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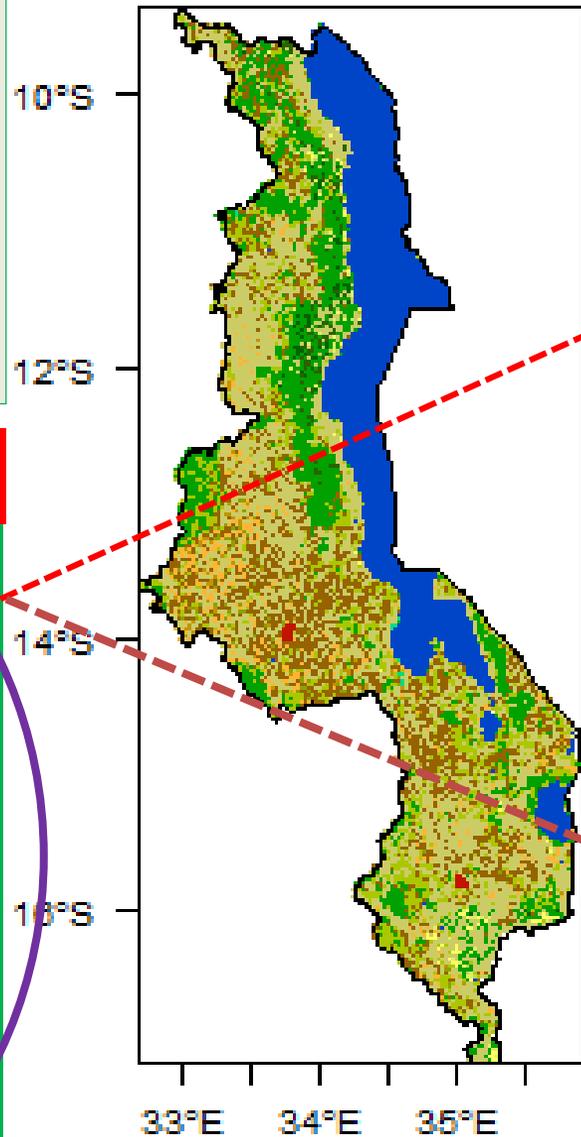
# Malawi at Glance

## Country Background:

**Location:** SE Africa 17°S 35°E  
**land area:** 94,280 Km<sup>2</sup>  
**Population:** ~17.3 million  
**Population density:** 203 per Km<sup>2</sup>  
**GPD per Capita :** 338.48 million (2017)  
**GDP Growth Rate:** 4% annual Change (2017)

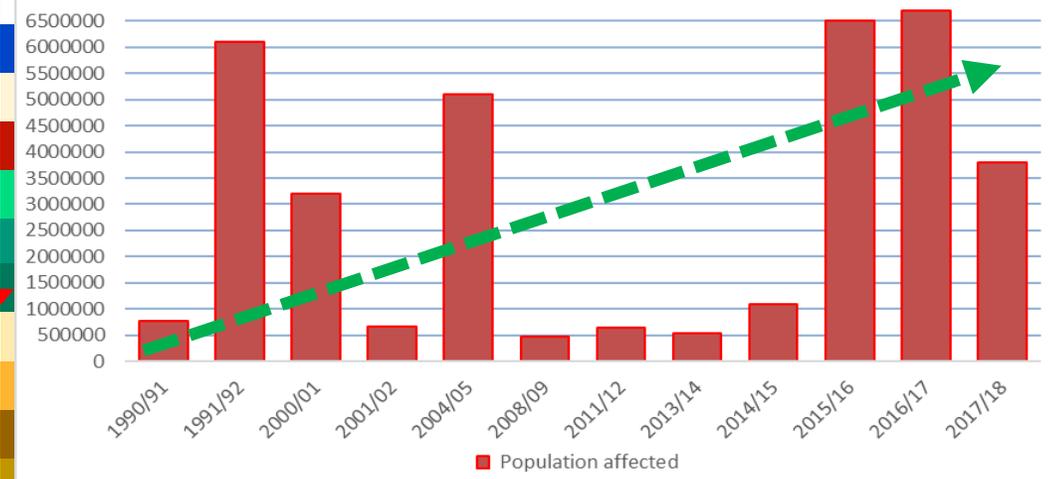
## Climatic shocks & Trends

- ❖ 1991 Phalombe flash floods – over 500 people killed, 128,000 affected
- ❖ 1991/92 drought – 6.1 million people
- ❖ 2000/01 floods – 120,000 households (660,000 people)
- ❖ 2001 food crisis – 3.2 million people affected
- ❖ 2001/02 cholera - 33,507 cases with 981 deaths
- ❖ 2004/05 drought – 5.1 million people affected
- ❖ 2009 earthquake – 24, 000 households affected, 5 deaths, 10,792 houses damaged
- ❖ 2011/2012 floods – 650, 000 households affected
- ❖ 2013/ 2014 floods- 840,000 households affected
- ❖ 2014/2015 floods – 1,101,000 ppl affected, 230,000 ppl displaced and 106 ppl killed
- ❖ 2015/2016 drought - 6.7 million people affected.
- ❖ 2017/2018 Fall Army Worms : ~3.8 million people affected



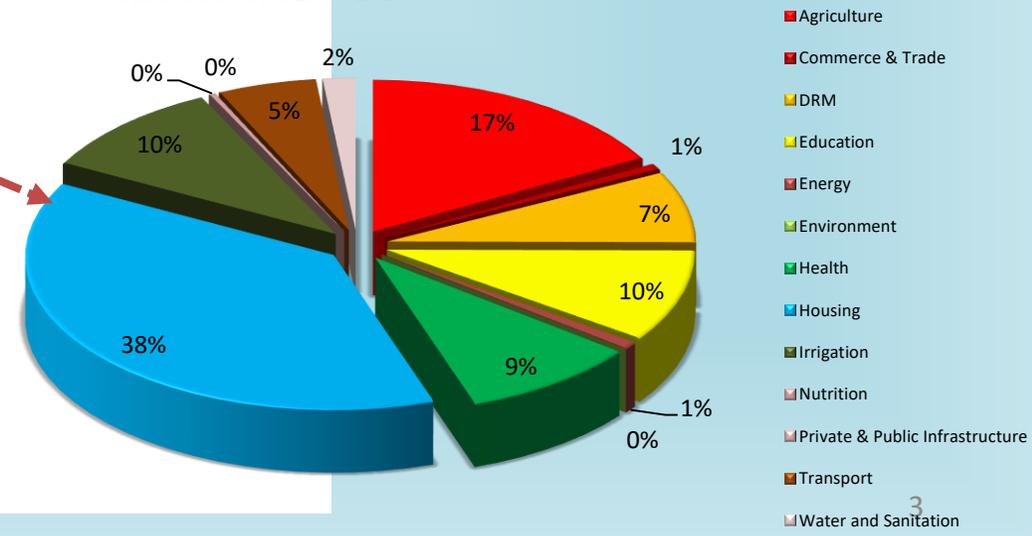
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Disaster occurrence: 1990-2018



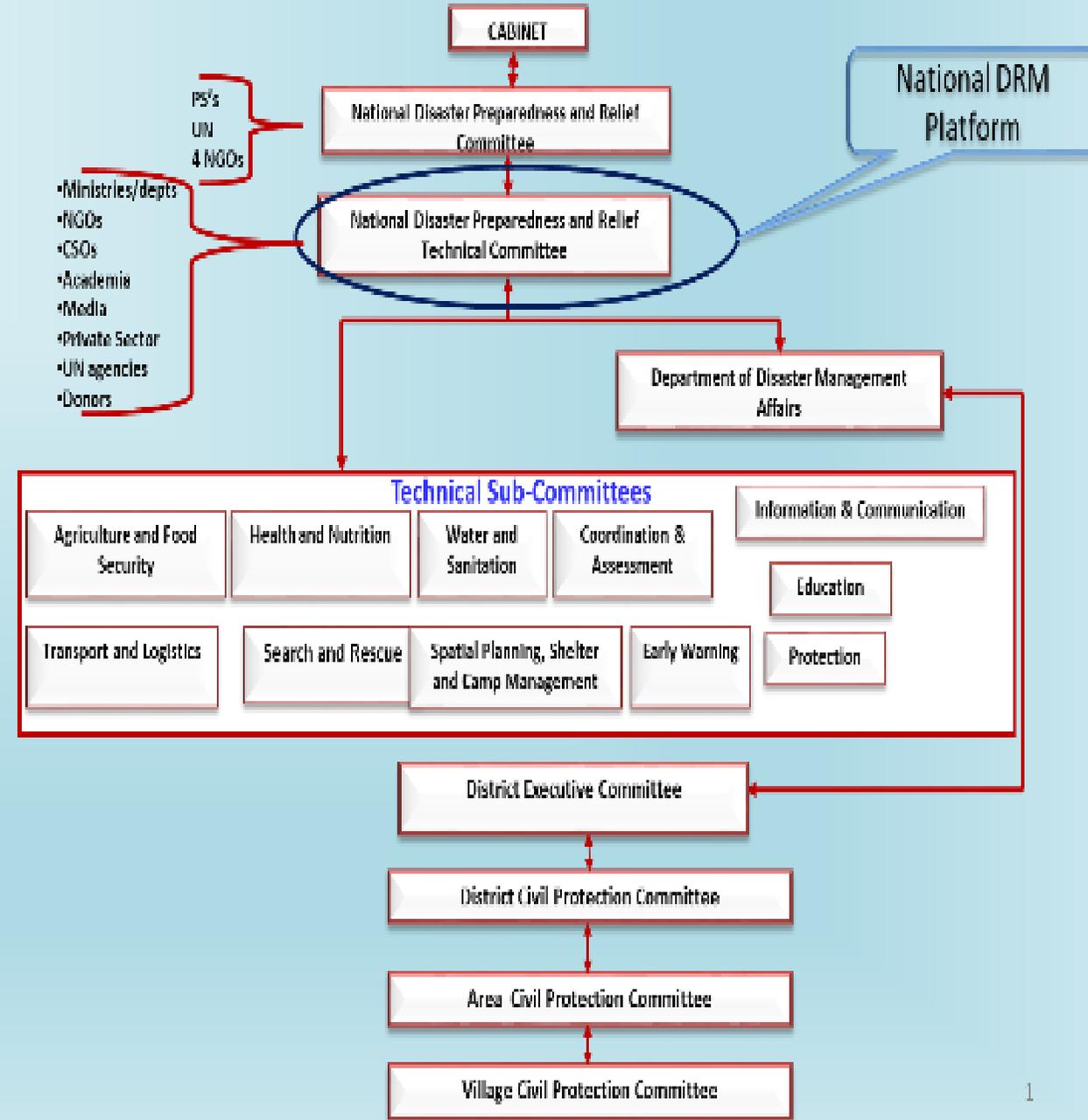
**Cumulatively ~27.5 million people affected: Source: NDRM Profile**

Average Ratio of Damages and Losses Across Sectors: 1990-2018



# DRM Institutional Structure

- The Disaster Preparedness and Relief Act, 1991 created the legal and institutional framework for addressing disasters in Malawi.
  - Currently under review with support from the World Bank & UNDP
- The Act provides for the establishment of institutional mechanisms for disaster management:
- The Office of the Secretary and Commissioner for Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA);
  - Responsible for coordinating & directing DRM programmes in the country.
- The National Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee (NDPRC);
  - Responsible for policy directions in the implementation of DRM programmes.
- Civil Protection Committees (District, Area and Village).
  - Responsible for coordinating DRM activities at district, area & village level
- At district level, the District Commissioner coordinates implementation of DRM activities through the CPCs.



# Challenges

- Inadequate 'hardware' approach to disaster mitigation accompanied by 'software' dimension of research, education, skills & training
- Poor local enforcement of land-use regulations, building codes and other laws and regulations relating to DRR
- Lack of emergency contingency funds and stocks at local level that can be made available quickly to those in need, with established procedures for releasing them.
- Stakeholder coordination in DRM and CCA- ***A big Challenge!!!***



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# NATIONAL INITIATIVES TO MAINSTREAM DRM INTO CLIMATE CHANGE

- Developed DRM & Climate Change policies for effective implementation of DRM and Climate change programmes;
- Developed a National Resilience Strategy
- In progress of taking stock of the available information on hazards, exposure, vulnerabilities and risk assessments;
- In progress of the implementation of joint project initiatives that address both climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction;
- Initiating capacity development activities to build or strengthen coherent approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.



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# Key lessons

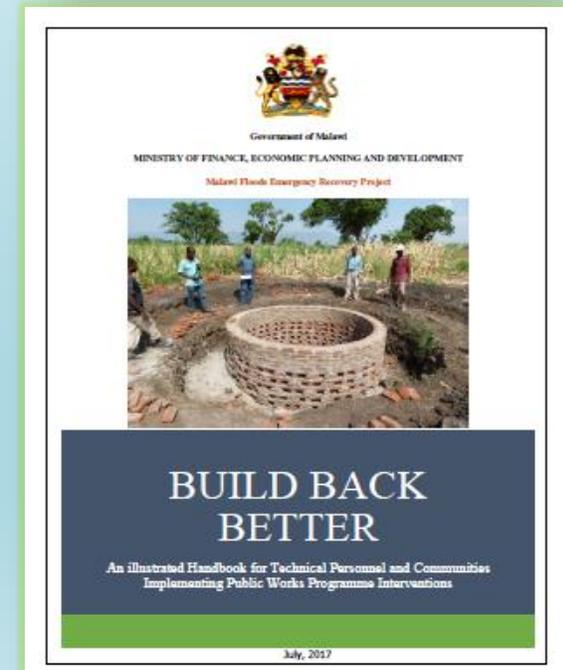
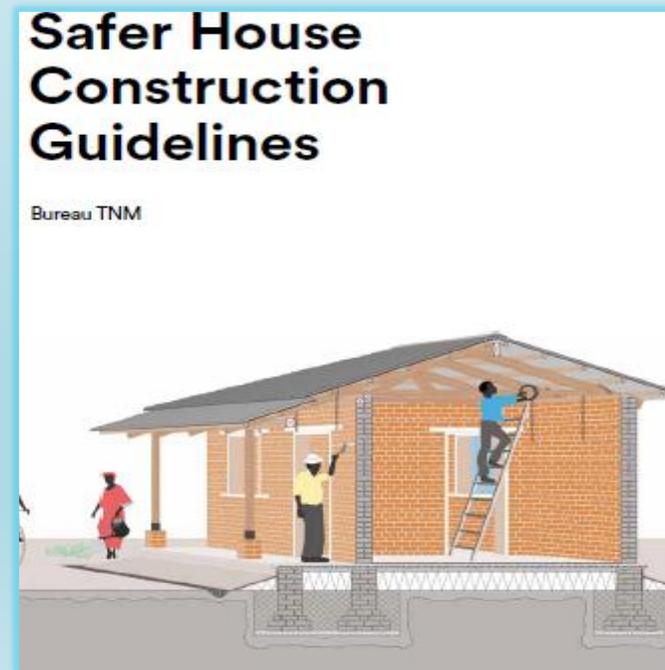
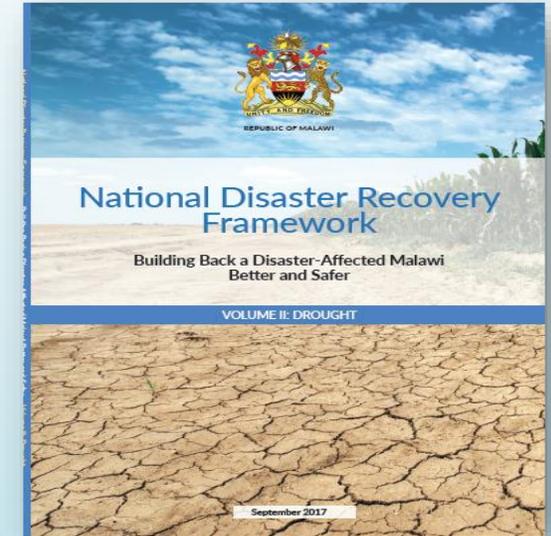
- Need to strengthen approaches to ensure sustainability of mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and cross learning at community level
- Supporting the development and implementation of district disaster risk management plans
- Networking among stakeholders in disaster risk reduction/climate change adaptation programmes and projects
- Developing Innovative Solutions with Communities to overcome Vulnerability
- Capacity-building of Civil Protection Committees in disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
- Strengthening Community-Based and People Centred Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System (CBFFEWS)



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# Special Support of ACP-EU Support towards Mainstreaming of DRM & CCA in Malawi

- Supported the development of Building Regulations to enhancing building practice from design to construction
- Supported the flood & drought PDNAs and the development of National Disaster Recovery Frameworks
- Supporting the review of the NDRM Bill that promotes improving coordination of disaster risk management programmes Promoting resilience across hazards and by all relevant sectors
- Supporting the development of National Urban Policy that promotes efficient urban development planning and management & strengthening environmental quality and resilience of urban settlements
- Supporting the establishment of a strong mechanisms for risk financing, reporting, coordination & reporting on MGDS III through the Cat-DDO operation
- Supporting sharing of data for resilience through the Malawi **Spatial** Data Portal ([www.masdap.mw](http://www.masdap.mw))
- Supporting the development of Disaster Risk Finance Strategy



# Further support from AC-EU/ World Bank

- Technical & financial support to conduct a comprehensive & national wide disaster risk assessment
- Support the dissemination and enforcing building regulations, standards and policies
- Further support towards public awareness and education to enhance preparedness and building resilience

Thank you for your attention



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