

China assists Malawi in rolling out satellite TV

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The Malawi government has launched a satellite television project which seeks to connect 500 rural communities to satellite television services, with assistance from China.



Lake Malawi village.

The development is a follow-up action since the 2015 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit held in South Africa, and part of China's pledge to provide satellite TV reception to 10,000 African villages.

Malawi President Peter Mutharika said, "Malawi is migrating into a digital world and I want everyone in rural areas to be part of that migration. I want rural people to have access to information because informed people make informed choices and decisions."

Chinese Ambassador to Malawi, Liu Hongyang, said the project was a concrete reflection of China-Malawi friendship and cooperation. Liu disclosed that through the project, China will also donate 500 sets of solar digital TV integrated with decoders, 1,000 sets of solar projector TV systems, and 10,000 sets of digital decoders.

The country's rural masses are expected to have access to at least 21 TV channels through the project, including three local channels. China's Star Times Group was implementing the project.

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