



THE NATIONAL LAW LITERACY PROGRAMME

Taking the law to the people

A CALL FOR PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATION

1. Preamble

The Law Commission (the Commission) is established under Chapter XII of the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi and operationalized under the Law Commission Act (Cap. 3:09). Its mandate is to carry-out law reform and promote public awareness of the laws of Malawi.

2. Problem Statement

In recent years, the Commission has conducted legal awareness campaigns, particularly on child and gender-related laws, to empower communities with knowledge of their rights and responsibilities. However, limited resources have constrained nationwide outreach and public education especially on newly enacted and amended laws. Consequently, significant knowledge gaps persist across various areas of law, including land, road traffic, mining, governance, business, and climate change, underscoring the need to strengthen and expand law literacy initiatives nationwide.

3. Proposed Intervention and Activities

Pursuant to its public awareness mandate, the Commission intends to implement a five-year **National Law Literacy Programme (NLLP)** aimed at improving public awareness of the laws of Malawi. The NLLP will deliver nationwide law literacy campaigns through the following interventions:

- (a) Simplification and translation of laws;
- (b) Printing and dissemination of self-study materials;
- (c) Community outreach programmes;
- (d) Media campaigns, including: electronic, print and social;
- (e) Capacity building (training of Law Literacy Champions); and
- (f) Support curriculum review and development to incorporate the laws of Malawi in school syllabi.

4. Partner with Us

The Commission, therefore, invites organizations and institutions to partner with the Commission in implementing the NLLP. Areas of collaboration include, but not limited to:

- (a) sponsoring public awareness and community outreach activities;
- (b) providing technical support for the development of the **Lamulo Langa** mobile application;
- (c) integrating law literacy into existing programmes by civil society organizations;
- (d) amplifying legal awareness through social media; and
- (e) supporting legal education through radio and television programming or print media.

The partnerships will contribute to empowering citizens to know and exercise their rights and responsibilities as enshrined in the laws of Malawi, leading to improved access to justice, promote respect for the rule of law and strengthen democratic governance and accountability.

For partnership inquiries, send an email to civic.lawcom@lawcom.gov.mw and copy gills.msiska@lawcom.gov.mw or call **0884 141 973** or **0994 292 836**.

Follow this link to read more about the NLLP: <https://bit.ly/4xQooa4>