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