

# Shire Valley Transformation Programme (SVTP-1):

## ‘Irrigation and Cash Crops for a Better Life’

This pictorial brief provides highlights of the Shire Valley Transformation Programme-1 (SVTP-1) launch held on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 in Chikwawa District.



Director of Irrigation Services, Engineer Geoffrey Mamba making a presentation during the ground breaking ceremony at Kapichira Dam



The State President, His Excellency Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika unveiling the plaque at the Intake Site at Kapichira Dam



The State President, His Excellency Professor Arthur Peter Mutharika officially launching the SVTP-1 at Chikwawa Community Centre Ground



African Development Bank Acting Country Manager, Eyerusalem Fasika presenting a speech on behalf of the Development Partners



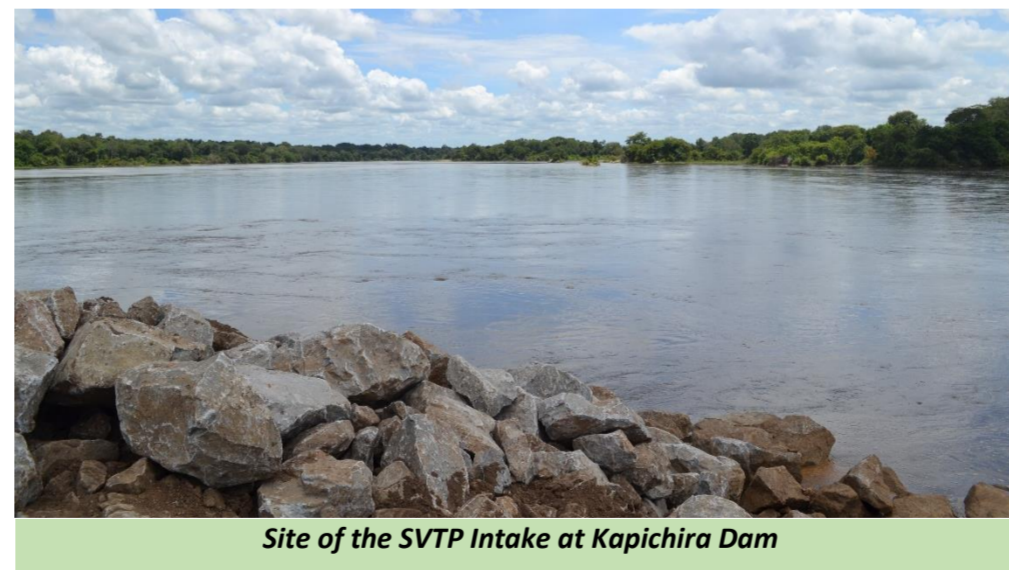
Paramount Chief Lundu making a few remarks on behalf of beneficiaries from the Shire Valley



Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development ladies celebrating the launch of the SVTP-1



Delegates interacting at the Intake Site



Site of the SVTP Intake at Kapichira Dam

### SVTP-1 Quick Facts:

**Project Life Cycle:** 2018-2023  
**Type of Project:** Irrigation  
**Lead Implementer:** Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development  
**Other Implementers:** Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Tourism, and MITC among others.  
**Contractor:** Conduril Engenharia S.A

**Objective:**  
 To increase agricultural productivity and commercialization for targeted households in the Shire Valley; and to improve the sustainable management and utilization of natural resources.

### Total Irrigable Area of the SVTP

**43,370 hectares**  
 From Kapichira Dam, Chikwawa → Nsanje

Phase 1 - 22,280 hectares  
 Phase 2 - 21,090 hectares

Smallholder farmers - 29,338 ha. (67.65%)  
 Other farmers - 14,032 ha. (32.35%)

### Project Funders

World Bank **US\$160 million**  
 African Development Bank **US\$50 Million**  
 Global Environment Facility **US\$ 5.5 million**  
 Government of Malawi **US\$7.2 million**

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