



## MALAWI

# Overview of our work

In support of the Ministry of Health (MOH) goal to achieve universal health coverage (UHC) by 2030 and together with our partners, Seed Global Health works to improve the health of Malawians by strengthening the capacity of doctors, nurses, and midwives to deliver primary health care, mental health, and reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services.

## Country context

Over the last decade, Malawi has made progress in reducing the maternal and under-five mortality ratios. Looking ahead to 2030, the government seeks to further reduce maternal mortality to 70 deaths per 100,000 live births (from the current 349/100,000), newborn mortality to 12/1,000 live births (from the current 19.1/1,000) and under-five mortality to less than 25/1,000 live births (from the current 38.6/1,000). Noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) account for 32% to 40% of deaths, with a total disability-adjusted life year (DALY) burden of 9.6%, which is attributable to mental health conditions.

## Country objectives

- 1** Medical, nursing, and midwifery training programs in RMNCH, mental health, and primary health care are sufficiently and sustainably resourced, training and graduating high-quality health workers.
  - Strengthen the capacity of Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS) education and training programs to graduate health professionals who can deliver high-quality RMNCH and primary health care services by 2030. Specifically graduate:
    - + **340 doctors:** 40 family medicine specialists, 10 pediatricians, 90 obstetrician gynecologists, and 200 bachelor of medicine, bachelor of surgery (MBBS) graduates
    - + **500 nurses:** 50 pediatric critical care nurses, 50 child health specialists, 100 nurse practitioner specialists, and 300 bachelor of science (BSc) in nursing graduates
    - + **750 midwives**
  - Support training for **1,000** in-service midwives, **1,000** medical students in the MBBS program, and **500** in-service mental health care workers



## About Seed Global Health

Seed Global Health partners with governments, health professional schools, and health facilities to educate health workers, strengthen the quality of health services, and support policies that enable health professionals to deliver high-quality services to those in need.

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The clinical facilities in which students and health workers train and practice demonstrate excellence in service delivery, continuous education, and implementation of evidence-based innovations, resulting in improved clinical outcomes.

- Support the establishment of a **maternal health center of excellence** at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital to strengthen health service delivery, teaching, and innovation for excellence in patient care by 2030.
- **Achieve at least 10% reduction in the maternal mortality ratio** at all Seed-supported health facilities by 2030.
- **Achieve at least 15% reduction in the perinatal mortality ratio** at all Seed-supported health facilities by 2030.
- **Reduce premature mortality from NCDs by at least 15%** through prevention, early detection, treatment and promoting mental health and wellbeing by 2030.

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The MOH and health system stakeholders plan and resource appropriately for the absorption, deployment, and retention of doctors, nurses, and midwives in order to build a resilient, climate-smart health system and accelerate progress toward UHC.

- Support MOH, professional associations, and respective health regulatory bodies to strengthen health workforce planning and management to **reduce vacancy rates and improve retention** for doctors, nurses, and midwives by 2030.
- Support the MOH to **develop an evidence-based climate change policy** and resource plan to adapt to, mitigate, and integrate the impacts of climate change at all levels of the health system by 2030.
- **Strengthen the capacity of health workers to recognize and address the health threats** created by climate change by 2030.

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