UNFPA in Malawi aims to promote universal access to sexual and reproductive health, realize reproductive rights, and reduce maternal mortality to accelerate progress on the agenda of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, to improve the lives of women, adolescents and youth, enabled by population dynamics, human rights and gender equality.
UNFPA supports programmes in thematic areas of:

- **Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights including Family Planning, Maternal Health, HIV and AIDS, and Fistula**
- **Population and Development**
- **Humanitarian Emergencies**
- **Gender Equality and GBV including Ending Child Marriages**

These are delivered by working with the Ministry of Health and Population; Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development; Ministry of Labour, Youth and Manpower Development; Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare among other government institutions and non-state actors.

While the Government Ministries implement some of the strategic activities on policy and guidelines, most of the community and facility based interventions at the service delivery level are implemented by District Councils and local non-governmental organizations.
Impact districts

UNFPA Malawi strategically supports seven districts of Chiradzulu, Salima, Mangochi, Mchinji, Dedza, Chikhwawa and Nkhata-bay.
### Key indicators in UNFPA impact districts

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<th>% delivered by Skilled provider</th>
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<th>% of currently married women aged 15 - 49 using any modern contraceptive method</th>
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<th>% of women aged 15 - 49 who have experienced physical violence since age 15</th>
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| HIV prevalence | National | 6.4% | 5.1% | 3.0% | 3.2% | 10.1% | 9.2% | 7.5% | 8.8% |

The next pages, provide a summary of progress made in the year 2017.

Source: Malawi Demographic and Health Survey Report 2015-16
Message from the UNFPA Malawi Representative

As I look back at the year 2017, it has been an exciting moment of our time. There have been numerous milestones in this country that have had a great bearing on our mandate. Among them include the constitutional amendment of the marriage age to outlaw child marriages; Malawi’s participation at the 2020 London Family Planning summit, launch of the AU theme in Malawi are part of the many achievements that Malawi has made. The release of the 2015-16 MDHS also highlights a number of improvements on SRHR. These achievements create a foundation for effective and evidence based programming and on our efficient support towards service delivery.

As for UNFPA, we launched our new global strategic plan (2018-2021) that focuses on three transformative results as below.

• End unmet need for family planning
• End preventable maternal deaths
• End gender based violence and harmful cultural practices

In addition, our strength in collecting and analyzing population data will continue to inform everything we do and will ensure that everyone is accounted for in the pursuit of these three ambitious aims and of global goals for sustainable development.

Therefore, as we move towards 2030 by planning for the year 2018, we remain focused on the above results that will transform Malawi.

We look at 2018 as pivotal for us because of three significant events demand from all of us in many ways. These include:

• 2018 Population and Housing Census
• Evaluation of the 7th Country programme and
• the development of the 8th Country programme (2019-2023)

We are anxiously waiting for the evaluation results of the 7th Country Programme and also ready to move into the next generation of programming to ensure we are better aligned to global and country outcomes. The Malawi UNDAF, HSSP II and MGDSIII among others remain the main resource frameworks to guide our planning and support.

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Promotion of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights services
UNFPA Malawi promotes increased availability and use of integrated sexual and reproductive health services (including family planning, maternal health and HIV) that are gender-responsive and meet human rights standards for quality of care and equity in access in the five districts of focus.

**Progress in 2017**

- **35 Maternal Deaths and Surveillance Response committees** are functional to audit maternal deaths, provide recommendations and follow up on actions taken.

- **169 women with obstetrical fistula** were successfully repaired with 90% success rate.

- **17 midwifery students** were offered scholarships at the University of Malawi - Kamuzu College of Nursing.

- **66% of facilities** in support districts provide 7 EMONC signal functions.

- Couple Year Protection estimated at **1,451,791**.

- Modern Family Planning users estimated at **1,129,581** contributing to estimated **2,047 maternal deaths averted**.
Enabling Environment for Women
UNFPA facilitated the creation and support of an enabling environment for women to claim and exercise their right to enjoyment of sexual reproductive health and rights, mitigation of Gender Based Violence and participation in decision-making in the public and private sectors as well as being economically empowered.

**Progress in 2017**

- 13 One Stop Centres are functional and providing GBV management services.
- UNFPA continued with its efforts of engaging community structures in the promotion of girl education focussing on ending child marriages and other harmful cultural practices that violates women and adolescent girls.
- 125 youths and 125 women with disabilities trained in SRHR, Family Planning and GBV prevention.
- More than 45,000 people were engaged through social media on ending child marriages campaign.
New technology to improve HIV prevention services
UNFPA in Malawi strives to ensure that National institutions have the capacity to use new and innovative technologies and evidence-informed best practices to deliver cost-effective, high-quality, gender-sensitive HIV-prevention services to key populations.

**Progress in 2017**

- **10% of tertiary institutions** provide integrated SRH/HIV services.
- **25,000 condoms** distributed in tertiary institutions.
- **1,283 clients received HTS** with 57% female and 43% male.
- **200 providers** from 21 tertiary institutions were trained in STI syndromic management, HIV care cascade model and HTC.
Population data integrated into policies
UNFPA ensures that National institutions have the capacity to generate data and integrate population dynamics into development policies and programmes.

**Progress in 2017**

- **80% of 2019 population** and housing census preparedness completed.
- **Radatam database developed** for retrieval of Census data and map disparities at National and sub-national levels.
- **Review process of the National Population Policy** commenced guided by the 2015 Malawi Demographic Dividend Study Recommendations.
Enabling environment for adolescent girls and young people
UNFPA aims at improving programming and increasing access to essential sexual and reproductive health services to marginalised adolescents and young people in and out of school.

**Progress in 2017**

The country office is currently coordinating two projects, Safeguard Young People and the UN Joint Program on Girls Education. Below is the summary of key achievements:

- Supported the review of the **Learners Readmission Policy**.
- Supported the development of the **out of school CSE manual**.
- **49 youth networks** established and some revamped.
- **534,000 young people** accessed integrated SRHR services in a friendly environment. 
  *(Male 228,000 and female 306,000).*
- **7,825 young people** were reached with SRH information and contraceptives.
- **23 health workers** were trained in Youth Friendly Health Services.
- **8 YFHS facilities renovated**.
Enhanced Country Office participation in Delivering as One UN and UN Reforms
UNFPA promotes Country Office participation in UN Reforms.

**Progress in 2017**

- The country office participated in the **2019-2023 United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) development process Policy**.

- Establishment and maintenance of the **Long Term Agreements (LTAs)** is services such as security, travel, internet and cleaning services among others.
Increased adaptability through innovation, partnership and communication
The Country Office enhanced its visibility and communication evidenced by strengthened collaboration and partnerships with local media and other partners.

**Progress in 2017**

- **More than 30 UNFPA media mentions** recorded in the print and online media.
- Increased number UNFPA country office website users **from 3.5k to 5.1k**.
- On social media, impressions have increased from **195.9K to 405.9K over a period of one year**.
- **UNFPA partnered with Nation Publications Limited** to support the yearly advocacy event of Mothers’ day Fun Run in Blantyre.
- **UNFPA partnered with Zodiak Broadcasting Station** to support an integrated mass media campaign on ending child marriage.
- **2,872 young people were engaged on social media** in support of the campaign to end child marriages.
Resources for 2017

Core funds

Also known as “unearmarked” or “unrestricted” or “core” mean resources available to UNFPA that are commingled and untied. These include revenues, contributions, other governmental or intergovernmental payments to UNFPA, other contributions from non-governmental sources, including foundations, private-sector organizations and individuals and interest earnings.

Non-Core funds

Also known as “other resources” are earmarked or restricted resources of UNFPA other than regular resources “core funds”, which are received for a specific programme purpose consistent with the mandate of UNFPA and for the provision of specific services to third parties.

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Contributions to UNFPA Malawi country office programme totaled $4,671,353 in 2017
Partners

Ministry of Health and Population
Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
Ministry of Labour, Youth and Manpower Development
Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare
Salima District Council
Mchinji District Council
Mangochi District Council
NkhataBay District Council
Dedza District Council
Chiradzulu District Council
Chikhwawa District Council
Malawi Law Commission
National Statistical Office

Pakachere Institute of Health and Development Communication
University of Malawi-Chancellor College
Family Planning Association Malawi
Malawi Girl Guides Association
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UN Foundation
Trust Fund
Sweden
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