



Work is progressing in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic which has slowed down works



The intake from the Shire River will be at Kapichira Dam

Touring Shire development

Members of the Agriculture Committee of Parliament on Sunday toured the Shire Valley Transformation Project (SVTP) which is expected to be completed in 2031. Work in the first phase began in April last year on six of the 130 kilometres irrigation canal. Over 300 000 farmers in Chikwawa and Nsanje will benefit from the programme, covering about 13 000 hectares. It will cost \$563 million (about K453 billion), with support from the World Bank, African Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).—KONDWANI KAMIYALA, STAFF WRITER



At some point, the canal is two metres high and five metres wide



Some sections of the canal, like this one, will be buried in the ground



Committee chair Sameer Suleiman told journalists they were satisfied with the progress so far