Overview & key elements of interventions

- It has invested over USD 1 billion on concessionary terms in all sectors of the country’s economy.
- In the water and sanitation sector, the Bank has financed 7 projects and 2 studies for close to USD 95 million.
- The Bank’s current portfolio in Malawi includes the National Water Development Program (NWDP) amounting to USD 43.5 million which accounts for almost 16.6% of net commitments of the ongoing portfolio. The Bank’s support to NWDP focuses on increasing access to sustainable rural water supply and sanitation services and improved water resources management.

- Recent flagship projects in the water and sanitation sector completed in the country with Bank financing include:
  - Integrated Rural Water Supply and Sanitation project for Ntchisi and Mzimba Districts with 12.5 million USD funding, completed in 2008.
  - The District Water Supply III project with 16.8 million USD funding, completed in 2006.
- The Bank has also financed two studies on sanitation and water supply for district centres
- In line with the Bank’s Medium Term Strategy 2008-12 and the Millennium Development Goals, the Bank will continue to be a key development partner for Malawi’s water and sanitation sector.
Recent and ongoing projects

- The Bank approved the **National Water Development Program (NWDP) (USD 43.5 million)** in 2008. This program involves the provision of sustainable rural water and sanitation facilities in Lilongwe, Zomba, Mulanje and Machinga districts. The program will construct and rehabilitate 4096 boreholes and 23 gravity fed systems, 200 sanitation facilities in schools, health centres and other public places, and build the capacity of the districts and national water resources management. The program will benefit about 1.2 million people. The Program is financed by a loan and a grant from the African Development Fund (the soft loan arm of the AfDB Group), and the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative Trust Fund hosted by the AfDB.

- The Bank is administering the financing of US 14 million for the NWDP program by the Government of Australia. The additional resources will be utilised to provide water and sanitation services to seven market centres in four districts where the AfDB component of the NWDP program is implemented.

- Other ongoing projects include three recently approved African Water Facility (AWF) supported projects:
  - **Strengthening water sector monitoring and evaluation (EUR 1.894 million):** The objective of the project is to ensure the availability of reliable data and information in the water sector. The project aims to strengthen institutional capacity for the water sector data and information generation, collection, storage and analysis;
  - **Improving water and sanitation access for the urban poor in the City of Blantyre (EUR 610,790):** This is the first direct collaboration by the Bank with an NGO in Malawi and a pilot project aimed at facilitating access to water supply and sanitation using special revolving funds for water and sanitation investments for the urban poor;
  - **Songwe River Basin Development project (EUR 3.549 million):** This is a trans-boundary project benefiting Tanzania and Malawi. The project supports the investment preparation for the River Basin Development Program which includes preparation of designs and joint investment projects.