

Zomba



Malawi

This information was confirmed by ACCP in May 2024.



2024
Total
population

105,018

Zomba is a city in southern Malawi, in the Shire Highlands. It is the former capital city of Malawi. It was the capital of first British Central Africa and then Nyasaland Protectorate before the establishment of Malawi in 1964. It was also the first capital of Malawi and remained so until 1974, when Lilongwe became the capital.

The Parliament remained even longer, until 1994. The city is best known for its British colonial architecture and its location at the base of the dramatic Zomba Plateau. Zomba is also the home of Chancellor College of the University of Malawi.

*Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zomba,_Malawi

Institutional System

- Legal System



There are **national laws** in place to address solid waste management requirements.

- Malawi Environmental Management Act
- Environmental Management (Waste Management and Sanitation) Regulations

- National Strategy · Policy



There are **national strategies/policies** in place to address solid waste management requirements.

- National Waste Management Strategy.

- Guidelines · Plans



- Guidelines for local authorities on how to implement the laws and strategies

- Zomba City Council (Refuse and Rubble, General Cleanliness; Sanitary Arrangements; and Environmental Management) By Laws.

- Strategies or plans in place implemented at the city level for municipal solid waste management

- There are no strategies or plans in place implemented at the city level for municipal solid waste management.

- Effective mechanisms for identification of land for waste management facility siting

- Waste Management and Sanitation Regulations 2008.

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)



There is no national legislation on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- National institution



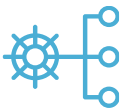
- The status of institutionalizing the solid waste management policy/strategy implementation and coordination at the national level

- One single national entity, either professionally staffed but within the national environmental regulator, or not completely staffed and outside the environmental regulator..

- The institution(s) in charge of the solid waste management

- Environmental Affairs Department within the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change.
- Malawi Environment and Protection Agency (MEPA).

- Organisational structure



Directorate of Health and Social Services within Zomba City Council

Annual budget **58,800 USD / year**

Role : Plan, implement and evaluate solid waste management interventions in Zomba City.
Enforce solid waste management regulations within Zomba City.

- Availability and quality of solid waste management data



The solid waste management data is not collected regularly.

Last Survey: 05/08/2013

- Public education & Awareness



- Public education and / or awareness raising programmes for 3Rs (Reuse, Reduce, Recycle)

Regularly: The city has a regular budget for the environmental / awareness campaigns.

Operational System

- Waste Generation, Collection and Clean-ups

- Who collects and transports



from households to collection points or disposal facilities

1. Zomba City Council and private waste collectors..

- How often



is waste collected from households

Weekly

- Who transports



from collection points to transfer stations, recovery or final disposal facilities

Zomba City Council and private waste collectors.

- Other activities in the city



Toilet cleaning, market cleaning, street cleaning, solid waste collection, disposal of expired goods, fumigation, and burial of dead bodies are some of the activities that are regularly organized by the city.

- Total amount of MSW generated



50 tonnes/day

- Total amount of MSW collected



13 tonnes/day

- Amount of MSW recovered



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N/A
tonnes/day

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- Chikanda Compost facility N/A: **tonnes/day**
- Guardian Shelter Biogas Plant N/A: **tonnes/day**
- Sadzi Compost Facility N/A: **tonnes/day**

- Final disposal



- Amount of MSW received

Chikumbeni disposal site: **13 tonnes/day**

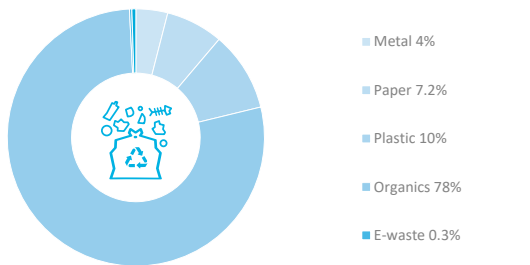
- Total amount of MSW received

all the disposal facilities

13
tonnes/day

- Waste composition

The data collected from **disposal facilities**



- MSW finance

- Annual budget for MSWM



58,800 USD/year

22 USD/tonne

- Source of revenue for MSWM

- Local revenue
- Property rates
- Donors
- Proposal development

- Local cost recovery from households

Less than 25% of households are paying for waste collection services.

- Pricing of disposal



- Waste collectors/transport operators do not pay for tipping fees at disposal facilities.

- Donor support



The city receives support from donors on solid waste management;

- Waste advisors
- OXFAM
- UN-Habitat