

## 5. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

### 5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this Action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the Action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the Action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (Outputs and direct Outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the logframe matrix (for project modality) and the partner's strategy, policy or reform action plan list (for budget support).

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

Roles and responsibilities for data collection, analysis and monitoring:

For the budget support component, the MoFEA and the MoE as well as the other public agencies taking part in the Action (such as MRA and NAO, etc.) will report on the sector policies. The MoFEA will report on macroeconomic performance, improvements in public financial management and budget transparency.

The budget support programme will be reviewed through annual reviews to assess compliance with the General Conditions and Performance Indicators for the release of the variable tranches. The reviews will be timed to meet the indicative disbursement schedule. An independent review team (third party contracted by the EU Delegation) may support the process for each instalment.

For complementary support, reports shall be laid out in such a way as to allow monitoring of the support provided through the Action. The final report, narrative and financial, will cover the entire period of the Action implementation.

The statistical and monitoring systems as well as the quality of official data in the policy field covered have been assessed. This assessment has fed into the design of the Action as follows:

Eligibility monitoring will be based on the collection and analysis of primary data, sector-level M&E framework, PFM progress reports, and policy dialogue with MoFEA, MoE and other stakeholders.

Progress in the education sector will be monitored through existing Government of Malawi's led monitoring mechanisms and reports (e.g. Annual Joint Sector Review, Education Sector (Annual) Progress Report, Annual Education Statistics report) building on data collected through the country's Education Management Information System (EMIS) and joint supervision missions organised with Development Partners concerned by the Action and the Government of Malawi.

Monitoring of the macroeconomic situation will be done through the analysis of reports published by the IMF, in particular those prepared in the framework of the ECF arrangement, as well as by the World Bank and the GoM. Other publications will also be used when relevant.

Progress on PFM as well as on transparency and oversight will be primarily monitored based on the annual reporting of the new PFM strategy and other documents made available by the GoM (such as budget documentation and external audit reports) and assessments from the Open Budget Survey. Reviews and reports from donor funded PFM projects will also be used to cross-check available information. When needed, ad hoc assessments will be commissioned.

Furthermore, the principle of gender equality, human rights-based approach and rights of persons with disabilities including inclusion and diversity will be monitored and reported where relevant.