



2012-13 HEALTH, POPULATION, AND NUTRITION FACT SHEET

Funding (FY 2012)

\$37 million (HIV/AIDS)
\$2 million (TB)
\$24.6 million (Malaria)
\$12.6 million (Maternal & Child Health)
\$12.7 million (Family Planning)
\$8.5 million (Nutrition)
\$2.2 million (WASH)
TOTAL \$129.5 million

Partners

Abt. Associates, African Palliative Care Association, Banja La Mtsogolo, Baylor, Bunda College of Agriculture, Catholic Relief Services, Centers for Disease Control, Central Contraceptive Procurement, Chemonics, Concern World Wide, Dignitas, Engender Health, Feed The Children, Futures Group, Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance, JHPIEGO, Johns Hopkins University, John Snow International, Kamuzu College of Nursing, Lilongwe Medical Relief Fund Trust, MACRO, Nkhoma Synod, Partners in Hope, Peace Corps, Population Reference Bureau, Population Services International, Save the Children, Tufts University, UNICEF, University Research Council, World Learning

Geographic Location

Country-wide

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Program Overview

Malawi is beset by several major health challenges that undermine its growth and development. Its population of 15 million is expected to triple by 2040 at current fertility level of 5.7. Over half of its 15 million people live below the poverty line, and more than a third consume less than the required daily calories, leading to a 47% stunting rate for children under five. HIV/AIDS is the major cause of death, followed by lower respiratory infections, malaria, diarrheal diseases, and pregnancy-related complications. Malawi's scores for a nation's health are some of the lowest in the world: maternal mortality (675 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births), under five mortality (112 deaths per 1,000 live births) and infant mortality (66 deaths per 1,000 live births).

Program Impact

USAID's Child Health program focuses on improving the effectiveness and accessibility of child health and nutrition services through community-based approaches, with a focus on village clinics and community health volunteers, to deliver a package of high-impact child health and nutrition interventions (preventive and selected treatment).

Family planning interventions focus on improving options for contraceptive choice. USAID is spearheading community-based distribution of family planning options and improving access to long term and permanent methods as well as reforms to strengthen commodity security.

The nutrition program focuses on preventing chronic under-nutrition by linking behavior change communication with agricultural value chains and health service delivery; preventing and controlling micronutrient malnutrition through food fortification; institutionalizing community-based management of acute malnutrition and building the capacity of government staff working in the nutrition sector at all levels.

PEPFAR-supported HIV/AIDS portfolio in Malawi includes investments in systems strengthening, HIV treatment and care services, behavioral and biomedical prevention, and strengthening communities to both increase uptake of HIV treatment services and to support vulnerable populations, including People Living with HIV (PLHIV).

The United States Government's Presidential Malaria Initiative (PMI) has contributed to substantial progress in scaling up malaria prevention and treatment measures as well as training, host country capacity building. USAID is supporting the National TB-Control Program to realize its vision of a tuberculosis-free Malawi by reducing the morbidity, mortality and transmission of tuberculosis until the disease is no longer a public health problem.

Maternal health Interventions support the roadmap for accelerating reduction in maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality through implementation of proven high impact interventions at household and village/community levels, and improve services to provide a continuum of care for women. Malawians who take charge of their own health, and manage their family size will be those who lead and develop their country.