



Republic of Malawi

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DATA ON EMPLOYMENT

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The Ministry of Labour wishes to inform the general public that it has been collecting employment data from various employers across the country. The ministry is very thankful to all institutions that have so far provided information on the number of jobs created and lost from April to September 2022. This information is basically covering the first half of the current financial year.

According to the data collected from 451 workplaces, 12,762 jobs have been created from April to September, 2022 and 7063 jobs representing 55 percent were occupied by males while 45 percent were by females. The public is further informed that the jobs created are mainly based on the workplaces that are in the formal sector. This is a sector which has a share of 11 percent of the total employment in the country and 89 percent is for the informal sector. If we attempt to account for the informal sector, the total number of jobs created is estimated at 116,018 for the whole economy for the first six months of the current financial year.

The public is further informed that 761 people have lost jobs in the same period. The figures on job losses are also based on 451 workplaces. If we report job losses by gender, 427 females lost their jobs in the first half of the fiscal year and this represents 56 percent while 44 percent were for males. The job losses were mainly due to retrenchment and dismissal factors.

The Ministry is therefore appealing all employers to continue furnishing the Ministry Headquarters or District Labour Offices with data on employment so as to support informed decision making for employment creation programs in the country. For more enquiries, please contact Public Relations Officer for the Ministry on 0999234855. More details on the report can also be accessed on the Government Website which is www.malawi.gov.mw.

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