



Seed
GLOBAL HEALTH



MALAWI

Our Goal

Build the capacity of doctors, nurses, and midwives so that they can address the diverse and specific health needs of their communities and serve as agents of change.

Our Focus



Community Health



Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health



Mental Health

Our Impact

2013



11

Placement Sites



68

Physician, Nurse, and Midwife Educators Placed



320

Courses / Trainings



10,135

Trainees Taught

Present

Malawi has made significant progress towards improving individual health outcomes. It is one of the few sub-Saharan countries that achieved Millenium Development Goal 4 for child survival by 2015, for example. However, critical gaps remain in meeting the growing health needs of the country's population and delivering essential health services. In an effort to help meet these goals, Seed Global Health (Seed) has worked in Malawi since 2013, in collaboration with the government and our in-country partners, building the capacity of doctors, nurses, and midwives so as to enable access to high-quality care.

Based on identified needs and the government's health priorities, Seed supports three key focus areas in the country:

Community Health

There is a need for skilled health professionals who can serve as an essential referral base for community-based health workers and volunteers, enabling them to refer patients for more advanced care at the community level.

Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH)

Maternal mortality and neonatal and perinatal mortality remain unacceptably high in Malawi. Further, largely preventable and easily treatable illnesses are still the main causes of child mortality.

Mental Health

Mental health is a critical issue in Malawi. Stigma, lack of knowledge, and a scarcity of

mental health professionals limits access to much-needed services. Very few institutions have the ability to help train specialized professionals and general health workers are most often not equipped to deal with mental health issues.

In collaboration with the government and our in country partners, we work to:



Increase the capacity to deliver quality education, improve the standard for classroom and clinical teaching and mentorship, foster trainee-centered learning environments, and integrate theory with practice.



Develop a critical mass of highly-skilled doctors, nurses, and midwives who provide holistic, contextual, and dignified community health, MNCH, and mental health care and can train the next generation of providers.



Build the leadership capacity of health professionals so they can advocate for improved and integrated community health, MNCH, and mental health policies and practice environments that allow them to thrive.

By supporting the training of a dedicated public health cadre, we increase the number of essential skilled health workers that are locally-rooted, able to meet the specific health needs of their communities, and can serve as agents of change.

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