Procurement Procedures	33.6	24	-1.5
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	58.0	12	+20.6
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	48.7	20	+7.1

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	52.8	26	+5.3
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	51.0	30	-8.7
Civil Registration	75.0	10	-25.0
Capacity of the Statistical System	40.7	37	-4.0
Effective Administration	51.6	23	-1.1
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	53.7	24	+1.3
Budgetary & Financial Management	56.9	34	-13.9
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	28.1	28	-9.4
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	47.8	27	+7.0
Regional Integration	49.4	17	+10.3
Economic Diversification	72.7	13	+18.4
Business & Competition Regulations	67.6	11	+5.6
Access to Banking Services	21.7	34	+5.7
Labour Relations	63.5	10	-5.2
Secure Employment Opportunities	27.3	45	-2.1
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	32.3	19	+15.9
INFRASTRUCTURE	32.9	41	+12.2
Transport Network	16.3	39	+5.5
Access to Energy	6.7	52	+2.1
Mobile Communications	66.7	41	+23.0
Internet	8.0	48	+4.7
Shipping & Postal Network	40.0	23	+8.1
Public Perception of Infrastructure	60.0	8	+29.9
RURAL ECONOMY	79.3	4	+10.4
Rural Land & Water Access	84.5	4	+14.2
Rural Market Access	67.6	8	+20.6
Rural Economy Support	84.8	4	+19.5
Rural Representation & Participation	80.3	11	-12.7

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	60.0	16	-1.1
PARTICIPATION	61.3	13	-3.1
Freedom of Association & Assembly	62.5	10	-25.0
Political Pluralism	47.7	18	+7.4
Civil Society Space	59.0	20	-15.0
Democratic Elections	62.1	14	+9.7
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	74.3	6	+6.6
Public Perception of Political Participation	61.9	18	-2.9
RIGHTS	68.4	9	-1.4
Personal Liberties	74.3	6	+8.2
Freedom of Expression & Belief	86.5	9	+0.2
Media Freedom	63.8	15	-5.2
Digital Freedom	83.4	6	+11.3
Protection against Discrimination	55.6	6	+11.2
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	46.6	29	-34.0
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	44.9	28	-5.4
Equal Political Power	44.4	28	+2.9
Equal Political Representation	55.3	13	-1.5
Equal Civil Liberties	61.8	26	+8.4
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	45.2	30	-9.8
Equal Access to Public Services	36.4	30	-0.8
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	26.1	33	-32.0
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	65.3	23	+5.4
Political Power & Representation of Women	59.0	16	+4.1
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	74.7	28	+4.8
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	46.3	29	+1.2
Access to Public Services for Women	32.2	37	-1.5
Laws on Violence against Women	100.0	1	0.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	79.7	8	+3.7

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	52.2	29	+4.7
HEALTH	64.0	16	+5.9
Access to Healthcare	47.8	24	-10.2
Access to Water & Sanitation	48.1	30	+6.6
Control of Communicable Diseases	89.0	12	+10.1
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	72.8	23	-2.2
Child & Maternal Health	76.9	16	+6.0
Health Quality	50.0	15	+10.0
Public Perception of Health Provision	63.5	10	+20.8
EDUCATION	51.1	29	+6.2
Equality in Education	37.4	37	+4.9
Education Enrolment	33.5	26	+0.5
Education Completion	.	.	.
Human Resources in Education	85.7	18	+7.2
Education Quality	48.3	23	+6.3
Public Perception of Education Provision	50.8	26	+12.4
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	48.6	34	+5.6
Social Safety	31.0	29	+4.2
Poverty Reduction Policies	46.7	28	-3.4
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	61.3	25	+9.5
Decent Housing	71.1	23	+28.1
Food Security	50.1	39	-4.2
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	31.5	28	-0.4
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	45.2	42	+1.3
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	41.7	45	-4.3
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	49.0	27	+17.9
Air Quality	41.3	35	+5.0
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	34.3	51	-9.6
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	59.7	10	-2.3