



STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY

REMARKS BY LINDA PACHARO MOYO (MRS), SECRETARY FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER CEREMONY OF BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE PRINTERS ON 9TH OCTOBER, 2026, AT THE MINISTRY OF HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE ROOM

**Ministry of Homeland Security
National Registration Bureau
Lilongwe**

- **The Guest of Honour, Honourable Peter Mukhito, Minister of Homel**

and Security;

- Honourable Madalitso Chidumu Baloyi MP, Minister of Health and Sanitation;
- Honourable Dr. Ben Malunga Phiri MP, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development;
- Honourable Norman Chisale MP, Deputy Minister of Homeland Security;
- Your Excellency Ms. Fenella Frost UNDP Resident Representative in Malawi;
- Your Excellencies members of the Diplomatic Corps;
- Mr. Patrick Machika Principal Secretary for National Registration Bureau;
- Principal Secretaries here Present
- Senior Government Officials here present;
- Distinguished members of the Press;
- Distinguished Guests;
- Ladies and Gentlemen;

Good morning.

Today marks another important milestone in the Ministry of Homeland Security as the National Registration Bureau (NRB) continues to improve service delivery to the people of Malawi. The equipment being handed over today to our key partners in civil registration and identity management is further evidence of the Government's commitment to providing services efficiently, effectively and closer to the people.

This initiative also demonstrates the Government's determination to make essential services easily accessible to all citizens. Further, it reflects our firm belief that services must be taken to the people rather than expecting citizens to travel long distances in search of them.

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By handing over this equipment to the Ministry of Health and Sanitation and the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, the Ministry of Homeland Security wishes to demonstrate that the provision of registration services is a collective and multi-sectoral responsibility. It is not the responsibility of the National Registration Bureau alone.

This decentralized approach will be instrumental in helping the NRB achieve its strategic objective of providing comprehensive and timely registration of all lifetime events.

The NRB greatly appreciates the critical role played by the Ministries of Health and Sanitation and Local Government and Rural Development in ensuring that all citizens are registered and able to obtain legal identity documents, including birth certificates and national identity cards.

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Birth and death registration services are provided through health facilities and community structures led by traditional authorities and village heads. These registration points must be empowered through meaningful decentralisation and digitalisation. They require adequate staffing, appropriate office space and modern equipment to effectively serve the public.

It is therefore important that the new NRB establishment warrant be fully implemented as soon as possible to ensure that the Bureau has adequate personnel to deliver services efficiently and effectively. As Government, we must ensure that queues and waiting times at registration centres are significantly reduced. Citizens should not spend excessive time accessing services that are essential to their daily lives. Adequate staffing is therefore, one of the key measures for achieving this objective.

Furthermore, Government must ensure that the Bureau is fully capacitated in terms of human resources, equipment, transport, office infrastructure and other operational requirements necessary for quality service delivery.

A conducive working environment, modern equipment, continuous training, career development opportunities and timely promotions are important factors that motivate employees to deliver quality services. The Ministry remains committed to ensuring that these conditions are provided for staff across all its departments.

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The Ministry of Homeland Security will continue to ensure that modern equ

Equipment is made available to District Registration Offices, health facilities, Traditional Authority offices and Post Offices that provide registration services. We will work closely with Ministries, Departments and Agencies, local authorities, traditional leaders and development partners to mobilise the resources required to sustain and expand these services.

We will also continue collaborating with relevant stakeholders to improve connectivity, particularly in rural areas, so that registration services become faster, more reliable and more accessible to all citizens.

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Allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the IDT4M Project and all our development partners for their continued financial and technical support to the Ministry and the National Registration Bureau. Your contribution has been instrumental in strengthening civil registration and identity management systems and in expanding access to registration services throughout Malawi.

However, the success of these investments will depend on how effectively we utilise them. The equipment being handed over today will achieve its intended purpose only if all stakeholders remain committed to the common goal of ensuring that every birth is registered, every death is recorded, and every eligible Malawian obtains a legal identity.

I, therefore call upon the Ministry of Health and Sanitation, the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, local authorities, traditional leaders, health workers and all development partners to renew their commitment to this national cause.

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Let us work together to build a registration system that is efficient, inclusive, accessible and responsive to the needs of our people. Let us ensure that no child is denied a birth certificate, no citizen is left without a national identity, and no community is left behind because of distance, inadequate infrastructure or limited resources.

The investments we are making today are investments in Malawi's future. A strong civil registration and identity management system supports effective governance, improves service delivery, enhances national planning and contributes significantly to social and economic development.

I therefore urge all implementing institutions to safeguard this equipment, maintain it properly and ensure that it is utilised for the benefit of the citizens we serve. Let us translate today's handover into measurable results, improved service delivery and tangible progress for our nation.

Together, we can achieve universal civil registration and legal identity for all. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive and prosperous Malawi.

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My role this morning is to invite Honourable Peter Mukhito, Minister of Homeland Security, to deliver a key note address for the event but before, the Honourable Minister takes the podium, allow me Honourable Minister to invite Ms. Fenella Frost UNDP Resident Representative in Malawi to deliver her

remans.

Ms. Fenella Frost, may you have the floor please!

I thank you all for your attention!