The Government of Malawi is developing a hydropower project with the technical support from the IFC and a proposed financial support from the World Bank.

**BENEFITS According to the Government of Malawi**

- Increase in energy generation capacity in Malawi
- Increase in employment opportunities for local communities
- Develop the country’s economic growth

**NEGATIVE Impacts for Communities**

- Loss of land
- Loss of housing
- Displacement of a graveyard
- Likely increase in STDs and underaged pregnancy cases
- Loss of livelihood for pastoralists and irrigation farmers

**Mpatamanga Hydropower Project, Malawi**

**LOCATION:** Shire River, bordering Blantyre & Neno districts

**FUNDERS:** Government of Malawi, IFC and the World Bank

**PROJECT PREPARATION IMPLEMENTER:** Department of Energy (Government of Malawi)

**CONSULTANTS - RESETTLEMENT:** Mott Macdonald & C12 Consultants

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** Construction of a 350 megavolts hydroelectric power plant and a regulating dam, environmental and social impact assessment and resettlement action planning.
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