

## NAFPS – Eswatini and Malawi Scoop 2021 Certificates of Recognition

The National Accreditation Focal Points (NAFPs) for Eswatini and Malawi scooped the 2021 NAFP Awards with NAFP-Eswatini scooping the Most Effective NAFP Award whilst NAFP-Malawi scooped the Most Improved NAFP Award. The decision to award the 2021 certificates of recognition to NAFPs Eswatini and Malawi was made at the 68<sup>th</sup> SADCAS Board of Directors meeting held on 18 February 2021.

National Accreditation Focal Points who are appointed by their respective governments are mainly responsible for the promotion of accreditation and marketing of SADCAS services within their respective countries. They are a channel of information from and to SADCAS. In executing SADCAS activities, NAFPs prepare annual national action plans in support of SADCAS annual implementation plans in order to achieve SADCAS objectives. The 2020/21 Marketing Plan whose framework was developed at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual NAFP meeting held on 26 November 2019 directed NAFPs to focus their activities into the strategic area of increasing awareness on the benefits of accreditation especially to policy makers and regulators and to market SADCAS services. The revised NAFP handbook, which also contains frequently asked questions, guides NAFPs in their day to day work.



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Mrs Phindile Dlamini

NAFP- Eswatini  
2021 Most Effective NAFP



Mr Masautso Ngamwane



Mrs Margret Sauzande

NAFP- Malawi  
2021 Most Improved NAFP

The 2021 Awards are based on the reports for the period 1 January up to 31 December 2020 using five (5) criteria weighted. The criteria were weighted according to their importance. Based on all the reports for the year, an evaluation matrix and a summary of NAFPs quarterly reports submissions and estimate realization for the period were prepared which formed the basis of the nominations.

The average estimate realization for 2020 was 68%, less than 71% for 2019 and 2018 and slightly less than 69% for 2017. NAFPs Eswatini, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Seychelles registered improvements whilst the

estimate realization for NAFPs Angola, Botswana, DRC, Lesotho, Namibia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe registered a decline. No comparison was made for NAFPs - Comoros and Zambia. Based on the evaluation matrix, NAFPs – Eswatini was identified for the 2021 Most Effective NAFP Award with NAFP – Eswatini coming up with the highest score at 91 out of 100 and an improvement of +3.75% in average estimate realization whilst NAFP- Malawi had a total score of 88 out of 100 and an improvement of +22.75% in average estimate realization. Thus NAFP-Malawi was selected for the 2021 Most Improved NAFP Award.

The NAFP Award ceremony is an annual event held in conjunction with the SADCAS Annual General Meeting to recognize NAFPs efforts and contributions towards SADC goals on accreditation. Due to the COVID -19 pandemic the certificates and awards will be handed over during the 15<sup>th</sup> NAFP Annual Meeting scheduled to be held from 23 to 24 November 2021 assuming things return to some normalcy by that time.

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