



# **MINISTRY OF WATER & SANITATION**

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## **MALAWI WASH SECTOR OVERVIEW**

# Presentation Outline



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3. Sector Regulation
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**Vision**



**Water and Sanitation  
for all! ALWAYS**

# Mandate



To manage and develop water resources for the sustainable, effective, and efficient provision for multipurpose use and provision of water supply and sanitation services in a more coordinated manner in support of Malawi's socio-economic development agenda.



# Mission and Strategic Objectives

- i. Improve water resources management;
- ii. Increase availability and accessibility of water supply;
- iii. Increase access to improved sanitation and safe hygiene practices;
- iv. Improve sector management for the efficient provision of water and sanitation.



# WASH Sector Organisation

## 1. Government

- a) Ministry of Water and Sanitation (MoWS)
- b) Waterboards
- c) Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)
- d) Independent Regulator

## 2. Development Partners: AfDB now lead

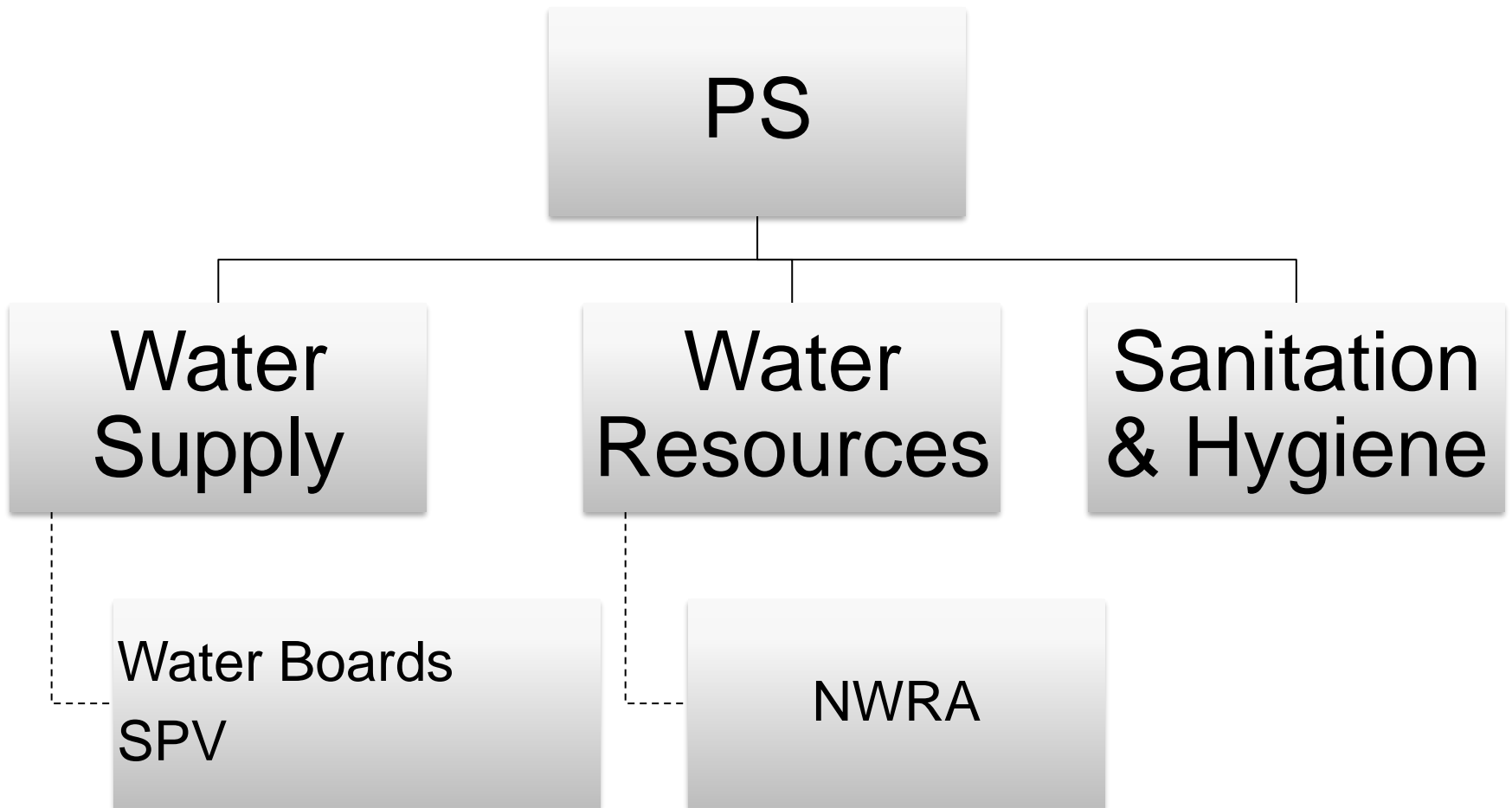
- World Bank, EIB, UNICEF etc.

## 3. Non-Governmental Organisations:

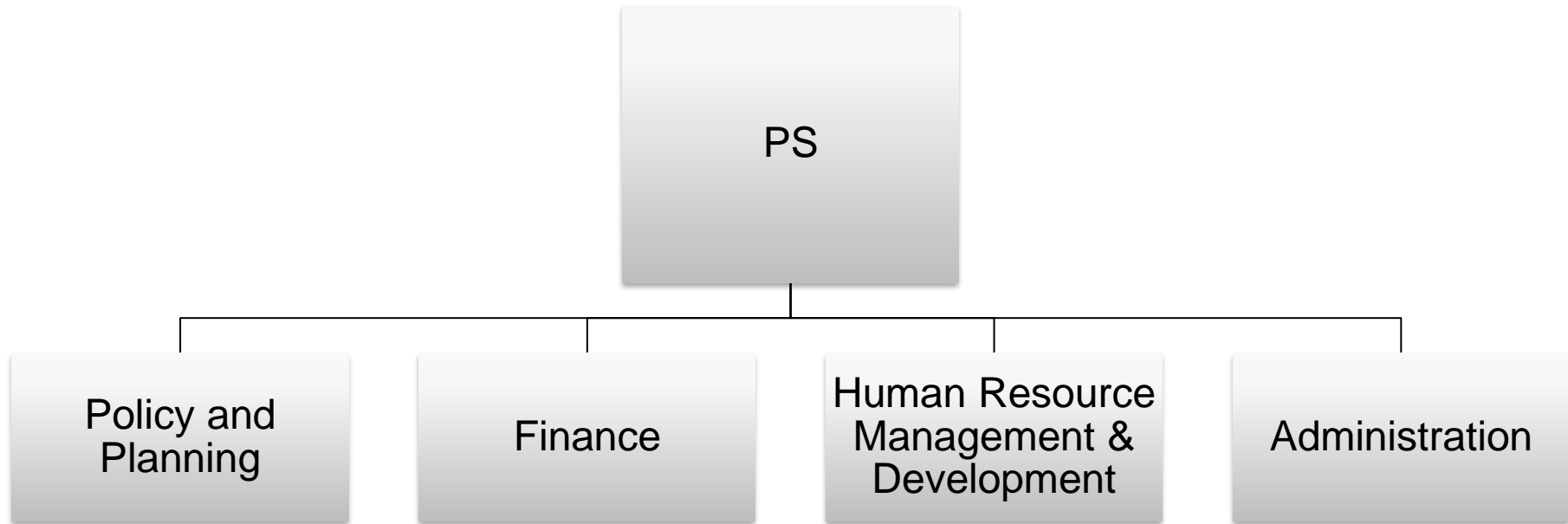
- Several NGO's, local and international under one Umbrella Body-The Water and Environmental Sanitation Network (WESNET)



# MoWS Structure - Technical

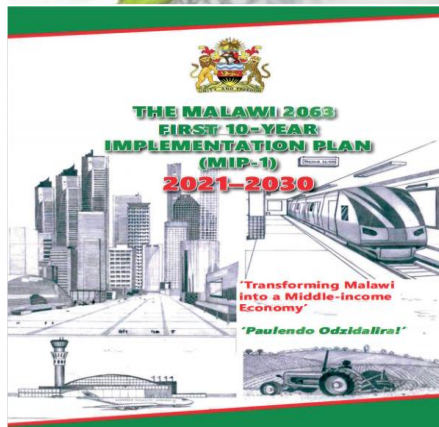
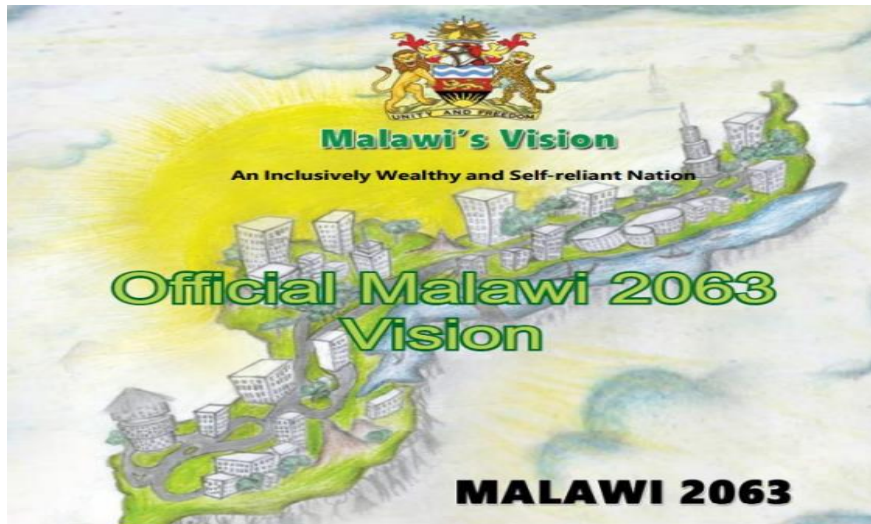


# MoWS Structure – Non-Technical





# STATUS OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER AND SANITATION



- Newly formed Ministry
- Aim at achieving universal access to safe water and sanitation
- Guiding blocks
  - Malawi 2063
  - Malawi first 10 year Implementation Plan (MIP-1)
  - SDG 6

# STATUS OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER AND SANITATION



1. Policy and strategic Frameworks
  - a) Strategic Plan for the Ministry
  - b) National Water Policy
  - c) National Sanitation Policy
2. Legal Frameworks
  - a) **Water Resources Act of 2013-** establishes a Regulator of Water Resources
  - b) **Water Works Act of 1995-** under review to establish a regulator of Water Supply and Sanitation
  - a) **Sanitation and Hygiene Act-** under development and will also establish a regulator of sanitation services

Note: one Regulator of Water supply and Sanitation services



# SECTOR REGULATION

## A. Water Resources:

a) **Type:** Regulation by Agency

b) **Name:** National Water Resources Authority

## B. Water Supply and Sanitation:

a) **Type:** Hybrid-Self and Ministerial Regulation

b) **Nature:**

i. Technical Regulation done by Utility companies

ii. Economic Regulation done by the Ministry

# Direction on Sector Regulation



- Establish independent Regulator of Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) Services
- Undertaking a study tours to learn from others on the following:
  - a) Technical Regulation
  - b) Economic Regulation
  - c) Effectiveness of different modes of WSS regulation with particular focus on independent Regulator-feasibility assessment
  - d) Feasibility of having one Regulator for WASH sector-Combining Water resources and WSS regulation



# 2024/25 Priorities (Water Resources)

- Develop new water resources structures for socio-economic development
- Install and institutionalize a real-time groundwater level monitoring system to track fluctuation of groundwater
- Integrate and enforce catchment protection
- Ratify and operationalize transboundary water course agreements with neighboring countries to govern coordinated abstraction from shared water courses
- Rehabilitate and construct water Quality Laboratories.



# 2024/25 Priorities (Water Supply)

- Establish a maintenance trust fund for sustainability of rural water investments
- Construct piped water supply systems in the rural areas
- Rehabilitate gravity water schemes
- Develop and operationalize urban water supply master plan for all major cities and secondary cities



## 2024/25 Priorities (Water Supply...cont)

- Develop sustainable WASH facilities and networks in rural and hard to reach areas and all public schools and health facilities
- Conduct research and development of local solutions/technologies to solve local WASH problems
- Introduce professionalized management models for rural water and semi-urban water supply – studies already done

# 2024/25 Priorities (Sanitation)



- Develop and operationalize waste water management master plan for all major cities and secondary cities
- Accelerate the integration of waste water management within operational framework of the urban water boards, including exploring PPPs for the management of the waste management facilities
- Intensify promotion of good hygiene message





## 2024/25 Priorities (Sanitation)...cont

- Develop national sanitation investment plan
- Facilitate the transferring of sewerage management from city councils to water utilities

# 2024/25 Priorities (Human Resources)



- Conduct functional review
- Strengthen the institutional capacities

# 2024/25 Priorities (Planning)



- Establish a management information system for water and sanitation investments to help inform allocation of new investments
- Coordinate development of new WASH projects for the sector

# CHALLENGES



- a) Inadequate financial resources due to
  - ❖ Inadequate State funding
  - ❖ limited success in resources mobilization strategy
- a) Frequent occurrence of Climate Related disasters-  
Destroying available WASH Infrastructure
- b) Regulation gaps leading to inefficient technical management of Water supply and Sanitation services
- c) Inadequate personnel and limited capacity
- d) Vandalism/theft
- e) Unstable Currency leading to rising cost of raw materials



# **SECTOR POLICY DIRECTION**

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## **NATIONAL WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMME**

# National Water and Sanitation Programme



- The Ministry's immediate aspirations point to Sector Prioritization through **a programmatic approach**
- The priorities have been derived from the Malawi 2063 First Ten Year Implementation Plan (MIP-1) and the National Water Policy (2023).
- These priorities will form the National Water and Sanitation Programme (2024 – 2034).

# National Water and Sanitation Programme.....



- A. Overall Aim of the Programme:** To support the realisation of National Vision-Malawi 2063 by focusing on:
- i. Job Creation
  - ii. Wealth Creation
  - iii. Food security-supporting agriculture through irrigation
- B.** The Programme will also be key in supporting the three pillars: Agricultural Productivity and Commercialization, Industrialization, Urbanization

# National Water and Sanitation Programme.....



- ❖ The Key Components of the Programme include:
  - a) Water Resources Development and Management;
  - b) Water Supply Service development
  - c) Sanitation and Hygiene Development
  - d) Regulation, Appraisal, Reporting, Monitoring and Evaluation
  - e) Institutional and Capacity strengthening





Thank You !