2016 U.S. Government Assistance to Malawi
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“Other” includes security & refugee assistance, disaster readiness, & public diplomacy grants. None of the assistance included in this chart is in the form of a loan. Figures do not include 140 U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, USG contributions to multilateral institutions (e.g., the Global Fund, UN agencies) or the generous private philanthropy of American citizens and foundations. For more information, please visit [http://lilongwe.usembassy.gov](http://lilongwe.usembassy.gov) or [http://foreignassistance.gov/](http://foreignassistance.gov/).
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS THE LARGEST BILATERAL DONOR TO MALAWI

U.S. Presidential Initiatives:

1. Feed the Future (FTF)
2. Global Health Initiative (GHI)
3. The U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
4. President’s Malaria Initiative (PMI)
5. Global Climate Change (GCC)
6. Let Girls Learn
7. Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI)
8. Power Africa

Congressional Priorities:

1. Basic Education
2. Biodiversity
3. Water
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Nearly 40% of Malawians are depending on humanitarian assistance to survive through the 2016-17 lean season

$124 million in total USG contribution to the humanitarian response:

- Additional funding provided for school feeding and nutrition for HIV patients
- Reached 6.3 million people in 21 of the total 24 target districts
- $7 million to distribute GOM maize contributed to MVAC
- $26 million to support food for work for resilience building activities to benefit 80,000 households
- $7 million to distribute seed and train conservation agriculture to 150,000 farmers
MISSION OBJECTIVES

1. Social development improved in:
   • Health
   • Education

1. Sustainable livelihoods increased in:
   • Agriculture
   • Environment
   • Trade promotion

2. Strengthen power sector

4. Citizens exercise rights and responsibilities with a more transparent and accountable government

5. Build security services’ capability to conduct peacekeeping and fight transnational and terrorism threats
2016 Highlights
IMPROVING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTH

• Reduced HIV incidence (ages 15-49) by 76% from 2003 to 2016
• Reduced total fertility rate (births per woman) from 5.7 in 2010 to 4.4 in 2016
• Achieved Millennium Development Goal #4 - reduced under-5 mortality from 234 in 1992 to 64 in 2016
• Decreased child mortality from 112 to 64 between 1990 and 2015 as a result of USG interventions in HIV, malaria, and other initiatives
• Reduced the prevalence of stunted children under 5 years of age in USG assisted areas by 14% from 2012 to 2015
• Reduced prevalence of underweight women in USG-assisted areas from 10% in 2012 to 8.9% in 2015
• Distributed 2.8 million artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACT) and 930,826 long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) in 2016
• Disinfected 4.4 million liters of drinking water with point-of-use treatment products in 2016
The DHS has more than 300 household and facility-based surveys in more than 90 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America/Caribbean and Eastern Europe. Data collected through the DHS Program have deepened and transformed our understanding of population, health and nutrition issues in the developing world.

**Infancy**
- 76% have all basic vaccines
- 63% suffer from anemia

**Under-5**
- 64/1,000 die before they are five
- 37% are stunted

**Adolescence**
- A woman will have an average of 4.4 children in her lifetime
- 29% are bearing children

**Motherhood**
- 9.5/10 received antenatal care from a skilled provider

**Adulthood**
- 7/10 people know that condom use and sex with one uninfected partner are means of preventing HIV
- 78% need modern contraceptives

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Girls’ transition rate to secondary school improved from 39% in FY2015 to 47% in FY2016

Rolled out through the Ministry of Education Science and Technology (MoEST) the $70 million National Reading Program to all Standard 1 classes in all 5,415 primary schools in Malawi

Developed printed and distributed over 2.7 million Standard 1 Chichewa and English textbooks and teacher guides, so that all 1.1 million Standard 1 learners across the country now have their own set of textbooks to use during and after school

Trained over 10,500 teachers to deliver improved, evidence-based Chichewa and English language instruction nationwide

Girl’s Empowerment through Education and Health (ASPIRE) reached 292,705 students drawn from 538 primary schools and 82 secondary schools

Students showed 23% improvement in English proficiency after regular activities with Peace Corps Education Volunteers

Among standard 3 students, 26% were able to read 45 wcpm in Chichewa, an increase of 9% from FY2015
INCREASING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

- Unlocked $3.5 million in financing for smallholder farmers through the Agricultural Commodity Exchange
- Increased daily per capita expenditures (as a proxy for income) in USG assisted areas from $1.38 in 2012 to $1.58 in 2015
- Reduced the number of people living on less than $1.25/day in USG assisted areas by 18%, from 67% in 2012 to 55% in 2015
- Facilitated $1.26 million in soy exports
- Peace Corps volunteers trained 3,535 Malawians in forestry management, environmental awareness, and business management
- Leveraged $1.47 million in new private sector investment to increase small holder farmer’s access to capital
- More than 24,000 Malawians are now using climate information or implementing risk-reducing actions to improve resilience to climate change as a result of USG assistance in 2016
- Established 330 hectares as community-managed fish sanctuaries in critical fish breeding habitats
Facilitated private investment in the power sector, helping the Government of Malawi launch its first competitive tender for purchasing power from independent solar energy producers.

Awarded 8 contracts totaling $177 million to construct 424 km of power transmission lines, 24 new sub-stations, and rehabilitated Malawi’s oldest hydro-power plant (Nkula A).

Power purchase agreements (PPAs) with solar independent power producers (IPPs) under negotiation following passage of Electricity Act Amendment.

Revitalize Malawi’s power sector by upgrading electricity infrastructure and improving the performance of key institutions responsible for the electrical power sector.
HELPING CITIZENS EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

• In 2016, reached 3,231 people with issue-based civic education, strengthening citizens’ ability to monitor budgets and service delivery using public expenditure tracking tools.

• Increased the organizational capacity of 25 local civil society organizations (CSOs) by 20% over FY 2015 across the health, education, economic growth, and democracy and governance sectors.

• Provided licenses to the case law database WestLaw UK to support prosecutors working on “cashgate” corruption crimes and improve rule of law.

• Developed a Commodity Security Action Plan and supported action for Drug Theft
  – The Drug Theft Investigation Unit is currently pursuing criminal and administrative action against 120 individuals for drug theft.
BUILDING SECURITY SERVICES CAPACITY FOR PEACEKEEPING AND FIGHTING TRANSNATIONAL TERRORISM

- Supported the Malawi Defense Force (MDF) to deploy eight battalions of peacekeepers to UN missions in Cote d’Ivoire and Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Supported Malawi military personnel to participate in exercises with U.S. or coalition forces.

- Trained 850 fulltime Malawian peace-keeping staff.

- Trained three Malawian military leaders in the United States.
GIRLS’ EMPOWERMENT

• Directly supported 149,244 vulnerable adolescent girls with academic and health services.

• Helped 320 young mothers and girls to re-enroll in school after dropping out due to pregnancy or early marriage.

• The new Let Girls Learn program lifts adolescent girls out of poverty and empowers them to reach their full potential by addressing the challenges preventing adolescent girls from attaining a quality education.

• In 2016, Peace Corps Malawi reached more youth with Grassroots Soccer than any other Peace Corps country. The overall numbers of female participants in GRS has nearly doubled since 2014.

First Lady Michelle Obama poses for a selfie with the three teenaged speakers at her Let Girls Learn initiative event held on the sidelines of the opening of the 71st UN General Assembly. Halima Robert of Malawi (R) spoke about her underage marriage and struggle to get an education. She was joined by girls from Pakistan and Jordan, who also spoke about the importance of education for girls worldwide.
YOUTH LEADERSHIP

- Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI)
  - 16 Malawians participated in the YALI Mandela Washington Fellowship doubled from last year.
  - 55 Malawians participated in a four-week leadership development course at the YALI Regional Leadership Center in South Africa.
  - Mixon Faluweki, one of 2016 fellows, received a $10,000 grant from the African Development Foundation (a USG entity) to expand his bicycle-powered mobile phone charger business.
  - Twelve of Malawi's16 Mandela Washington Fellows received $5,000 grants each to conduct community development activities across Malawi. Examples include tree planting in deforested areas, mentoring of secondary school girls returning to school, and distribution of free school uniforms to underprivileged youth.

- Three Malawians obtained a Master's degree in the United States fully paid for by the Government-funded Fulbright Program.
U.S. Philanthropy

The U.S. Government partners with numerous actors working in Malawi:

- The Clinton Health Access and Clinton Development Initiatives;
- The Gates Foundation
- Development Gateway
- Numerous universities
- Several U.S.-based non-governmental (NGOs) and private foundations
- Thousands of U.S. volunteers and missionaries work in Malawi supporting community-based development