# THE ROLE OF CSOs IN ACHIEVING 2020 FAMILY PLANNING COMMITMENTS-MALAWI

#### PRESENTATION OUTLINE 07

- Malawi population density growth rate
- Barriers to increased Family Planning uptake
- The role of CSOs in addressing FP2020 commitments and achievements to date
- Recommendations

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## MALAWI POPULATION DENSITY GROWTH RATE

Year	Actual/Projected Population	Population /Km <sup>2</sup>
1966	4 Million	33.7
1977	5.5 Million	46.4
1987	8.0 Million	67.5
1998	9.9 Million	83.6
2008	13.1Million	110.6
2020	19.1Million	161.2
2030	26.1Million	220.3
2040	38 Million	320.7

Malawi population growth rate is 2.8%, which translates into over 400,000 people added per year.

Contraceptive prevalence rate is currently 42%.

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#### BARRIERS TO INCREASED FP UPTAKE

- Limited supply of preferred FP commodities (Stock outs).
- Long distance between the most rural remote population and health facilities.
- Misconceptions on FP sides effects.
- Women decision on FP access is influenced by spouse and other family members.
- Individual's education levels effects on contraceptive use. Fertility rate: no education 6.9, Primary 5.9, Secondary 3.8, Tertiary 2.1

## CSOs ROLE IN ADDRESING FP 2020 COMMITMENTS

- Lobbying duty bearers at national and district levels to integrate population and FP activities in Development plans.
- Engaging traditional and religious leaders in raising awareness to about the benefits of FP and impacts of rapid population growth.
- Civic educating the general public on the benefits of family planning.
- Advocating with policy makers including parliamentarians to allocate more resources to FP/RH.
- Scaling up FP services to hard to reach rural communities.
- Reaching out to the youth with FP information and services.

- Advocating for the inclusion of comprehensive SRHR in school curriculum.
- Advocating with parliamentarians to raise age of marriage 15 to 18.

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CSOs Representatives and parliamentarians



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- Creation of FP budget line in 2013/14 nation budget of MK26million (\$65,000) and 2014/2015 budget raised to MK60 Million (\$150,000).
- Raised FP profile as a development agenda (both national, district and ADC levels)
- Creation of community by laws incorporating SRH i.e. safe motherhood.
- Inclusion of comprehensive SRHR in school curriculum.
- Increased access of SRHR/FP services as NGOs are complimenting government on service provision
- Increased access to YFHS.
- National population policy launched in 2013

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A Clinic outreach site



## Mobile outreach clinic



### RECOMMENDATION

- Malawi government should allocate a least15% of the national budget in compliance with the Abuja declaration.
- Increase engagement of traditional and faith leader on the impact of population increase, so as to advocate the use of FP to their subjects.
- Integrate FP/SRH in general medical care
- Malawi government should harmonize conflicting policies i.e. Ministry of Education and MOH policies on provision of family planning services for youth.
- Increase accessibility of YFHS in rural areas where the majority of the youth resides
- Increase parental capacity to engage their children in SRH information
  - Increase accessibility of YFHS to marginalized adolescent girls especially those with disabilities such as the deaf, dumb and visually

## THANK YOU!!