

3.5. The Intervention Logic

The Action will improve humane and effective delivery of justice for all. The underlying intervention logic for this Action is that this objective can be achieved by addressing the constraints on the ability, especially for certain disadvantaged groups, to access to justice which have resulted in:

- a. Low demand for access on the part of citizens; and
- b. Inadequate responsiveness from the duty-bearers tasked with justice delivery.

As such the Action will focus on the attainment of two specific and related outcomes: (1) To improve access to justice for all by increasing demand for access to justice by all, especially women and people living in poverty ; (2) To enhance effectiveness of institutional framework to improve inclusive responsiveness of duty-bearers.

Improved access to justice will be sought by improving people's capacity to demand for justice, their motivation to increasingly access and rely on justice institutions and at the same time the responsiveness of the justice providers. Activities in support to awareness raising and aiming at increasing the overall knowledge of the Malawi law and of the legal system at large will be combined with initiatives addressing major bottlenecks discouraging people to access justice and mainly focusing on reducing the cost of accessing justice and improving transparency and accountability in the system. The success of these outputs will largely depend on the holding of the assumptions that the political environment will continue to be conducive for increased accountability of justice institutions, the relevant authorities continue mass public awareness on the legal services and aid and the relevant institutions avail sufficient resources to maintain the digitalised processes and platforms.

At the same time, the increased demand arising by more empowered citizens and by a better and more accessible delivery of justice services will be sustained by an improved institutional framework and supported by strengthened justice institutions. The Action will in fact be supporting the development of relevant legislations and policies and the institutional strengthening of all the relevant justice institutions to support their implementation and enforcement. The assumptions underpinning successful implementation are that role players in the criminal justice system will remain amenable to coordinating efforts, that the Prison Bill if finally passed to introduce the Parole System and that the draft Democratic Governance Sector Strategy is followed-up, endorsed, partly funded and monitored.