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Environmental and Social Considerations in Detailed Planning Survey
(Technical Cooperation for Development Planning)

1. Full title of the Project

The Project for the Formulation of Development Master Plan for Chileka International Airport in Blantyre

2. Type of the study

Master Plan

3. Categorization and its reason

The Study is classified as a “Category B” because the project is unlikely to cause significant adverse environmental and social impacts referring to the sensitive sectors, characteristics and areas described in “Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations, JICA, April 2010”.

4. Agency or institution responsible for the implementation of the Project

Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) ,the Ministry of Transport and Public Works (MTPW)

5. Outline of the Project

(1) Objectives

1) Overall Goal (which will be attained after implementing the proposed plan)

To ensure safe, efficient and sustainable development and operations of Chileka International Airport

2) Project Purpose

To formulate a development master plan for Chileka International Airport

(2) Justification

Air transport plays a vital role to enhance communication, trade, tourism and investment for Malawi due to its geographical positioning. Chileka International Airport serves the city of Blantyre, which is Malawi's second largest city, and the center of finance and commerce of the country.

Air traffic demand is steadily increasing at Chileka International Airport. However, the conditions of airport facilities are poor because no major improvements have been undertaken at the airport since it was built in the late 1940s. Airside infrastructures including runways do not comply with international standards, the passenger terminal building is small and usually heavily congested, and most of the airport equipment is old and dilapidated.

Under such circumstances, the Government of Malawi recognized the need to formulate a development master plan for Chileka International Airport so that improvements of airport facilities can be planned and undertaken in an orderly and coordinated manner to meet further increase of air services demand. The Government of Malawi requested this technical cooperation to the Government of Japan.

(3) Location

Chileka International Airport in Blantyre

(4) Scope of the Study

1) Outputs

The major outputs of the Project are as follows:

- Analysis on current situation of air transport in Malawi and Chileka International Airport
- Formulation of Development Master Plan for Chileka International Airport up to year 2040
- Outline of the First Phase Development Plan of Chileka International Airport

2) Activities

Current Situation of Air Transport in Malawi and Chileka International Airport

- a) Understanding of Current Situation
 - Socio-economic Conditions
 - National Development Plan and Transportation Strategy
 - Air Services and Air Traffic Demand
 - Department of Civil Aviation and Air Operators
 - Existing Facilities and Services of Chileka International Airport
 - Operation and Management of Chileka International Airport
 - Assistance by Donor Agencies other than JICA
- b) Natural Conditions of Airport Site
 - Weather
 - Topography and Geology

- Natural Disaster

Development Master Plan for Chileka International Airport

- c) Air Traffic Demand Forecasts
 - Passenger Forecast
 - Cargo Forecast
 - Aircraft Movement Forecast
- d) Facility Requirements and Evaluation of Existing Facilities
 - Facility Requirements with respect to Air Traffic Demand Forecasts and ICAO Safety Standards
 - Evaluation of Existing Facilities with Demand/Capacity Analysis
- e) Development Master Plan for Chileka International Airport
 - First Phase Development Plan to meet air traffic demand up to year 2030
 - Long-term Development Plan for years 2031-2040
- f) Strategic Environmental Assessment (Comparative Analysis of Alternative Plans including ‘without project’ option and “zero option” from technical, financial, and impacts of environmental and social points of view, and select the optimal plan)

Outline of First Phase Development Project

- g) Preliminary Design
 - Runway, Taxiways and Apron
 - Passenger Terminal Building, Cargo Terminal Building, Rescue and Fire Fighting Station and Control Tower
 - Road and Car Park
 - Aeronautical Ground Lights
 - Air Navigation System
 - Power Supply, Water Supply, Sewage Treatment and Solid Waste Disposal Systems
- h) Project Cost Estimates
 - Packaging of the Project
 - Preliminary Cost Estimate
- i) Environmental Impact Assessment
- j) Economic and Financial Analyses
 - Economic Analysis of the Project

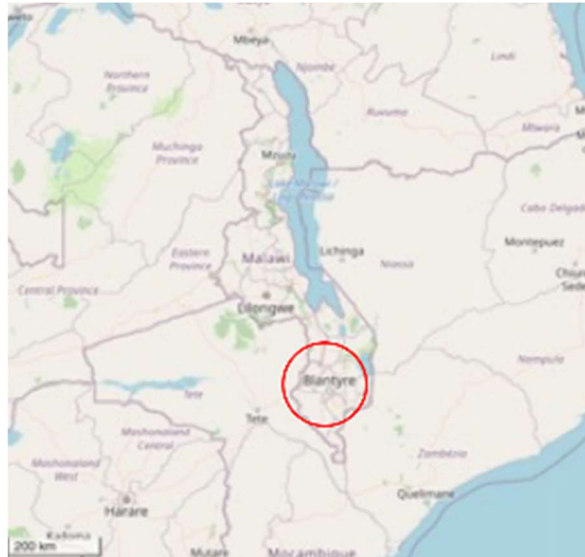
- Financial Analysis of the Project

6. Description of the project site

(1) Physical location

Chileka International Airport is located about 13 km northwest from the Central Building District of Blantyre. The airport is in TA Kunthembwe area and surrounded by Nkata Village and Gadaga Village. Chileka International Airport is in the Blantyre Shire Highlands but the airport area is relatively flat. There is a hill at the south side of the airport and the hill is an obstacle to operate the aircraft in this side. This hill is part of Chegwadja Forest Reserve. There is another hilly area about 20km east from the airport.

(2) Location map of the project site



Location of Blantyre

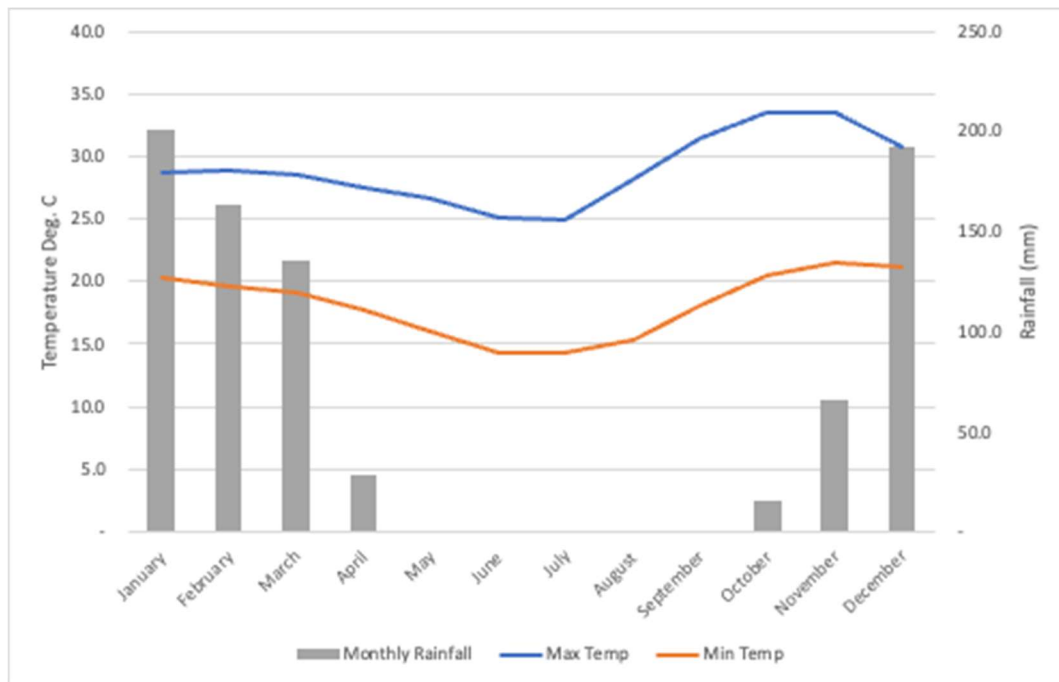


Location of Chileka International Airport

(3) Environmental and social condition

1) Natural conditions

Ten-year average of total monthly rainfall, monthly average maximum temperature and monthly average minimum temperature at Chileka International Airport are shown below. During rainy season, from November to March, monthly total rainfall is 140 to 200 mm. Temperature is high in October and November and the monthly average maximum temperature of these months is 33 degrees Celsius. In the dry season, the temperature is low, the maximum temperature is 25 degrees Celsius and the minimum temperature goes down to 14 degrees Celsius in June and July.

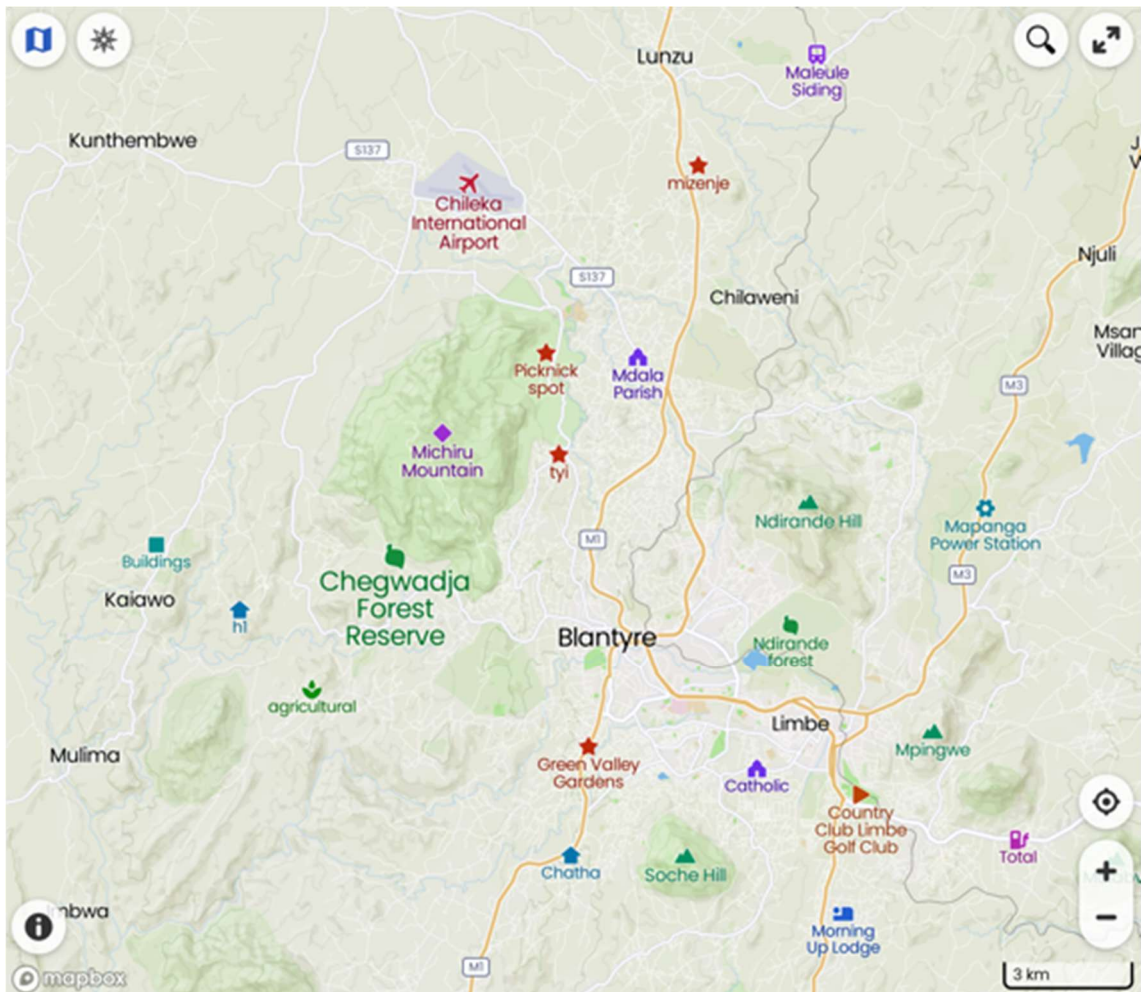


Climate in Chileka International Airport

2) Nearby Nature Reserve Area (including Protected Area)

There is Michiru Mountain, of which altitude is 1196m at 6km from Chileka International Airport. The mountain is famous for many species of birds. The surrounding area of Michiru Mountain is a mountain forest reserve, which covers 3004ha. In addition, there is Chegwadja Forest Reserve 10km from the airport.

There is Soche Forest Reserve Area at 4km from the centre of Blantyre. This area is selected as Key Biodiversity Area (KBA).



Location map of Chileka International Airport, Michiru Mountain, Chegwadja Forest Reserve and Soche Forest Reserve

(4) Current issues

1) Development challenges in Blantyre

According to the “Blantyre District Development Plan 2017-2022”, Blantyre faces the following thirteen development challenges.

High food insecurity, low household incomes, high population growth, poor standards of education, poor road network, high environmental degradation, high level of teenage pregnancies, high rate of youth unemployment, high morbidity and mortality, low access to portable water, high levels of malnutrition, high crime rate, and poor governance and accountability structures.

Blantyre District Council formulated “Blantyre District Development Plan 2017-2022” to cope with these development challenges.

2) Issues in Chileka International Airport

DCA identified the following issues in Chileka International Airport.

Facility	Issues
Runways and taxiways	Runway is short and narrow – restrict aircraft utilization Mountains in the vicinity make approach, landing and takeoff operations difficult especially in marginal weather Blocked airfield drainage system creates pools of water on the runways/taxiways affecting and endangering aircraft operations There are potholes and cracks on the runways and taxiways pavement.
Apron	The area is too small, difficult to accommodate aircraft Pavement showing signs of weakness
Airfield Lighting	Approach lights – all out of service Runway edge lights – partially serviceable (50%) Taxiway lights - 75% serviceable Flood lights – 60% serviceable Lighting system is old and expensive to operate and repair Power supply is unstable.
Air Navigation System	Transmitter and receivers area cover is short range. Instrument landing system unserviceable.
Terminal Building	Buildings too close to the ramp (aircraft parking) Jet blasts by aircraft in the apron break glasses. Passenger congestion in the arrival lounge, at security check points, screening areas, and check-in counters area. Arrival lounge can accommodate less than 50 passengers. Lack of proper meeters and greeters area for arriving passengers. Air conditioners and cooling system is old and expensive to repair
Human resource	Shortage of skilled maintenance staff (plumbers, carpenters)- contract workers are expensive. Vacant critical posts affect performance.
Finance	Inadequate budget Not commensurate with scope of responsibilities Delayed and erratic funding Payment process too slow and unreliable due to erratic network.

7. Legal Framework of Environmental and Social Considerations

- (1) Laws, regulations and standards related to environmental and social issues including requirements and procedures of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), stakeholder participation, and information disclosure.

1) National Environmental Policy (NEP) (2004)

NEP is an umbrella policy for the management of the environment, the policy recommends a set of actions that should be taken to redress the aggravating environmental degradation and facilitate sustainable utilization. The NEP includes a requirement that districts elaborate and update a District Environmental Action Plan every 5 years. The NEP provides guidance and sets standards for developing sector policies on the environment and natural resources. The NEP includes environmental goals and strategies for land, water, forestry, fisheries, agriculture, energy, and other sectors. NEP stipulates need to increase public and political awareness and understanding of the need for sustained environmental protection, conservation and management.

2) National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) (1994)

National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP) identified environmental issues that needed to be addressed and possible solutions. Among the key issues identified were soil erosion, deforestation, water degradation, depletion of fish resources, and human habitat degradation. The NEAP identified the need to strengthen the environmental authority for implementing proposed solutions and anticipated that the participatory process would be followed by the elaboration of District Environmental Action Plans that would dovetail into the NEAP.

3) National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan II (2015 -2025)

The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan II is a framework for action that guides Malawi to sustainably manage its biodiversity. This strategy was prepared in response to the National Environmental Action Plan (NEAP), which identified biodiversity loss as one of the major environmental concerns requiring immediate action. The strategy outlines the status of the biological resources in Malawi and provides strategies, targets, and actions to be taken to ensure their sustainable management. The strategy strives to attain improved capacity and knowledge on biodiversity management; increased mainstreaming of biodiversity in sectoral and local development policies and plans; reduced direct pressures on biodiversity; improved status of biodiversity through safeguarding of ecosystems, species, and genetic diversity; and enhanced benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services.

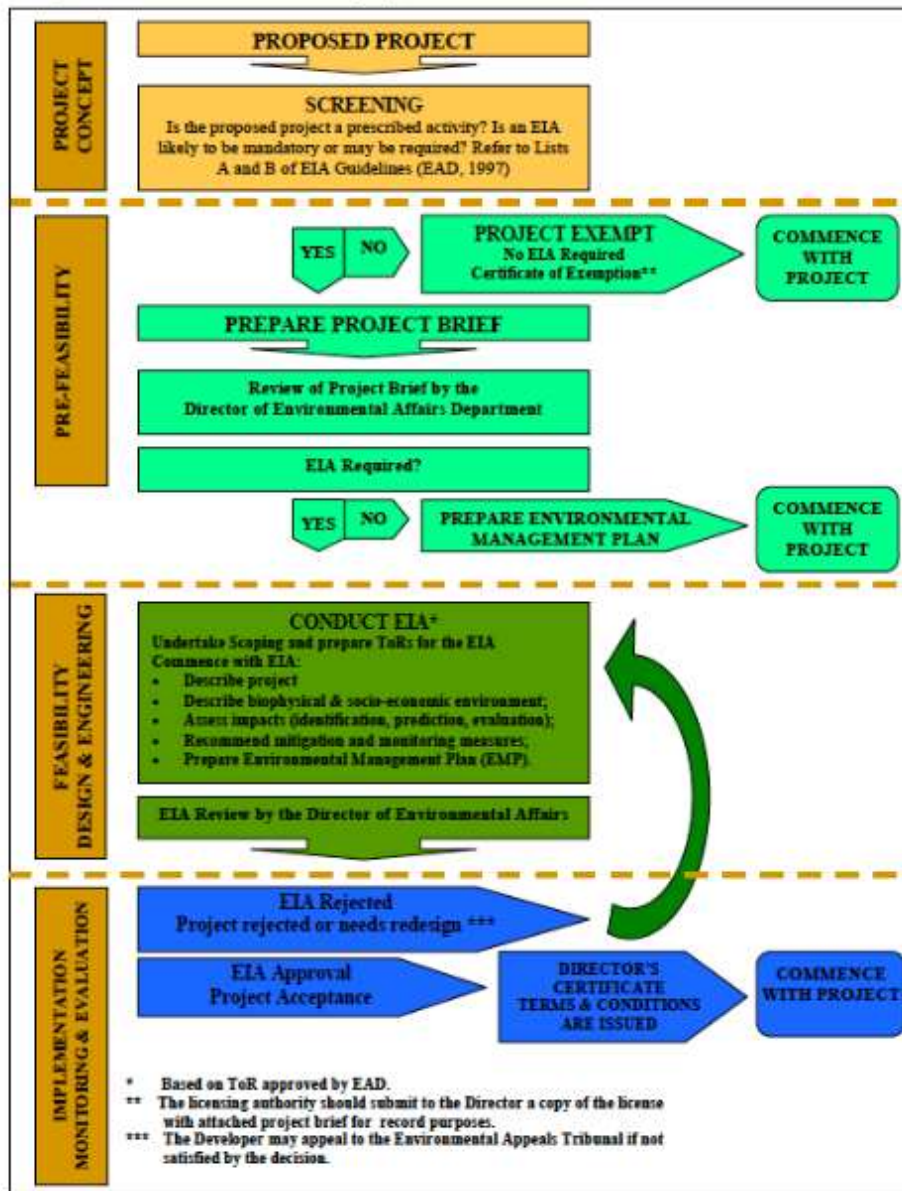
4) Environment Management Act No.19 of 2017

This act concerns the conservation and management of the environment in Malawi and prescribes environmental standards. It also concerns the conservation and management of biological (genetic) resources. The Act consists of 119 sections divided into 17 Parts, covering main areas of environmental concern as follows: Preliminary (I); General principles (II); the Environment Protection Authority (III); Other Institutional Arrangements for Environmental Management (IV); Environmental Planning (V). Strategic Environmental Assessment is explained in Section 30 of part 4 in the act.

5) Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in Malawi

The purpose of these Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in Malawi is to facilitate compliance with Malawi's environmental impact assessment (EIA) requirements by Government, project developers and the general public. The introduction to the guidelines (Chapter 1) defines EIA, describes objectives of the EIA, prerequisites and the statutory basis for EIA in Malawi, and indicates how EIA is integrated into general project planning processes. In Chapter 2, the EIA process, roles and responsibilities in Malawi are described. The relationship of EIA to other project planning and approval processes in the country are outlined in Chapter 3. Appendices provide supportive information on a number of topics. The guideline provides a list of projects that require EIA (List A) and a list of projects that may require EIA (List B). Airport expansion project is listed in List A, A4 Infrastructure projects, A4.6 Construction of new airport and airstrips or expansion of existing and airstrips and their ancillary facilities.

General EIA process in Malawi is shown in the figure below:



Source: EIA Guideline for Mining Project, Environmental Affairs Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

(2) Laws, regulations and standards related to land

The Malawi National Land Policy (2002) provides a sound institutional framework for land management and introduces, among others, much needed procedures for more effective land-based investment selection, land market transactions and management of development at all levels.

Other major laws and regulations for land management are listed below:

- Land Act 2016

- Physical Planning Act 2016
- Land Survey Act 2016
- Customary Land Act 2016
- The Registered Land (Amendment) Act 2016
- Public Roads (Amendment) Act 2016
- Forestry (Amendment) Act 2016
- Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act 2016
- Local Government (Amendment) Act 2016
- Malawi Housing Corporation (Amendment) Act 2016
- Lands acquisition Act 2016
- Town and Country Planning Act (cap 23:01),1988

(3) Laws, regulations and standards related to gender

Gender related laws and policies are:

- Gender Equality Act of 2013
- Marriage, Divorce and Family Relations Act of 2015
- Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 2006
- Deceased Estates (Wills, Inheritance and Protection) Act of 2011
- Child Care, Protection and Justice Act of 2015
- Trafficking in Persons Act of 2015
- National Gender Policy (2015)
- Re-admission Policy (2018)
- National Social Welfare Policy (2014)
- Draft Model Gender Policy on Higher Learning (2021)

(4) Other Laws and policies related to environment

Other laws and policies related to environment are:

- National Water Policy (2005) and Water Resources Act , Number 36 (2013)
- Water Works Act (72:02), 1995.
- Public Health Act (cap 34:01),1966.
- Occupational Safety, Health and Welfare Act (cap 55:01) (1997)
- National HIV/Aids Policy (2012)

(5) Relative agencies and institutions

1) Department of Civil Aviation (DCA), Ministry of Transport and Public Works

DCA is the implementation agency of the project. DCA has both functions of regulator of civil aviation and operator of the airport and air traffic control system, and currently operates Chileka International Airport. DCA belongs to the Ministry of Transport and Public Works.

2) Environmental Affairs Department (EAD), Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining (MNREN)

EAD is a government agency established to exercise general supervision and coordination over all matters relating to the environment, natural resources and climate change management in Malawi. It provides environmental stewardship and enforces the environmental mandate through various approaches and strategies. Among others, it promotes conservation, sustainable use, and protection of the environment and natural resources in line with the principles of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) and other development goals. EAD is responsible for approval of Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and for issue ESIA certificates.

3) Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare

The Ministry of Gender, Children Disability and Social Welfare is mandated to promote gender equality and protect the welfare of Malawian women, men, girls and boys to become self-reliant and active participants and beneficiaries of the national development agenda.

8. Provisional Scoping (types and magnitudes of possible adverse impacts and mitigation measures)

Results of preliminary scoping is shown below.

Results of Preliminary Scoping

No.	Environmental Item	Affected Object	Selection Condition		Selection Reason	Survey Methods
			Before and during project	After project		
1	Involuntary resettlement	Residents in the construction area	✓		<p>Before project: It is conceivable that residential land and agricultural land will disappear due to land use modification and land occupancy due to the expansion project of the current airport.</p> <p>After project: No additional land acquisition or relocation of residents is expected after the project.</p>	Document/ site survey

2	Local economy such as employment and livelihood means	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: Loss of production opportunities such as agriculture due to land use modification, and loss of employment opportunities due to changes in the economic structure (employment form) due to the implementation of the project are conceivable.	Document/ site survey
3	Land use and local resource use		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of changes in land use from farmland to airports is unknown.	Document survey
4	Social capital and social organization of decision-making bodies	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of changes in decision-making bodies due to the expansion of the current airport and the construction of access roads is unknown.	Document survey
5	Existing social infrastructures and social services		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of the current airport expansion project on social services such as regional life and division of economic activities is unknown.	Document survey
6	Poor, indigenous peoples, and ethnic minorities		✓		Before project: The extent of the impact is unknown, but the relocation target may include the poor. After project: No additional activities are expected that will affect the poor after project.	Document survey
7	Uneven distribution of damage and convenience		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the damage and uneven distribution of convenience in the area due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
8	Cultural heritage		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of the loss of archaeological sites and cultural properties due to the modification of land use due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
9	Conflicts of interest within the region	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of the implementation of the current airport expansion project on conflicts of interest within the region is unknown.	Document survey
10	Water use, rights to water / common rights	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact on water rights due to land use alterations such as rivers and wetlands due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
11	Public health	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of the implementation of the current airport expansion project, such as bringing in infectious diseases from outside such as domestic and foreign travelers, is unknown.	Document survey
12	Disaster (Risk) and infection such as HIV/AIDS		✓		During project: The extent to which the risk of ground collapse, cave-in, accidents, etc. will increase due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project, and the extent to which infectious diseases such as HIV / AIDS will occur are unknown.	Document survey
13	Gender	Residents in	✓	✓	During and after project: No particular	Document/ site

		and around the construction area and			negative impact on gender is expected from this project, but the presence or absence of impact will be evaluated after confirming the local situation at the time of the field survey.	survey
14	Children's rights	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: No particular negative impact on children's rights is expected from this project, but the presence or absence of impact will be evaluated after confirming the local situation at the time of the field survey.	Document/ site survey
15	Working environment (including occupational safety)	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓		During Project: It is necessary to consider the working environment of construction workers. After Project: No work is planned that could have a negative impact on workers after the project.	Document survey
16	Topography and geology	Land in the construction area	✓	✓	During and after project: It is unclear to what extent the implementation of the current airport expansion project will cause valuable topographical and geological changes due to excavation and embankment.	Document survey
17	Reserve area	Land in the construction area			During and after project: There are no national parks or reserve areas in or around the project site.	Document survey
18	Ground-water	Land in the construction area/ use of water	✓	✓	During and after project: It is unclear to what extent the implementation of the current airport expansion project will have the effect of lowering the groundwater level and water pollution due to excessive pumping.	Document survey
19	Soil erosion	Land in the construction area	✓	✓	During and after project: It is unclear to what extent the implementation of the current airport expansion project will have an impact on topsoil runoff due to rainwater after land reclamation and deforestation.	Document survey
20	Hydrology	Lakes / rivers and neighboring residents	✓	✓	During and after project: It is unclear to what extent the implementation of the current airport expansion project will affect changes in flow velocity, water quality, riverbed, etc. due to landfill and inflow of wastewater into rivers and lakes.	Document survey
21	Coastal zone	None			During and after project: Since the planned site of this project does not face the coast, it is considered that there will be almost no impact of changes in coastal topography, erosion, sedimentation, etc. due to coastal construction such as reclamation.	-
22	Ecosystem	Animals and plants that inhabit and grow in and around the project area	✓	✓	During project: The impact on the ecosystem due to land use modification / creation may be considered. After project: The impact on the ecosystem due to exhaust gas, noise, etc. due to the increase in traffic volume, and the impact on birds by aircraft (bird strike) can be considered.	Document survey
23	Meteorology	Residents	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact on the weather due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
24	Landscape	Neighbors	✓	✓	During and after project: Landscape	Document/ site

					harmony may be hindered by land development and structural construction associated with airport development.	survey
25	Cross-border impacts and climate change	Residents	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact on global warming due to the increase in exhaust gas and the increase in road and aircraft traffic volume due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
26	Air pollution	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of the generation of dust during construction due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project and the increase in exhaust gas due to the increase in road traffic volume and aircraft movements during operation is unknown.	Document survey
27	Water pollution		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of increased wastewater load due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project and pollution of lakes, rivers, and groundwater due to construction work and drainage from plants is unknown.	Document survey
28	Soil contamination		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the effects on the human body of harmful substances, heavy metals, etc. that have been improperly disposed of due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
29	Waste		✓	✓	During and after project: It is unknown how much sludge will be generated from construction waste, surplus soil, and treatment facilities due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project.	Document survey
30	Noise and vibration	Neighboring residents of airports and roads	✓	✓	During project: Noise and vibration may be generated by construction vehicles. After project: Noise and vibration may increase as the number of aircraft and traffic increases.	Document/ site survey
31	Land subsidence	Residents in and around the construction area and	✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the impact of groundwater subsidence due to the construction of the current airport expansion project and the use of groundwater associated with living and economic activities is unknown.	Document survey
32	Offensive odor	Neighbors	✓	✓	During and after project: The degree of foul odor due to the generation of foul odors from waste disposal sites, sewage treatment plants, etc. due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project, and the increase in exhaust gas due to the increase in traffic volume is unknown.	Document survey
33	Sediment		✓	✓	During and after project: The degree of deterioration of the sediment in rivers and wetlands due to the accumulation of pollutants in the construction and plant wastewater associated with the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey

34	Accidents		✓	✓	During and after project: The extent of the increase in construction vehicles and accidents due to the increase in traffic volume due to the implementation of the current airport expansion project is unknown.	Document survey
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9. Result of the consultation with recipient government on environmental and social consideration including roles and responsibilities.

DCA is responsible for overseeing environmental and social considerations of the project. DCA agreed with the detailed planning survey team on May 21, 2021 to abide by “JICA Guidelines for Environmental and Social Considerations (April, 2010)” in order to ensure that appropriate considerations will be made for the environmental and social impacts of the Project.

10. Terms of Reference for Environmental and Social Considerations

(1) Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Development of Airport Master Plan

DCA and JICA agreed that this Project will conduct Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the airport master planning in accordance with “the Guideline” and Environment Management Act (No. 19 of 2017), aiming to ensure that environmental and social aspects are considered effectively in plan making stage.

The terms of the reference (TOR) of the SEA for the development of airport master plan shall include, but not limited to, the followings:

- 1) Examination of objectives and goals on related policies and plans and the issues on environmental and social aspects for the development of airport plan
- 2) Examination of alternative plans of each option in order to attain goals of the project under various conditions (alternative plans include development of Kamuzu International Airport and use of land transport)
- 3) Examination of policy and contents of plans (prediction of development)
- 4) Conduct of scoping (clarify extremely important items on environmental and social impacts and its evaluation methods at the time of decision making such as policy, plan, and program levels)
- 5) Confirmation of existing environmental and social conditions of the proposed project area as a baseline data (land use, environmental pollution, natural environment, socio-economic situation, culture and lifestyle of indigenous people and their communities, local economy and socio-cultural environment and others)
- 6) Confirmation of legal framework and institution of Malawi on environmental and social considerations

- 7) Laws, regulations and standards related to environmental and social considerations (environmental impact assessment, resettlement, public participation, information disclosure and others)
- 8) Gaps between the “Guideline” and legal framework of Malawi on environmental and social considerations and how they will be filled in the Project
- 9) Outlines of relative agencies and institutions responsible for the implementation of the project responsible for implementation of environmental and social considerations including EIA and SEA, and division of their roles
- 10) Predict likely environmental and social impacts of each alternative based on the results of scoping
- 11) Evaluation of the project’s likely impacts and comparative analysis of alternatives at the Policy (P), Planning (P), and Program (P), (PPP) level including ‘without project’ option and “zero option” from technical, financial, and impacts of environmental and social points of view, and select the optimal plan
- 12) Supporting of consultation local stakeholders (purpose of meeting, participants, content of meeting and others. Stakeholder meetings should be organized based on stakeholder analysis and results of consultations should be reflected in the project design)

(2) Environmental Impact Assessment for the First Phase Development Project

This Project will propose the First Phase Development Project of Chileka International Airport after the formulation of the Master Plan. The envisaged airport development project will be categorized as a List A project, for which Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is mandatory, in accordance with EIA Guideline of the Environmental Affairs Department (EAD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining (MNREN), procedure.

DCA and JICA agreed that this Project will prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report so that EAD will decide the approval on the airport development project.

The terms of the reference (TOR) of the EIA for the First Phase Development Project of Chileka International Airport is indicated as follows:

- 1) Policy, Legal and Administrative Framework
- 2) Description of the Project

- 3) Description and Assessment of the Environment of Project Area
- 4) Identification and Assessment of Environmental Impacts (Scoping)
- 5) Analysis of Alternatives and Mitigation Measures
- 6) Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan

11. Other relevant information

None.

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