



## Brief Report Malawi 2015

Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young persons' potential is fulfilled.



## UNFPA Malawi Country Office

2015 Highlights

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Gender Based Violence cases.

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of the health facilities across the five UNFPA supported districts are offering at least **three** modern methods of family planning.

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A web based GBV Information Management System was finalized and will be rolled out in 2016.

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women had their fistula repaired

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District youth networks for adolescents and young people living with HIV were established and are operational.

Household listing

for 2015-16 Malawi Demographic and Health Survey (MDHS) was completed.

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media personnel from the south and northern region were trained in Family planning, Human rights, demographic dividend and UNFPA operations.

No

woman died of any pregnancy related complications in six of the 15 districts affected with floods.

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cases of GBV.

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young people were reached with condom messages and information through **CONDOMIZE** Campaign in Chikhwawa.

525

bicycles were distributed to adolescent girls in Mangochi and Chikhwawa with support from UN Foundation and this improved girls access to various social services.

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# UNFPA in Malawi

*UNFPA works with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, Ministry of Labour, Youth and manpower development, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare among other government institutions and non-state actors.*

The Country office programme takes into account the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action, the Maputo Plan of Action, the UNFPA Strategic Plan, the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, UNDAF.

In addition, UNFPA is also implementing joint programmes with other UN Agencies in Malawi as part of delivering results together as one UN.

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 Health Officers and local non-governmental organizations. UNFPA Malawi strategically supports five districts of Chiradzulu, Mangochi, Mchinji, Dedza and Nkhata-bay. However, some projects like the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment; GEWE is implemented in 13 districts

UNFPA's focus areas are in:-

- Sexual and reproductive health/family planning/HIV and AIDS
- Population and Development
- Gender and Human Rights
- Young people and
- Emergencies

Below, we provide a summary of progress made in the year 2015.

## **Review of gender-related laws and policies**

UNFPA aims to ensure that gender-related laws, policies and programmes exist and a functional implementation framework is in place to address gender-based violence and other gender inequalities.

### **Progress 2015**

- The Report on the review of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act was finalized and validated.
- An Implementation and Monitoring framework for the Gender Equality Act has been developed.
- A Public Inquiry Report on enjoyment of Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights finalized and disseminated.
- A web based GBV Information Management System is finalized and to be rolled out in 2016.

## **Enabling environment for women**

Through various programmes especially the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, GEWE project, UNFPA facilitated the creation and supporting of an enabling environment for women across the 13 districts to claim and exercise their right to participate in decision-making in the public and private sectors.

### **Progress 2015**

- Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Health was supported to rehabilitate the piped water supply system and electricity at Makiyoni Health Centre - Salima district following the breakdown of the water and electrical system in 2008.
- A Guardian shelter at the same health facility has also been electrified with solar power to create a favourable environment for pregnant women to wait to deliver.
- Mobile courts were rolled out to selected sites in ten (10) districts of the country to facilitate speedy prosecution of cases particularly GBV cases in hard to reach areas that either do not have courts or Magistrates to preside over such cases.

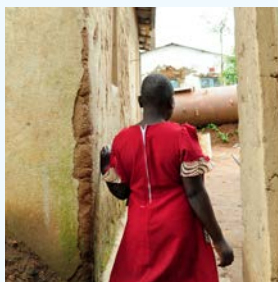


- In 2015 alone, mobile courts have successfully handled and concluded 82 cases of GBV.
- Men groups were able to handle 1217 GBV cases of which 748 (61% came from women and girls). The men groups succeeded to refer a total of 101 cases to police of which 76 of them (representing 75%) were successfully concluded in court.
- Within their capacity; the men groups have managed to resolve 535 cases and provided counselling to 1163 victims of GBV.

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### Linking sex workers with Justice and Health care

Alice and Ndazonia from Dedza district, tell their story on how they work with the Police, Magistrate and the district hospital to access justice and health services in an environment where sex workers are arrested and stigmatized. UNFPA Malawi is supporting an initiative to ensure sex workers enjoy their full rights and are able to access sexual and reproductive health services without being stigmatized.

Read the whole story of Alice and Ndazonia on: <http://malawi.unfpa.org/news/reconnecting-sex-workers-justice-and-health-care>

Male involvement in SRH/HIV programmes has increased from

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## 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 2015

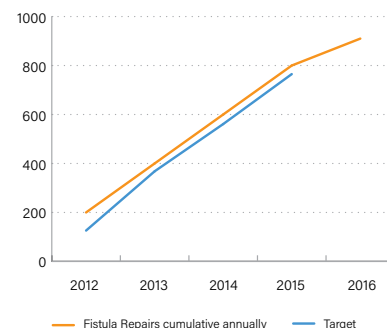
- 10 District youth networks for adolescents and young people living with HIV were formed. These adolescents and young people have been trained in designing, planning and implementing HIV prevention and treatment interventions for their fellow young people.
- Malawi Police, Health workers and Magistrates were oriented on human rights programming for sex work in order to enhance access by sex workers to SRH/HIV services. Arbitrary arrests of sex workers by the Police have declined. The uptake of SRH/HIV services have increased to 40% from 10% before the intervention.
- Mass media campaigns improved the comprehensive knowledge among adolescents and young people on SRH/HIV. Within the group of adolescents and young people in the intervention districts comprehensive knowledge has increased by 10% (now at 63%) which is higher than the national rate of 53%.
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- PMTCT services uptake has increased by 20% in the implementation districts
- The Stop Cervical cancer campaign was launched in August 2015

## Promotion of SRH services

UNFPA Malawi ensures that high-quality; integrated sexual and reproductive health services are promoted, available and accessible at facility and community levels in the five districts of focus

## Progress 2015

- The emergency obstetric care needs assessment was completed and 19 health facilities are providing the seven signal functions (4%).
- 204 fistula patients were successfully repaired.
- Maternal deaths surveillance and response (MDSR) guidelines were disseminated together with the analytical maternal death review report.
- Functional MDSR committees now exist in all 29 health districts and five health zones
- Twenty midwifery students have been supported with scholarships.
- The costed implementation plan for FP2020 was launched
- Currently 97% of the health facilities are offering at least three modern methods of family planning.
- During the floods in 2015
- 26,107 clean deliveries were supported in six of the 15 of the affected districts
- 348,995 male condoms were distributed to sexually active men, majority of them being young people through youth groups' interventions in displacement camps.
- 26,198 pregnant women accessed antenatal care in the four districts of Nsanje, Chikwawa Phalombe and Machinga; Of these, 11,899 accessed HIV testing and counselling services in Chikwawa, Phalombe and Nsanje districts.



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**Alice Sabuni**  
66 years with Fistula

Alice Sabuni has lived with an Obstetric fistula since 1949. UNFPA Malawi organized the first ever fistula camp in Mulanje district to assist women who had this condition. A total of 21 women received treatment during the two weeks camp. Among them was the 84 year old Alice Sabuni who lived with this condition for 66 years.

Read her full story on:  
<http://esaro.unfpa.org/news/healed-after-66-years-fistula>

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- An ambulance was procured and donated to Nsanje district. In total 59 women benefited within the district through referrals to the tertiary facility.
- 965 (12 women with complications of pregnancy and delivery) were referred to secondary and tertiary health facilities in the four districts of Nsanje, Chikwawa and Phalombe, and Machinga for assisted delivery with 100% positive outcome - live mother and baby.
- 1, 460,960 couple years of protection
- 966,112 users of modern family planning methods
- 348,000 unintended pregnancies averted
- Emergency Obstetric Care assessment report was disseminated
- 2000 bicycles were distributed to the 13 RMNCH districts

## Up a tree and eight months pregnant: A woman's ordeal in the Malawi floods - Alimanda

Alimanda awoke to the roar of floodwater rushing into her home. She roused her four children and hurried them into a nearby tree, and, as the water rose around her, she struggled to climb into its branches. She was eight months pregnant. Clinging to the trunk, Alimanda shouted into the darkness for help. Finally, a rescuer arrived by canoe. As they were ferried to safety,

Alimanda watched as friends' and relatives' boats capsized in the raging waters. UNFPA and partners delivered reproductive health kits to affected populations during the 2015 floods that affected 15 districts in Malawi. These kits include medicines, equipment and supplies to support safe deliveries and handle complications, and even perform Caesarean section deliveries.

Read the whole story of Alimanda on:  
<http://www.unfpa.org/news/tree-and-eight-months-pregnant-woman>







## 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 2015

- A High level meeting was conducted in New York on Demographic dividend chaired by the Malawi President, Prof. Peter Mutharika where a proposal was made to have the 2017 African Union Summit discuss and have the theme on “Demographic Dividend and investing in the youth”.
- In partnership with Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP), was commissioned to undertake a demographic dividend study.
- Modelling workshop conducted;
- Multi-sectoral reference group meeting conducted;
- and Stakeholder consultations conducted.
- In partnership with national statistics office, the CO supported Household listing for 2015-16 Malawi Demographic and Health Survey (MDHS).

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### Defying child marriage with a vision to become a teacher

She was born in 1996 and yet she has a child. She dropped out of school when she was in standard eight after getting pregnant at the age of 15. She gave birth and she was determined to go back to school and continue with her education and now she is in form three at Bembeke community day secondary school. Her vision is to become a secondary school teacher.

This is a story of Luwiza Lewis from Dedza district. Through UNFPA and the Safeguard Young People programme, a three year Southern Africa regional programme, Luwiza is back to school.

Read her whole story on:  
<http://esaro.unfpa.org/news/defying-child-marriage-malawi>

- In order to enhance Social Mobilization and information dissemination, for the 2015- 16 MDHS, Facts, Brochures and Posters were printed and distributed to the sampled areas and Jingles and Radio dramas were produced and aired on local radios with support from UNFPA.

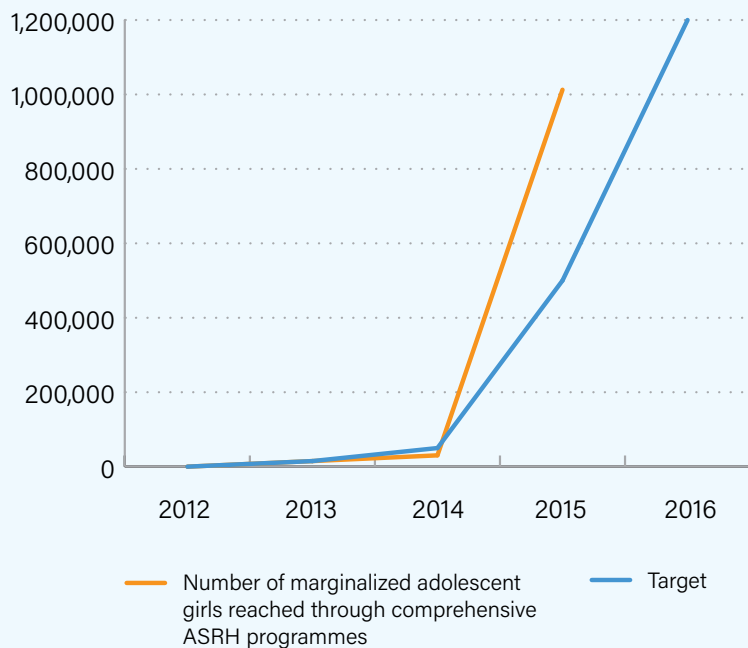
## Enabling environment for adolescent girls and young people

UNFPA aims at improving programming and increasing access to essential sexual and reproductive health services to marginalized adolescent and young people.

### Progress 2015

- Situation Analysis for young people in Malawi was conducted and launched by the Head of State.
- During the year, six District Youth Networks revamped and were capacitated with skills in programme planning, implementation and M&E.
- Progress has been made on the formation of AfriYAN Malawi Chapter and TORs of Youth Networks in Malawi have been reviewed.
- Youth-led consultations were done to inform the review of Malawi Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) II and the next development plan on issues of young people.
- An on-line course for Teachers on Comprehensive Sexuality Education was introduced and underway targeting 70 teachers from six districts.
- A Cultural Initiative Study to understand impact of initiation ceremonies on rights of young people and their SRH was finalized and validated.

- CONDOMIZE! campaign done in Chikwawa reached 4,603 of which 2,738 were males and 1,865 females
- 78 people tested for HIV during the CONDOMIZE Campaign (45 males and 33 females between ages of 15- 24 years.) 14,400 male condoms and 5000 female condoms were also distributed.
- A total of 1,600 young people aged 15-24 years (800 males and 800 females) reached with CSE, Life Skills and Condom Education during community free concert at Lake of Stars Music Festival and 66 people accessed HTC services of which 41 were young people between 15 to 24 years (21 males and 20 females).
- A total of 13,829 male condoms and 139 female condoms distributed to participants at the Lake of Stars main event
- 20 young people accessed emergency contraceptive pills during the same event.



## Enhanced Country Office participation in Delivering as One UN and UN Reforms

*UNFPA promotes Country Office participation in UN Reforms*

UNFPA co-facilitated an annually planned orientation of new UN Staff officers and re-oriented the old staff on RBM basic principles.

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44

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### Progress 2015

- The country office continued to participate in the following seven interagency technical working groups (in which UNFPA's mandate is operationalized); OMT, HACT, UNICTWG, M&ETWG, Human Rights, UNCG and UN Humanitarian TWG.
- The CO implemented three Joint UN programmes, Joint UN Programme on Adolescent Girls (JPAG), Joint UN Programme on Girls Education (JPGE) and Joint Humanitarian Response to Flood affected population.
- The CO adopted planning, monitoring and reporting tools as jointly developed in various clusters and have been operationalized in web based real time monitoring for implementation of UNDAF Action Plan [www.un-mw-rms.prome.web.com](http://www.un-mw-rms.prome.web.com)

### Evidence based programming

Enhanced programme effectiveness through improved results and evidence based programming

### Progress 2015

- Supported UNDAF Evaluation (2012 to 2016) which was jointly commissioned and led by the UNCT and the Government of Malawi.
- UNFPA co-facilitated an annually planned orientation of new UN Staff officers and re-oriented the old staff on RBM basic principles. A total of 44 staff were trained.
- Continued efforts were made to strengthen HMIS/DHIS 2 data collection tools to ensure it is able to provide financial and technical reports related to Youth Friendly Health Services
- A web based GBV Information Management System was finalized and will be rolled out in 2016

## Increased adaptability through innovation, partnership and communication

### Progress 2015

- Increased number of media reports seen and heard of its achievements in the year 2015. A total of 28 documented media reports mentioned UNFPA in either print, TV and Radio.
- 50 media personnel from the south and northern region were trained in Family planning, Human rights, demographic dividend and UNFPA operations.
- Three opinion write ups in form of Op-Eds were published in the print media newspaper.
- UNFPA secured engagement with Airtel Malawi to broadcast messages on stop cervical cancer campaign once every month for six months beginning August 2015 reaching out to approximately 3.5million subscribers.
- UNFPA engaged Skyband Malawi who donated about \$500.00 towards the Stop cervical cancer campaign. Partners

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- Centre for Human Rights and Rehabilitation
- Church and Society- Livingstonia Synod
- Creative Centre for Community Mobilization
- Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace
- Government of Malawi –Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development
- Ministry of Labour, Youth and Manpower Development
- Ministry of Health-RH Directorate
- Ministry of Gender, Disability, Children and Social Welfare
- Salima District Council
- Mchinji District Council
- Mangochi District Council
- NkhataBay District Council
- Dedza District Council
- Chiradzulu District Council
- Malawi Law Commission
- National Statistical Office
- Pakachere Institute of Health and Development Communication
- Malawi Interfaith Aids Association
- University of Malawi- Chancellor College
- Family Planning Association Malawi
- Ecumenical Counselling Centre
- Malawi Girl Guides Association
- Youth Net and Counselling
- Malawi Human Rights Centre
- Women's Legal Resource Centre

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