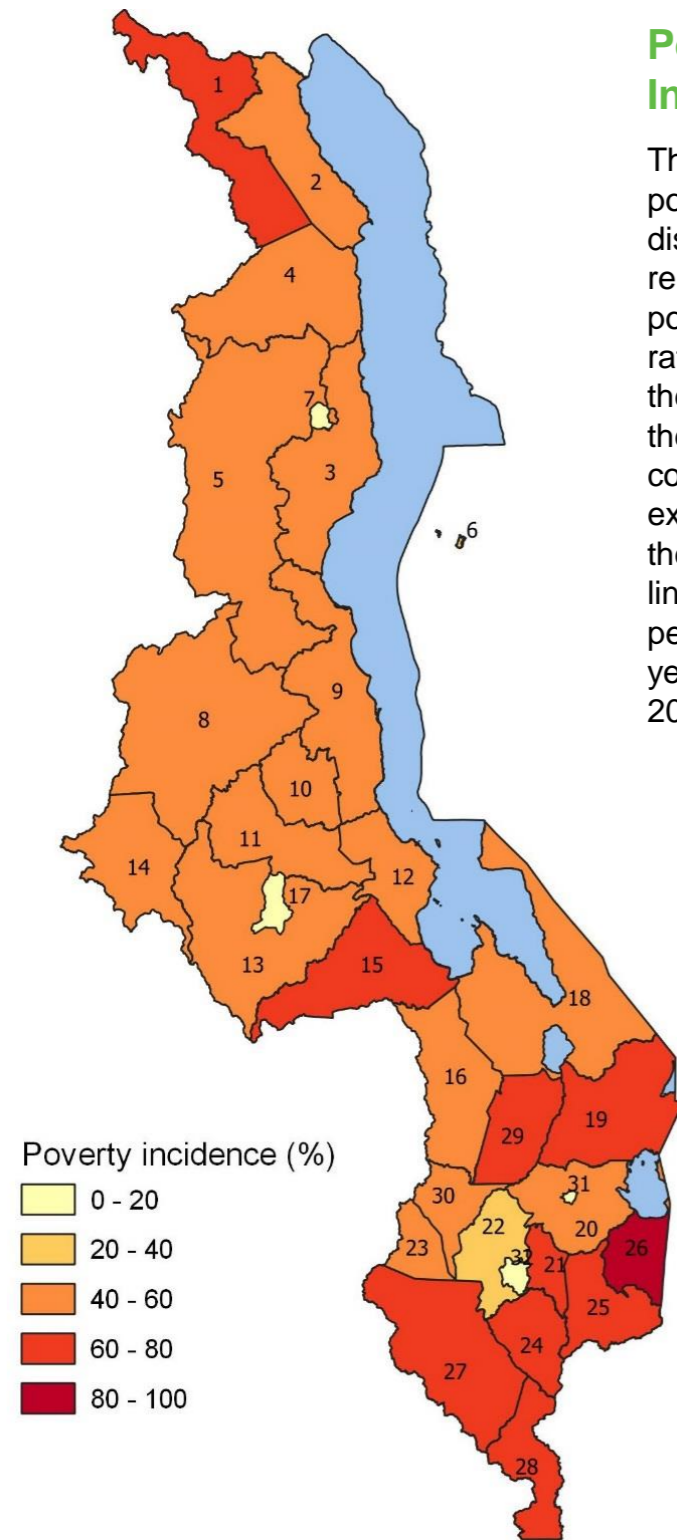


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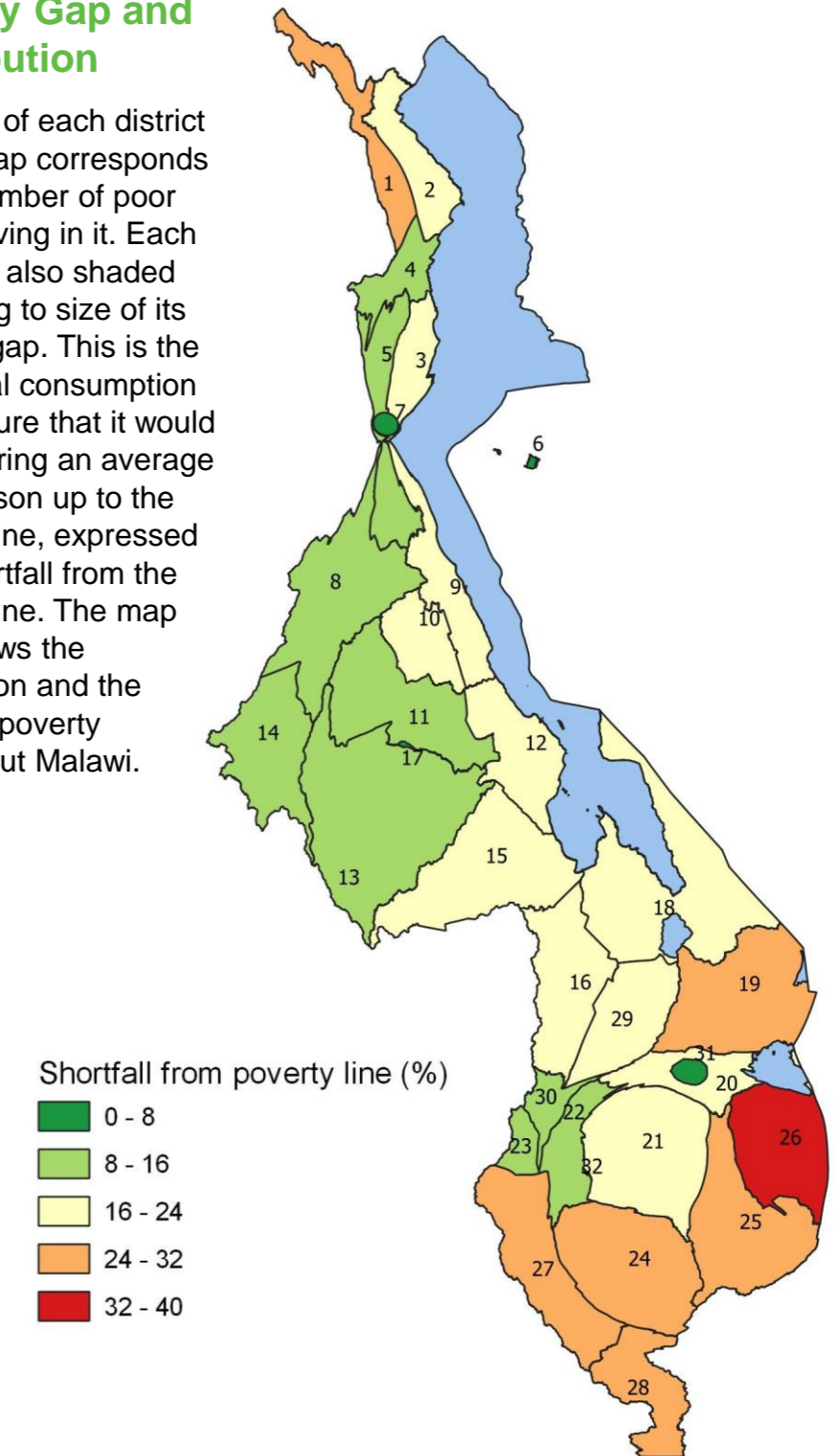
Poverty Incidence

The incidence of poverty at the district level is represented by the poverty headcount ratio, which shows the proportion of the population with consumption expenditure below the national poverty line (MWK 164,191 per person per year, in January 2017 prices).

District	Poverty Headcount (%)	Number of Poor	Poverty Gap (%)
1 Chitipa	73.8	165,800	25.2
2 Karonga	57.1	200,800	18.0
3 Nkhata Bay	57.7	162,600	16.4
4 Rumphu	53.6	120,200	15.9
5 Mzimba	42.9	96,700	12.9
6 Likoma	31.4	3,300	6.8
7 Mzuzu City	9.7	23,700	1.9
8 Kasungu	53.0	460,500	14.8
9 Nkhotakota	53.4	211,200	18.4
10 Ntchisi	53.5	159,700	18.1
11 Dowa	48.8	394,100	14.1
12 Salima	58.4	254,400	20.0
13 Lilongwe rural	47.9	722,300	13.5
14 Mchinji	50.5	312,100	14.6
15 Dedza	63.1	478,000	20.8
16 Ntcheu	54.1	320,900	17.0
17 Lilongwe City	18.0	201,200	4.9
18 Mangochi	59.5	633,400	19.0
19 Machinga	72.4	458,600	24.8
20 Zomba rural	55.9	229,800	17.7
21 Chiradzulu	66.4	450,900	22.3
22 Blantyre rural	38.9	125,900	11.1
23 Mwanza	53.6	56,900	15.8
24 Thyolo	67.3	443,100	24.7
25 Mulanje	69.2	403,000	26.6
26 Phalombe	83.2	321,300	35.1
27 Chikwawa	63.2	350,600	25.8
28 Nsanje	74.3	216,200	29.4
29 Balaka	61.3	253,400	19.0
30 Neno	46.9	75,200	14.0
31 Zomba City	15.8	23,700	4.1
32 Blantyre City	8.0	74,800	1.7
National	51.5	8,404,400	16.8

Poverty Gap and Distribution

The size of each district in this map corresponds to the number of poor people living in it. Each district is also shaded according to size of its poverty gap. This is the additional consumption expenditure that it would take to bring an average poor person up to the poverty line, expressed as a shortfall from the poverty line. The map thus shows the distribution and the depth of poverty throughout Malawi.



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