

Shire River Basin Management Program

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Introduction/Background

- Malawi is implementing the Shire River Basin Management Program (SRBMP) with support from GoM, IDA(WB), GEF and LDCF;
- This is a 15 year program sub-divided in 3 phases;
- We are currently in Phase 1 which is expected to run up to 2017; Phases 2 and 3 are expected to run up to 2027;
- SRBMP is divided into three components:
 - Component A: Shire River Basin Planning-SRBA, SRB Planning Frame work
 - Component B: Catchment Management;
 - Component C: Water related infrastructure.

Shire River Basin Agency/Institution

- To coordinate the management of the Shire River Basin
- Improve Water resources information system.
- Shire River Basin is not only the biggest in Malawi but also of economic significance
- Over 95% of hydropower generation takes place in the basin;
- Home to over 3 million people;
- It is transboundary as part of it is in Mozambique;

Challenges being faced in the establishment of SRBA

- The Water Resources Act which was enacted in 2013 provides for the establishment of the NWRA and Catchment Management Committees not Basin Organization(s);
- The functions of the CMCs reflected in WRA (2013) do not march with the standard functions of the River Basin Organization;
- Difficult to establish SRBA as a regional office for NWRA because SRBA does not have the regulatory mandate;

Conclusion/Way forward

- Establishment of SRBA is being hampered due to lack of legal provision in the WRA(2013)
- It has been resorted that SRBA should be established as a prototype organization—learning by doing;
- SRBA to be managed by SRBMP because there are resources allocated for it;

Inviting comments and suggestions on the
way forward

Thank for your attention