

MALAWI 2022

Summary of the Joint Programme's support to the national HIV response in 2022

In Malawi, the Joint Team supported the country's progress in scaling up equitable and gender sensitive HIV services for all. In 2022, more than 12 789 young people including migrants and female sex workers improved their knowledge of HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health while 45 162 male and female condoms were distributed through community-led programmes and outreach initiatives supported by the Joint Team (UNHCR). In addition, 765 female sex workers accessed HIV prevention, sexual and reproductive health, sexual and gender-based violence as well as referral services through moonlight clinics in eight newly established hot spots across the country (UNFPA). The Malawi National HIV Prevention Framework was finalized and the Global HIV Prevention Coalition Roadmap 2025 was adapted to strengthen HIV prevention services in Malawi (UNAIDS Secretariat). In addition, a national drug policy was also developed with active participation of 65 representatives from the Ministry of Homeland Security to improve harm reduction as well as HIV and other viral infections among people who use or inject drugs (UNODC). Additionally more than 570 000 learners in the country received information on HIV prevention (UNESCO).

Vulnerable and key populations accessed HIV testing with technical and financial support from the Joint Team. For example, 1563 people accessed HIV testing and counselling services (ILO) while 1841 pregnant women were tested for HIV and those who tested HIV positive were enrolled on treatment services (UNICEF). A total of 4577 migrant workers at Salima Solar Company received HIV self-testing kits from community health workers and people who tested positive were referred to antiretroviral treatment (ART) services (ILO).

Training of 17 community groups on HIV and gender-based violence prevention, mitigation and response improved access to community-led HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) information among 1516 people (UNHCR). Additionally, 496 HIV support groups received agricultural products, such as vegetable seeds, fruit trees and guinea fowls for homestead farming activities (WFP).

A community-led monitoring project funding by CDC was implemented in six districts and advocacy engagements were conducted in the 30 facilities in collaboration with development partners (UNAIDS Secretariat).



KEY RESULTS

- Over 580 000 learners, vulnerable young people, migrants and female sex workers informed about HIV prevention and sexual and reproductive health.
- National drug policy developed improving harm reduction as well as HIV and other viral infections among people who use or inject drugs.
- Access to community-based PMTCT and family planning services expanded resulting in an 18% increase in number of HIV-exposed infants tested for HIV.
- More than 100 000 people learned about adopting and maintaining healthy diets and nutrition-sensitive behaviours.
- HeForShe* initiative empowered 1500 boys and men to champion positive norms and attitudes and address harmful norms and practices.

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The National HIV/AIDS Policy incorporating principles against stigma and discrimination was developed and launched through legislative and policy interventions (UNDP). An advocacy, awareness and engagement strategy for the reduction of HIV-related stigma and discrimination was also developed with active participation of key stakeholders from judiciary, law enforcement and 24 district councils to harmonize current HIV-related laws and repeal penalizing laws (UNDP). In addition, 29 892 people from refugee and host communities participated in the review of the gender-based violence standard operating procedures to enhance prevention, mitigation and response among key populations (UNHCR). The *National Male Engagement Strategy on Gender-Based Violence, SRHR and HIV 2022-2027* was also validated to advance gender equality and scale up gender sensitive and equitable HIV and reproductive health services through active participation of men. As part of the *HeForShe* initiative, 1028 men and 468 boys were empowered to champion positive norms and attitudes and address harmful norms and practices. Further, 121 people with disabilities improved their knowledge of gender and HIV-related laws and

policies, through dialogues with community leadership groups (UN Women).

In five districts, 200 unionists and shop stewards received training on health and safety policies in the workplace (ILO). Financial support from the Joint Team further enabled 1876 adolescent and young people from marginalized communities to enrol, stay and complete secondary school, fulfilling their human rights to education (UNAIDS Secretariat).

In Nsanje District, 30 000 internally displaced people in 22 camps accessed integrated HIV, SRHR, gender-based violence and emergency services, including PMTCT, early infant diagnosis, COVID-19 and cholera through funds from the national COVID-19 response (UNICEF).

Contributing to [United Nations Development Assistance Framework in Malawi \(2019-2023\)](#)



2022 Joint Programme Expenditure

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