



2020/21 UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROJECTS

The Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) would like to inform the public that the MACRA board and the Universal Service committee have considered the following projects to be implemented under the Universal Service Fund in the 2020/2021 financial year.

The projects are currently in the early stages of implementation.

1) Rural Telephony Project

The Project seeks to improve mobile signal coverage in rural and non-commercially underserved areas. The following Traditional areas are targeted:

- (i) STA Nthengatenga - Chitipa
- (ii) TA Tambala - Dedza
- (iii) TA Kanduku - Mwanza

2) Broadcasting signal coverage

The project seeks to increase reach and coverage of terrestrial television signal to the rural and non-commercially underserved areas. The following Traditional areas are targeted and will have their terrestrial television signal improved:

- (i) TA Mbwana Nyambi - Mangochi
- (ii) TA Mwabulambya - Chitipa
- (iii) TA Kampingo Sibande – Mzimba

3) Mail conveyance Project

The project seeks to promote access of postal and courier services in the rural and non-commercially underserved areas. The project will facilitate procurement of mail motor cycles to be distributed to each of the 28 district postal offices.

4) Public Wi-Fi Project

The project seeks to make broadband services accessible, available and affordable in the non-commercially underserved areas. The following sites will benefit the fund intervention:

- (i) Mwanza District Hospital - Mwanza
- (ii) Chikwawa DEM - Chikwawa
- (iii) Machinga District Hospital - Machinga
- (iv) Balaka Health Centre - Balaka
- (v) Nsipe Health Centre - Ntcheu
- (vi) Ntchisi DEM Office – Ntchisi
- (vii) Mponela Post Office - Dowa
- (viii) Chintheche Rural Hospital – Nkhatabay
- (ix) Chitipa District Hospital - Chitipa
- (x) Chilumba Rural Hospital - Karonga
- (xi) Khombedza Health Centre - Salima
- (xii) Mchinji DEM - Mchinji

5) Connectivity for Persons with Disability Project

The project seeks to promote internet access and usage of assistive technologies for persons with disabilities. The following institutions will benefit the fund intervention:

- (i) MUA School for the deaf

- (ii) Embangweni School for the deaf
- (iii) Mulanje Rehabilitation Centre – training for the blind

6) School Connectivity Project

The project seeks to promote internet access and usage in the public secondary schools. The following schools will benefit the fund intervention:

- (i) Euthini Secondary - Mzimba
- (ii) Bolero CDSS - Rumphu
- (iii) Phalula CDSS - Balaka
- (iv) Mlomba CDSS - Machinga
- (v) Nsaru CDSS - Lilongwe
- (vi) Chinthembwe CDSS - Ntchisi
- (vii) Madzanje Secondary - Ntcheu
- (viii) Malimba Day Secondary – Dedza