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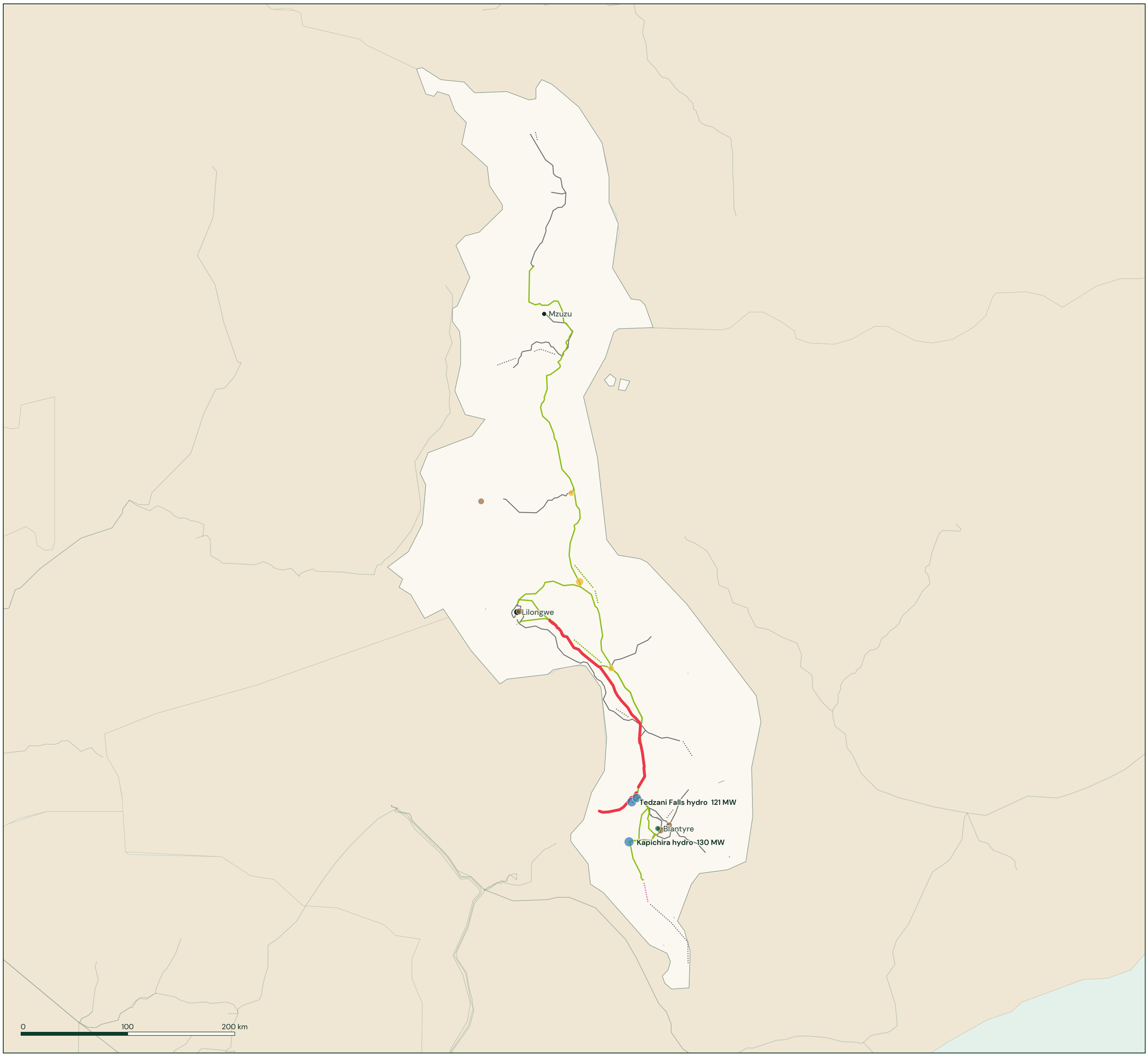
Malawi's power grid today

The high-voltage grid and the power plants running in November 2026

2,700 km of lines, 66 kV and above · 11 power plants of 10 MW and above (565 MW)

Grows where the grid hasn't.

Edition 1 · Data as of November 2026



How to read the map

- 400 kV
- 132 kV
- 110 kV
- 66 kV
- Voltage not recorded
- Dotted: missing from OpenStreetMap, from utility or World Bank maps
- Grey: lines in neighboring countries

Power plants, 10 MW and above

- Hydro
- Oil
- Solar
- Biomass
- 20 MW
- 200 MW
- 1,000 MW
- Town or city

In numbers

- **0.6 GW** in 11 operating power plants of 10 MW and above
- **2,700 km** of mapped transmission lines, 66 kV and above
- **40** substations mapped
- **62%** of operating capacity is hydro

What runs Malawi today



- Hydro 351 MW (62%)
- Oil 103 MW (18%)
- Solar 101 MW (18%)
- Biomass 10 MW (2%)

Largest power stations

Kapichira hydro (hydro)	130 MW
Tedzani Falls hydro (hydro)	121 MW
Nkula B hydro (hydro)	100 MW
Salima solar farm (solar)	60 MW
Chichiri (oil)	35 MW
Kanego (oil)	25 MW
Chinyama (oil)	23 MW
Nkhotakota solar farm (solar)	21 MW
Golomoti solar farm (solar)	20 MW
Mapanga Substation (oil)	20 MW
Nchalo Mill (biomass)	10 MW

Sources. Transmission lines: contains information from OpenStreetMap, which is made available under the Open Database License (ODbL), extracted 4 November 2026; lines missing from OpenStreetMap from World Bank 2017 Africa grid. Power plants: Global Energy Monitor Global Integrated Power Tracker (September 2026, CC BY 4.0), a project register built from public sources, WRI Global Power Plant Database v1.3, OpenStreetMap and the World Bank AICD inventory. Transmission projects: utilities, power pools, funders and news reports; master plans: SAPP master plan 2025-2045 (draft). Towns: GeoNames (CC BY 4.0). Boundaries: Natural Earth.

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