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Excitement as MANePS goes LIVE!!



From the Acting Director General's Desk

The fourth quarter marks a defining moment in Malawi's Public Procurement landscape and in the journey of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA).

It is with a deep sense of responsibility and optimism that I address you, as we reflect on key milestones that are shaping a more transparent, efficient, and accountable procurement system.

Chief among these milestones is the successful rollout of the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS). With over 4,000 suppliers already registered, the system has demonstrated strong market confidence and readiness for a fully digital procurement environment.

The Government's directive to make MANePS mandatory across all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs) signals a clear and irreversible shift. As an Authority, we remain resolute: there will be no parallel systems. This reform demands full compliance, collective commitment, and a shared vision for improved service delivery.

Equally significant is the appointment of a new PPDA Board of Directors, ushering in renewed strategic leadership and strengthened governance. The Board has already set a firm tone, emphasizing integrity, accountability, and alignment in advancing procurement reforms.

We are confident that their guidance will reinforce institutional excellence and provide the oversight necessary to sustain the gains we are making as an Authority.

As we move forward, PPDA will continue to engage stakeholders, strengthen capacity, and drive reforms that enhance public trust and value for money in the use of public resources.

God bless



Mr. Timothy Kalembo
Acting Director General

Editor's Note

Welcome to this fourth quarter edition of our Procurement Digest Newsletter, a publication that continues to evolve alongside the dynamic reforms taking place within the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA).

This issue captures a period of significant transformation, headlined by the rollout of the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) and the appointment of a new Board of Directors.

These milestones are not only shaping the direction of the Authority but are also redefining the broader Public Procurement landscape in Malawi.

In this edition, you will find comprehensive coverage of these developments, including the national shift towards mandatory Electronic Government Procurement (E-GP) and the strong policy direction reinforcing this reform.

Beyond policy and reform, this issue introduces new sections aimed at enriching the reader-experience. We are pleased to debut *Health and Wellness*, offering practical tips to support well-being, especially during the cold season, and



Lifestyle and Leisure, which brings a lighter, more engaging dimension to the publication through puzzles, features, and human-interest content. These additions are designed to make the newsletter more relatable and enjoyable, while still maintaining its professional essence.

We have also continued to celebrate the people behind the institution through features such as *My PPDA Story*. As we move forward, our goal is to produce a newsletter that is informative and engaging, and easy to access. We are committed to delivering content that speaks to a diverse audience.

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Miss Mandy Pondani
*Public Relations &
Communications Manager*

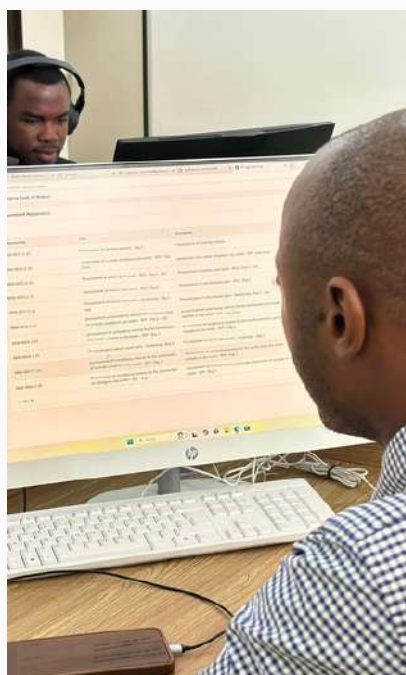
MANePS ROLLS OUT WITH A BANG

The Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) has officially rolled out, with over 4000 suppliers registered on the portal, ready to do business with Government Entities.

The numbers according to the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) and Government authorities demonstrate strong market response and growing confidence in the system. Electronic Procurement Manager (e-PM), Yvonne Kasamba confirmed the figures saying there are 4193 registered suppliers in the system of which 2 are international and 84 are Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).



Spearheading MANePS-AgDG Kalembo with PPDA staff



“We are excited to have the system go live after rigorous years of project initiation, development, testing and piloting. This is a game changer, procurement processes have been automated, making them efficient, cost effective and transparent,” Kasamba said.

Backed by a firm directive from the Secretary to the Treasury; Dr. Cliff Chiunda, the system went live on 1 April 2026, ushering in a new era of transparency, efficiency, and accountability.



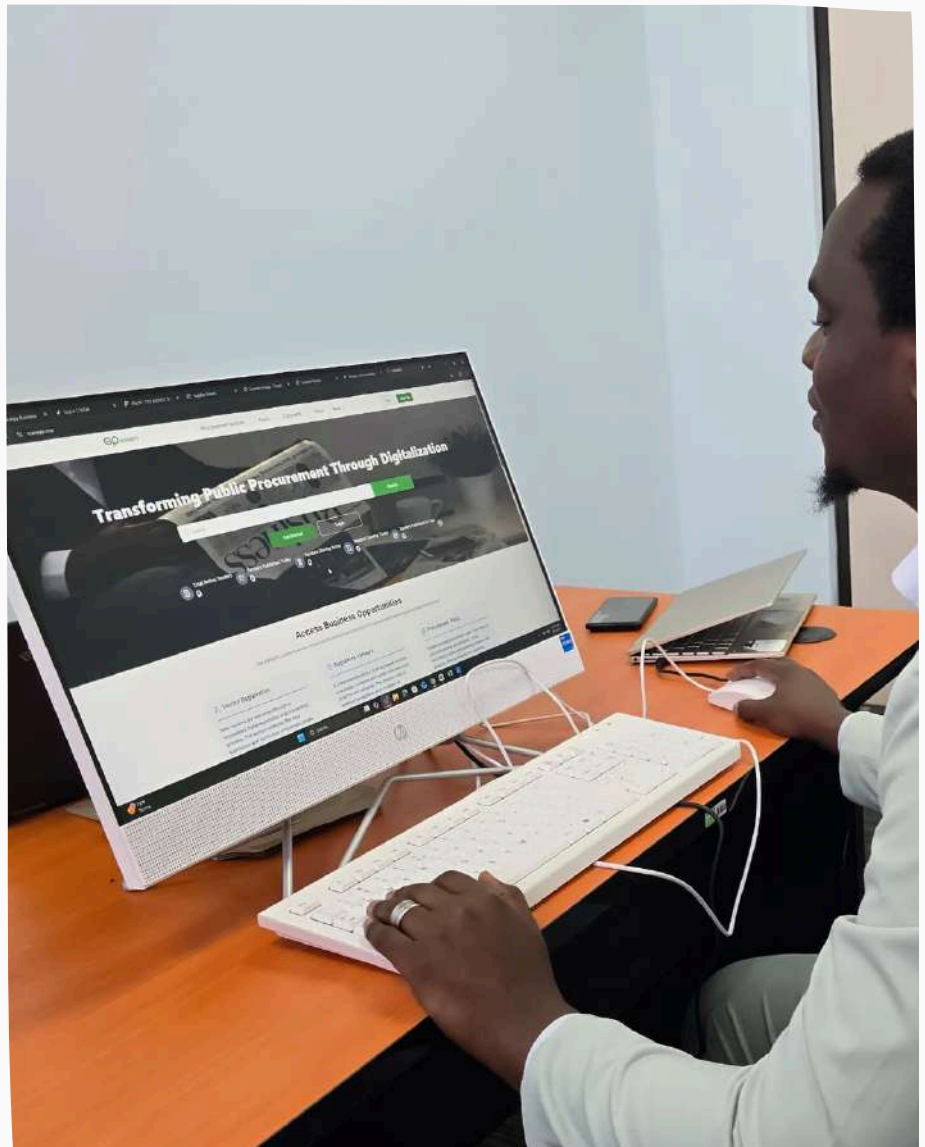
This reform is not merely technological; it is a decisive step towards strengthening Public Finance Management. It also marks a bold and transformative shift in how the Malawi Government conducts public procurement. No government entity, therefore, is expected to do its procurement manually,” said Chiunda.

The Acting Director General of PPDA Timothy Kalembo has reiterated that that Government is not turning back on the e-government procurement reform.

“The message is clear: partial compliance is not an option. Institutions must transition completely, abandoning parallel operations that combine manual and electronic processes, which risk undermining the integrity and effectiveness of the reform,” Kalembo said in the aftermath of the launch.



MANePS is designed to eliminate inefficiencies, reduce opportunities for fraud and corruption, and enhance service delivery.



It is integrated with national key systems of the Malawi Revenue Authority (MRA)'s Msonkho Online and the Malawi Business Registration System (MBRS), further strengthening its credibility.

Its integration with key national systems further strengthens its credibility, ensuring a seamless procurement ecosystem that benefits both the Government and the private sector.

Meet Our Board of Directors



Dr. Kalekeni Kaphale - SC
Board Chairman



Eng. Gerald Luhanga
Board Member



Mr. David Wellington Saweruzika
Board Member



Mr. Khumbo Chirwa
Board Member



Mr. Johnny J. Somba - QS
Board Member

NEW PPDA BOARD, SETS TONE

The newly appointed Board of Directors of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) officially assumed office in February 2026, marking the beginning of a renewed phase of strategic leadership for the Authority.

The Board underwent a comprehensive orientation session conducted by the Secretariat, aimed at equipping members with a clear understanding of PPDA's mandate, core functions, operational framework, and strategic priorities.

Speaking during the orientation, Board Chairperson, Dr. Kalekeni Kaphale (SC), congratulated fellow members on their appointment and urged them to execute their duties with commitment and integrity

He underscored the critical role of the Board in ensuring sound oversight, noting that a significant proportion of public resources is expended through public procurement.

Dr. Kaphale further called for strong collaboration between the Board and the Secretariat to reinforce systems that promote transparency, fairness, and public confidence in procurement and disposal processes.



There is the need for strategic alignment in decision-making to support ongoing reforms within the procurement sector.

In subsequent engagements, the Board has already begun providing strategic direction to Management.

Furthermore, the Board has constituted its committees to strengthen governance structures and improve efficiency in executing its oversight functions.

The orientation and subsequent directives signal the Board's commitment to proactive leadership, strengthened accountability, and institutional excellence.

GOVERNMENT CHALLENGES PDEs ON MANePS ADOPTION

The Secretary to the Treasury (ST), Dr. Cliff Chiunda, has emphasized that the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) is a critical national reform that requires full commitment from all public institutions.

Speaking during the Orientation for Controlling Officers in Lilongwe on April 9, 2026, he described MANePS as a Government system that goes beyond the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA).

He said, underscoring the system's central role in driving national development. He further highlighted that the transition to digital procurement comes at a crucial time, following a directive by the President to embrace digital technologies in public service delivery.

The ST noted that with Public Procurement accounting for nearly 70 percent of the national budget, digitization will significantly reduce inefficiencies, fraud, and corruption while improving transparency and accountability.

The Secretary to the Treasury placed strong responsibility on Controlling Officers to ensure the success of the system.

"This is not a task to be delegated; it requires your active involvement and commitment," he said, urging the Controlling Officers to champion compliance and ensure full migration from manual systems.

He also called on institutional leaders to support Public Relations Officers, stressing that effective communication is essential for the successful implementation of the reform.



MANePS is a Malawi Government system, it is not a PPDA system, therefore embracing MANePS is embracing Government's development agenda



Addressing PDEs-ST Chiunda



Photo time-Controlling Officers at the training



Government directed that it is mandatory for all Government Procurements to be done in MANePS beginning April 1, 2026.

In his remarks, Acting Director General of PPDA, Timothy Kalembo, described MANePS as a bold and transformative step for Malawi's public procurement system.

He noted that for years, procurement processes have been manual, fragmented, and difficult to audit, creating inefficiencies and opportunities for malpractice.

"MANePS" is our 'bold decision' to migrate from paper-based systems to Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP). This is more than a software upgrade; it is a national reform," he said.



A cross section of the Controlling Officers



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4th March 2026

FROM : THE SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY, P.O. BOX 30049, LILONGWE 3.

TO : ALL CONTROLLING OFFICERS AND HEADS OF PROCURING AND DISPOSING ENTITIES

CC : The Chief Secretary to the President and Cabinet, Office of President and Cabinet, Private Bag 301, Lilongwe 3

: The Director General, Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority, Private Bag 383, Lilongwe 3

: The Auditor General, P.O. Box 30045, Lilongwe 3

ROLLOUT OF MALAWI NATIONAL ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM (MANePS) AND MANDATORY USE OF THE SYSTEM FROM 1ST APRIL 2026

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralisation hereby wishes to advise all procuring and disposing entities (PDEs) that with effect from 1st April, 2026, the use of the electronic government procurement and disposal system shall be mandatory as provided under section 71 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act 2024. Government of Malawi has developed the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) which all PDEs are mandated to use from **1st April 2026**.

The Ministry is aware that the on-going trainings facilitated by the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority and offered to all the PDEs on how to use the system has built the capacity of the PDEs in readiness of using the MANePS. It is

GOVT DIRECTS MANDATORY USE OF MANePS

The Government of Malawi has issued a directive mandating all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs) to adopt the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) effective 1 April 2026, marking a significant milestone in the country's public procurement reforms.

The directive, issued through a Circular by Secretary to the Treasury cites Section 71 of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2024, which promotes the use of electronic systems in managing procurement and disposal processes.

The move was also reinforced at the highest policy level, with Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Decentralization, Joseph Mwanamvekha, announcing during the presentation of the 2026/2027 National Budget that all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) will be required to procure goods and services exclusively through MANePS.

“In order to enhance efficiency and effectiveness on Public Procurement and Disposal operations in all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs) the use of Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) will be mandatory effective 1st April 2026.” Mwanamvekha said.

Government reiterated its efforts in developing

systems and rolling out extensive capacity building initiatives through the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) to ensure a smooth transition.

The Authority’s trainings are designed to equip procurement professionals and relevant staff with the necessary skills to effectively operate the system.

E-Government Procurement Manager at PPDA, Yvonne Kasamba, notes that progress has been encouraging, with a majority of the targeted 250 PDEs successfully uploading their Annual Procurement Plans during the first phase of implementation.

She added that the remaining entities are being provided with targeted support to address specific challenges, while many institutions are now advancing to the second phase focusing on the e-Tendering module.



KAsamba-e-Procurement Manager



PDEs' OFFICIALS-To use MANePS fully

This direction aligns with President Arthur Peter Mutharika’s call for digital transformation in public service delivery, as highlighted in his recent State of the Nation Address, where he underscored the importance of embracing digital technologies, including electronic procurement, as a cornerstone for building a transparent, accountable, and efficient public sector.

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Notable Quotes



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HIS EXCELLENCY
PROFESSOR ARTHUR PETER MUTHARIKA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI

State of the Nation Address-2026

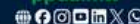


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Honourable Joseph Mathyola Mwanamvekha, M.P.
Minister of Finance, Economic Planning & Decentralization.

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Notable Quotes



DR. CLIFF CHIUNDA
Secretary to Treasury

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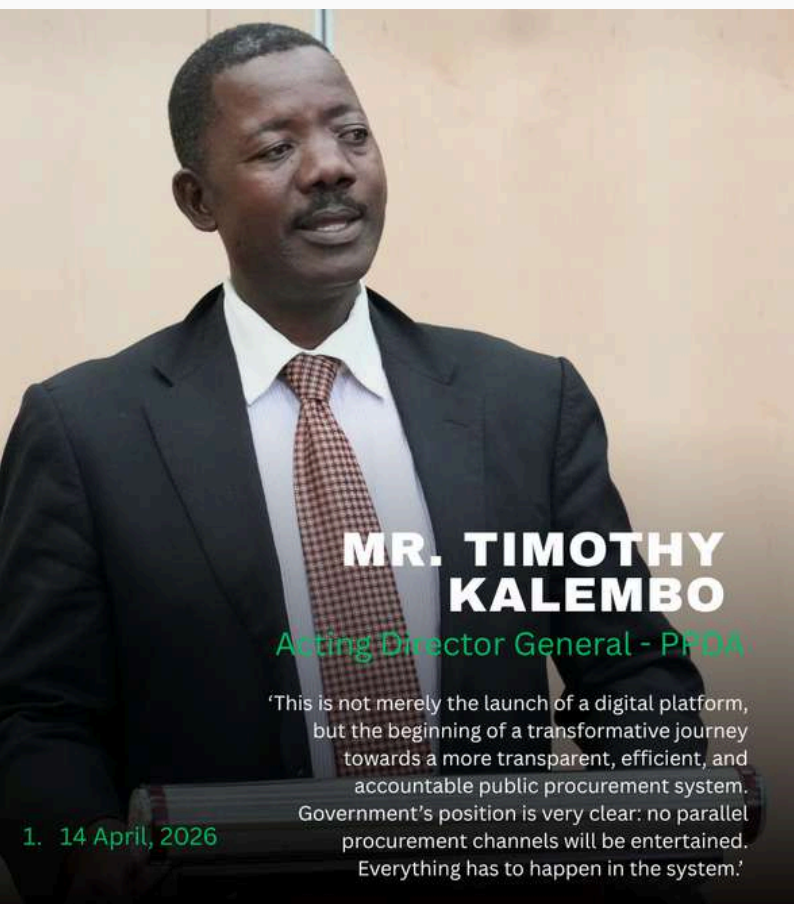
1 April, 2026



DR. KALEKENI KAPHALE SC
Chairperson of the PPDA Board of Directors

“The positions we find ourselves in as Board of Directors of the PPDA are a call to responsibility for the nation. Knowing that the larger part of the nation’s resources goes towards Public Procurement.”

1. 14 April, 2026



MR. TIMOTHY KALEMBO
Acting Director General - PPDA

‘This is not merely the launch of a digital platform, but the beginning of a transformative journey towards a more transparent, efficient, and accountable public procurement system. Government’s position is very clear: no parallel procurement channels will be entertained. Everything has to happen in the system.’

1. 14 April, 2026




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PPDA ORIENTS MEDIA ON MANePS

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA), on 1st April 2026, held a media orientation on the mandatory use of the Malawi National e-Procurement System (MANePS).

The Authority has since called on the media to play a proactive role in raising public awareness, simplifying complex processes, and strengthening citizen trust in the new system.

Acting Director General for the PPDA, Timothy Kalembo, said as Malawi transitions into E-Government Procurement, the media plays a pivotal role in shaping public awareness, understanding, and acceptance of MANePS. He said the media's role goes beyond reporting.

"You are key partners in driving this reform by simplifying complex processes for the public, amplifying success stories, and fostering trust in the system. Through accurate, informed, and consistent reporting, you help the public understand how their taxes are being used, how procurement reforms are improving service delivery, and how businesses can access new opportunities," Kalembo said.





Journalist Nyaka-Asking a question

The journalists were drawn from all National, Community, and Online Media Houses based in Lilongwe.

MANePS is a web-based system that will now manage all public procurement processes in Malawi.

Government on March 4, 2026, directed all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to migrate from manual Public Procurement to E-Government Procurement.

Kalembo described MANePS as a transformative milestone in Malawi's governance landscape.

He emphasized that the system is designed to enhance efficiency, speed, transparency, and accountability in procurement processes, while enabling real-time monitoring of transactions and documentation across government institutions.

Kalembo noted that for years, public procurement in Malawi has been characterized by manual and fragmented systems, which created inefficiencies and opportunities for malpractice.

He said the shift to MANePS represents a bold and necessary reform aimed at strengthening financial discipline and ensuring value for money in the use of public resources.

Journalists who attended the orientation welcomed the initiative, describing it as timely and informative.

One participant, Aspolo Mousah, commended PPDA for equipping the media with critical knowledge on MANePS, noting that it will improve the accuracy and depth of reporting on public procurement.



Emphasizing a point-Kasamba



SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY IN THE OFFING

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) has reaffirmed its commitment to reforming public procurement systems through the development of a Sustainable Public Procurement and Disposal Policy, following the successful conclusion of nationwide stakeholder consultations.

The consultative meetings, held in Lilongwe, Blantyre, and Mzuzu, brought together Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), and key procurement stakeholders to gather diverse insights and perspectives.

The engagements form part of an inclusive process aimed at ensuring the policy reflects practical realities and national development priorities.

Speaking during the engagements, PPDA Acting Director General Timothy Kalemba described the initiative as a critical step towards positioning public procurement as a strategic driver of sustainable development.

He emphasized that the policy is anchored in the legal mandate under the PPDA Act of 2024 and aligns with the aspirations of the Malawi 2063.

“This initiative goes beyond compliance. It is a deliberate step towards transforming how public procurement contributes to national development,” he said.

Kalembo further highlighted the integration of sustainability with the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS), noting that the two reforms are complementary in promoting transparency, efficiency, and accountability across public procurement processes.

The Authority has since received the first draft of the policy from the consultants and is currently reviewing it to provide feedback.

This will pave the way for the next phase of the process, which includes validation of the report and eventual finalization of the policy.

PPDA has underscored that the policy development process is grounded in evidence, benchmarking international best practices, and supported by plans for capacity building to ensure effective implementation.



Presenting-CDRM Leonard Kumwenda

The Authority has also reiterated its call for continued stakeholder collaboration as it moves towards delivering a robust and forward-looking sustainable procurement framework for Malawi.

The initiative is being supported by African Development Bank under DFIC project through Ministry of Finance.



Banging heads-Meeting in progress

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My PPDA Story

MRS CATHERINE CHEREWANI KACHERE

As part of celebrating dedication and institutional memory within PPDA, we take a closer look at the remarkable 23-year journey of Mrs. Catherine Cherewani Kachere, one of the Authority's longest-serving members of staff. From humble beginnings to becoming a dependable and versatile officer, her story is one of resilience, growth, and unwavering commitment. In this feature, she shares her personal and professional journey, the challenges she has overcome, and the values that have shaped her into the woman she is today offering inspiration to many, especially young women striving to build meaningful careers.

1. Can you briefly tell us about yourself?

My name is Catherine Cherewani Kachere. I come from Yadyamoto Village, Traditional Authority Ntchema in Chiradzulu District. I was born on 27th June 1977, and I am the firstborn in a family of seven children. I am married and blessed with four children: two boys and two girls.

My childhood was marked by significant hardships. Between Standard 2 and Standard 5, I suffered from a strange illness that hospitals could not diagnose, which caused me to repeat several classes. My father later enrolled me in a boarding school, but I could not continue due to financial challenges. I returned to my village school and repeated Standard 8 three times in an attempt to be selected to Chiradzulu Secondary School, but I was not successful.

I later attended St. Anthony Private Secondary School for Forms 1 and 2, where I met my husband. After he completed his secondary education, he came back and married me in 2000. We then moved to Lilongwe to start our family life together.



Kachere-Veteran Member of staff



Kachere's family

2. When did you join PPDA, and what motivated you?

I joined PPDA on 24th November 2004 as a Messenger. At that time, my husband was not working and life was very difficult, so securing the job was a great relief for our family. I applied for the job after coming across a vacancy.

I joined during a transition period from the Government Contracting Unit (GCU) to the Office of the Director of Public Procurement (ODPP), which later became (Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority) PPDA.

3. How has your career journey at PPDA evolved over the years?

When I joined ODPP, I only had a Junior Certificate of Education, but I was eager to learn and grow. The institution was still new, and there was a lot of work. As messengers, we played an important role in distributing documents across offices. Raising awareness about the office and also trying to get people to understand its mandate. In 2009, I made a decision to go back to school, and I successfully obtained my Malawi School of Certificate of Education (MSCE). This led to my promotion to the position of Clerk in 2013. Later, in 2021, I pursued a Diploma in Business Management, and I now hold a Level 6 qualification in Professional Business Management.

I chose to pause further studies so that I could focus on educating my four children. I am proud to say that my first-born has just completed his studies at LUANAR. My journey at PPDA has transformed my life. Through hard work and consistency, I have managed to buy land, build a house, become a landlord, acquire a car, and invest in farming. These are all fruits of my dedication.



Kachere in the line of duty

4. What does your current role involve?

In my current role as a Clerk, I also serve as a Records Assistant. My work involves receiving and registering correspondence from stakeholders, stamping and recording incoming letters, and bringing them to the attention of the Director General.

I am also responsible for creating and managing files for government entities, processing leave forms, calculating gratuities, and maintaining personnel records. When new government entities are established, I ensure that proper documentation and filing systems are created. Beyond my core duties, I am known to be reliable and flexible. I assist in various roles when needed, including reception, stores, and administrative support. My supervisors trust me with multiple responsibilities because of my dependability. A typical day requires attention to detail, a good memory, patience, and strong organizational skills.

5. What key values or principles have helped you remain consistent and committed throughout your long service?

Discipline, time management, and obedience to authority have been key to my consistency. I respect my supervisors and always take advice seriously.

I have also remained focused and hardworking, even in situations where others became complacent or were redeployed. Staying committed to my responsibilities has helped me grow and remain relevant.

6. What challenges have you faced as a woman in your career, and how did you overcome them?

When I started working, I was young, and some men attempted to take advantage of me. However, I remained firm in my values, my marriage, and my responsibilities as a wife and mother.

There have also been moments of discouragement, especially when promotion opportunities arose, and external candidates were selected over internal staff. It can be disheartening, but I have learned that the key is to



remain focused on your purpose, your background, and the future you are building for yourself and your family.

Another difficult period was when staff were moved from permanent positions to non-established positions, and when people were promoted without the necessary qualifications. Despite these challenges, I chose to remain committed and continue working hard.

7. Additional Personal Insight...?

I am a Christian belonging to the Church of Christ. My faith plays a central role in my life. I am actively involved in ministry and charity work, supporting people in hospitals, prisons, and underprivileged communities.

Church has shaped me into the responsible woman and mother that I am today. Outside of work, I dedicate myself to my family and community.

8. What advice would you give to young girls and women in their careers?

My advice to young girls and women is to avoid distractions and remain focused on their goals. Avoid early marriages and relationships that can derail your future, especially while in school or starting your career.

Be disciplined, work hard, and set clear goals for your life. Know what you want to achieve and stay committed to it.

Today, I am proud to be a role model in my village. Young girls can see that it is possible for a woman to work, build a life, support her family, and achieve meaningful success. I have even supported the education of my younger siblings, and I hope more girls can follow this path.

COLD SEASON SURVIVAL: SMART HEALTH TIPS FOR WINTER

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2. Keep warm
3. Stay active
4. Arm yourself with immunity boosters
5. Stay Hydrated
6. Ventilate
7. Spend time outdoors
8. Prioritize your mental health
9. Get enough sleep
10. Maintain virtual connections
11. Install health tracking Apps



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MASTERING BUSINESS CASUAL: A MAN'S STYLE GUIDE

The modern workplace has evolved. The traditional nine-to-five structure is gradually fading, and with it, the rigid suit-and-tie dress code. In its place, a more flexible and expressive standard has emerged; business casual. While the term may sound contradictory, it reflects a shift towards balancing professionalism with comfort and personal style.

At its core, business casual is about looking polished without being overly formal. It allows men to move away from strict tailoring while still maintaining a refined, work-appropriate appearance.

TOPS: FINDING THE BALANCE

Traditionally, business attire centered on a dark suit, crisp white shirt, and tie. To transition into business casual, start by removing the tie and loosening the structure, unbuttoning the collar, and leaving the jacket open.

Blazers remain a strong option, but color plays a key role. Dark tones like black, navy, and charcoal lean more formal, while lighter shades such as beige, light grey, or soft blue and even bolder tones like coral or army green introduce a more relaxed feel.

Underneath, there is room for variety. Beyond the classic dress shirt, men can opt for short-sleeved shirts, polo shirts, or even well-fitted t-shirts and jumpers. For a more laid-back approach, the blazer can be omitted entirely.

Layering is a simple yet effective way to elevate a business casual outfit. Pairing a T-shirt with a V-neck jumper or a button-down shirt with a lightweight sweater and blazer adds depth while maintaining a smart appearance.





Outerwear: Completing the Look

Outerwear provides an opportunity to refine or personalize your outfit. Classic options such as overcoats, trench coats, pea coats, and duffle coats offer a timeless finish.

At the same time, business casual allows for experimentation. A leather bomber jacket can complement chinos and loafers, while a field jacket pairs well with shirts and boots. For a more relaxed style, denim or leather jackets can also work effectively.

In essence, business casual is about versatility. It gives men the freedom to express personal style while remaining appropriate for the workplace, striking a balance between ease and elegance.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you find 7 differences between the two images?



 **TIP:** Look closely – small changes can make a big difference!



PPDA's Guidance on Procurement Submissions

01

All PDEs must obtain clearance from the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) before initiating procurement proceedings affected by government expenditure control measures.

02

Requests to use procurement methods other than open tendering must follow the proper clearance process before submission to PPDA.

03

After receiving OPC clearance, the procurement process must be reviewed and approved internally by the Internal Procurement and Disposal Committee (IPDC).

04

Only complete and properly approved submissions should be forwarded to PPDA for consideration.

05

PPDA will review the submissions and seek final OPC clearance before communicating its decision to the respective entity.

06

Incomplete or non-compliant submissions will be returned to the concerned entity for corrective action.

PPDA Issues Guidance on Handling Procurement Submissions

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) has asked all Procuring and Disposing Entities (PDEs) to obtain clearance from the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) before initiating any procurements of goods, services and works that require submission to PPDA.

Writing in a circular which has since been circulated to all Controlling Officers and Heads of PDEs, Acting Director General of the PPDA, Timothy Kalembo has said the guidance particularly applies when requesting approval for procurement methods other than Open Tendering.

According to Kalembo, once OPC clearance has been granted, the procurement process must proceed through the relevant institutional structures within the procuring entity.

“Once the OPC has granted its clearance for a PDE to initiate a procurement proceeding, the procurement process should commence and be approved by the Internal Procurement Committee (IPDC) prior to submission to the Authority,” the circular reads in part.

PPDA will then review the submissions and, where satisfied, proceed to seek final clearance from OPC before issuing its response to the respective procuring entity.



Presenting on the new PPDA Act-RRM-Gerlad Mabveka

According to Regulatory and Review Manager Gerlad Mabveka, the directive aims to strengthen compliance with existing government expenditure control measures and ensure that procurement processes across the public sector follow the required procedures.

The guidance comes against the backdrop of earlier Government circulars on the suspension of recruitments and major procurements as well as measures on expenditure control.

EGENCO BREAKS MANePS RECORD

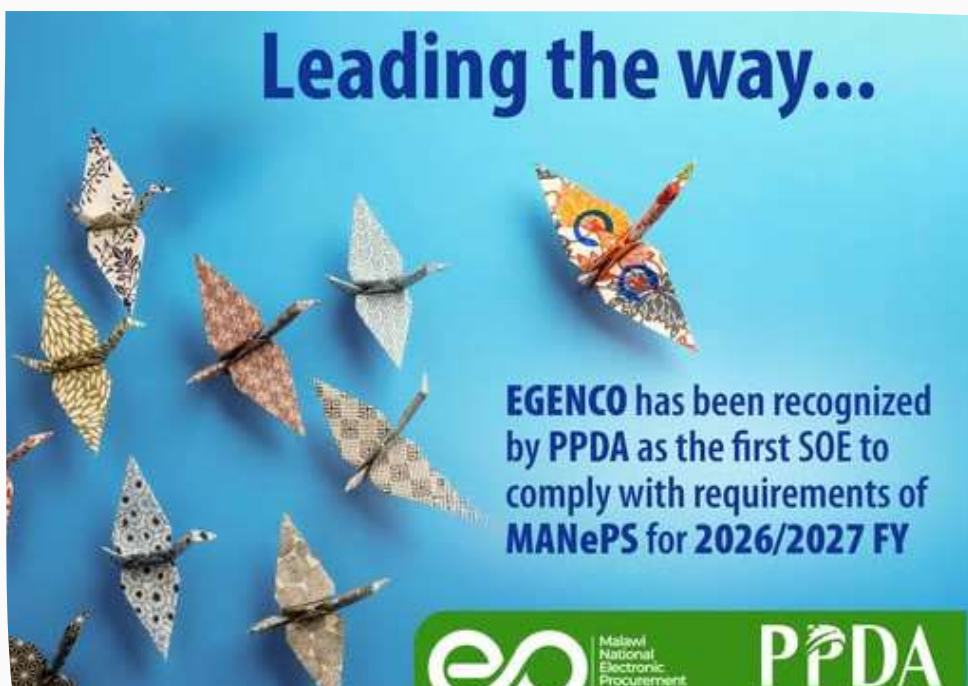
The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Authority (PPDA) has commended the Electricity Generation Company (EGENCO) for setting a historic benchmark as the first State-Owned Enterprise to fully comply with the Malawi National Electronic Procurement System (MANePS) for the 2026/2027 financial years.

EGENCO was the first to submit the 2026/2027 Annual Procurement Plan out of over 250 Procuring and Disposing Entities in Malawi.

This milestone is not only a success story for EGENCO, but a powerful validation of the sustained awareness, orientation, and stakeholder engagement efforts that PPDA has been implementing across the country; reflecting the growing understanding and acceptance of MANePS as a transformative tool in Public Procurement.

This achievement comes at a time when PPDA has intensified its nationwide roll-out of MANePS, engaging Controlling Officers, Chief Executive Officers, and Public Relations Officers through high-level orientation meetings and strategic communication platforms.

“These engagements have been deliberately designed to demystify the system, build institutional confidence, and position PROs as key disseminators of information within their institutions,” spokesperson for the PPDA Mandy Pondani said.



Adding: “EGENCO’s compliance demonstrates that when leadership is aligned and communication is clear, adoption of digital reforms becomes both achievable and impactful.”

Speaking during the recent orientation session, PPDA’s Acting Director General Timothy Kalemba emphasized that EGENCO’s milestone is a clear indication that the transition from manual to digital procurement is not only possible, but necessary.

He reiterated that MANePS is central to achieving transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the management of public resources. As PPDA continues to drive the implementation of MANePS in line with Government policy and the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act of 2024, EGENCO’s example stands as a compelling case study for replication.

Meanwhile, the National Company of Malawi (NOCMA) has also submitted their Annual Procurement Plan for 2026/2027 Financial Year.

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