



PARLIAMENT OF MALAWI



Progress Report on the implementation of the 2019 NEAPACOH Commitments

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MALAWI COMMITMENTS AS OF 2019 NEAPACOH

- Lobby for continued increase in Government funding towards the Sector;
- To ensure that our Central Medical Stores Trust includes essential FP products in its Must – Have lists;
- Advocate for alternate health financing e.g. National Health Insurance and user fees in public referral hospitals;
- Advocate for Strengthening of the Health Systems in research and Monitoring and Evaluation.
- To ensure that adolescents and youths especially girls have access to comprehensive as well as context and age responsive SRHR information, education and timely services.

Meeting date: October 2019

Commitment Made	Actions Taken	Fully Implemented	Partially Implemented	Not implemented	Comments <i>(May include reasons for failure to implement and challenges)</i>
Lobby for continued increase in Government funding towards the Sector	The Health Committee has continued to lobby Government through the Ministry of Finance for increased allocation of funding towards the Health Sector. <i>(The Budgetary allocation towards the Health Sector has increased from MK161 billion in 2019 to MK183 billion in 2021)</i>		Partially implemented- The 2021-2022 Health Sector Budget is now at around 9.4% from 5.5% in 2019 because of resource constraints.		The National Budget still falls short of the Abuja declaration (15% of the national budget to be allocated to Health). Despite the health sector budget rising in nominal terms, it falls short of the Abuja Declaration

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Ensure that our Central Medical Stores Trust includes essential FP products in its Must-Have Lists	Engagement meetings with the CMST and Ministry of Health and other relevant stakeholders in the Health Sector	Fully implemented with an inclusion of 10 family planning products in the Central Medical Stores Must Have Lists.			The Health Committee will continue monitoring to ensure there is availability and accessibility of the products.

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To advocate for alternative health financing e.g. National Health Insurance and user fees in public referral hospitals	Continuous engagements with stakeholders on alternative health financing.		<p>Partially implemented.</p> <p>Progress is being made on the introduction of user fees. There is partial introduction of revenue collection mechanisms in referral and some district hospitals.</p>		For a country like Malawi with a lot of competing economic demands, it will take time to fully migrate to alternative health financing.

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To advocate for strengthening of Health Systems in research and monitoring and evaluation	The Committee continues to engage relevant stakeholders			Not implemented	The Country is still working towards this commitment

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To ensure that adolescents and Youths especially girls have access to comprehensive as well as context and age responsive SRHR information, education and timely services	Meetings with relevant stakeholders	Comprehensive sexuality education curriculum for out of school youths developed and rolled out	Partially implemented with:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction of comprehensive sexuality education in selected secondary schools 2. Training of the Youth Community Based Distribution Agents (CBDAs) 3. A motion to present the Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Bill was tabled before Parliament though not adopted by the House 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is need to evaluate and monitor community acceptability on CSE in schools. 2. We need to revamp CBDAs across the country and improve their capacity. 3. The topic on TOP Bill remains being regarded as sensitive to be discussed in public hence opposing views are present on the Bill due to religious and cultural differences

2021 MALAWI COMMITMENTS

- Continue to advocate for the enactment of the Termination of Pregnancy Bill;
- Continue to lobby for increased budgetary allocation to the Health Sector to meet the Abuja Declaration;
- Continue to lobby for increased budgetary allocation to the Health Sector to operationalize SRHR policies
- Acceleration of interventions on HIV, SRHR and adolescent Health;
- Advocate for Strengthening of the Health Systems in research and Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Continue to lobby for increased budgetary allocation to quality and coverage of TB control;

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