

Legal Aid

Vote Number: 354

Controlling Officer: Solicitor General and Secretary for Justice

1. Overview

1.1 Mission

To provide quality access to justice for the poor and vulnerable people in an independent manner.

1.2 Objectives and Strategies

<i>Objectives</i>	<i>Strategies</i>
To provide quality and timely legal aid services	Establish a computerized case tracking system and create an electronic database to improve case management
To expand and strengthen Legal Aid services to enable the poor and disadvantaged (women children, the elderly and the disabled) populations access justice	Establish district offices and building the capacity of Legal Aid Advocates and Paralegals
To increase the number of people accessing legal remedial reliefs	Improve prosecution of claims and conduct public awareness campaigns to sensitize people in human rights and legal issues
To increase the number of people represented by lawyers in criminal cases	Increase the number of Prison and police remand cells visits
To reduce homicide remand population in prisons and time spent awaiting trial	Conduct a homicide backlog reduction exercise with other stake holders

1.3 Summary of Achievements in 2010/ 2011

- The department successfully provided legal defence to approximately 550 homicide suspects in trials;
- Approximately 15000 people have been assisted, advised and represented by the department in civil matters especially women, children and victims of road accidents;
- About K 30,000,000 has been disbursed to our clients from various claims; and
- More than 1,000 remandees and bailed suspects were assisted by way of legal advice, assistance and legal representation in criminal cases in the southern, eastern, central and northern judicial regions.

1.4 Priority Outputs and Measures

Output	What Objective Is Output Contributing To?	2010-11 Planned	2010-11 Preliminary	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters	Promotes the rule of law, increasing access to justice, enhancement of Malawi's human rights and good governance credentials	Provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 20,000 people	15,000 people provided with legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters	Provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 20,000 people	Provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 30,000 people	Provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 40,000 people

Output	What Objective Is Output Contributing To?	2010-11 Planned	2010-11 Preliminary	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Provide defence in criminal cases	Promotes the rule of law, increasing access to justice, enhancement of Malawi's human rights and good governance credentials and reduction of general prison population,	Provide criminal legal assistance, advice and representation to 5000 criminal suspects	1000 suspects provided with criminal legal assistance, advice and representation	Provide criminal legal assistance, advice and representation to 5000 criminal suspects	Provide criminal legal assistance, advice and representation to 10000 criminal suspects	Provide criminal legal assistance, advice and representation to 15000 criminal suspects
Provide defence in Homicide cases	Promotes the rule of law, increasing access to justice, enhancement of Malawi's human rights and good governance credentials and reduction of general prison population	provide criminal defence to 500 homicide suspects	550 suspects provided with criminal defence	provide criminal defence to 500 homicide suspects	provide criminal defence to 500 homicide suspects	provide criminal defence to 500 homicide suspects

2. Summary of Budget

2.1 Medium-Term Expenditure Allocations

Table 2a: Budget by Type

	MK 000'000s				
	2010-11 Approved	2010-11 Revised	2011-12 Estimate	2012/13 Projection	2013/14 Projection
PE	29.41	36.93	45.61	52.77	58.70
ORT	91.65	91.65	72.06	78.18	84.83
Recurrent - Total:	121.06	128.58	117.67	130.95	143.53
354 - Legal Aid - Total:	121.06	128.58	117.67	130.95	143.53

Table 2b: Budget by Program

	MK 000'000s				
	2010-11 Approved	2010-11 Revised	2011-12 Estimate	2012/13 Projection	2013/14 Projection
02. Legal Services	83.23	90.75	78.62	87.78	96.38
16. Governance and Rule of Law - Total:	83.23	90.75	78.62	87.78	96.38
03. Management and Support Services	23.90	23.90	23.27	25.27	27.27
04. HR Development and Management	12.10	12.10	15.78	16.78	18.76
17. Public Administration - Total:	36.00	36.00	39.05	42.05	46.03
Other	1.83	1.83	0.00	1.12	1.12
Other - Total:	1.83	1.83	0.00	1.12	1.12
354 - Legal Aid - Total:	121.06	128.58	117.67	130.95	143.53

3. Past Performance and Planned Outputs

Table 3a - Recurrent Budget Outputs

Sub - Program/ Program	2010/11 Approved Budget		2010/11 Revised Budget		2011/12 Estimates	
	Planned Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s	Actual Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s	Planned Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s
02. Legal Services						
	To provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 20,000 people	83.23	Provided legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 15,000 people	90.75	To provide legal representation, assistance and advice in civil matters to 20,000 people	78.62
16. Governance and Rule of Law - Total		83.23		90.75		78.62
03. Management and Support Services						
	To provide Management and support Services	23.90	Management and Support services provided	23.90	To provide management and support services	23.27
04. HR Development and Management						
	To provide HR Development and Management	12.10	HR Development and Management provided	12.10	HR Development and Management provided	15.78

<i>Sub - Program/ Program</i>	2010/11 Approved Budget		2010/11 Revised Budget		2011/12 Estimates	
	Planned Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s	Actual Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s	Planned Outputs	Allocation: MK 000'000s
17. Public Administration - Total		36.00		36.00		39.05
<i>Other</i>		1.83		1.83		0.00
Other - Total		1.83		1.83		0.00
354 - Legal Aid - Recurrent Budget Total		121.06		128.58		117.67

4. Itemized Budget Summary

Table 4a - Recurrent Budget by Item

	MK 000'000s			
	2010-11 Approved	2010-11 Revised	2011-12 Estimate	% Change 2011/12
10 - Salaries	28.86	36.39	44.65	54.70%
11 - Other allowances	0.54	0.54	0.97	77.55%
21 - Internal travel	36.91	36.91	34.89	-5.45%
22 - External travel	7.45	7.45	2.61	-65.02%
23 - Public Utilities	4.89	4.89	5.86	19.83%
24 - Office supplies and expenses	10.75	10.75	6.89	-35.90%
28 - Training expenses	7.90	7.90	4.01	-49.19%
32 - Food and rations	0.11	0.11	0.29	160.08%
33 - Other goods and services	0.77	0.77	1.08	40.00%
34 - Motor vehicle running expenses	13.73	13.73	11.55	-15.91%
35 - Routine Maintenance of Assets	2.70	2.70	3.12	15.54%
39 - Grants to International Organisations	1.44	1.44	0.32	-77.78%
40 - Grants and Subventions	0.00	0.00	1.44	
41 - Acquisition of Fixed Assets	5.00	5.00	0.00	-100.00%
354 - Legal Aid - Total:	121.06	128.58	117.67	-2.80%

