

MALAWI FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET SCORECARD

INDICATORS (FY 2017/18)

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| ADEQUACY/SUFFICIENCY: Government Budget Allocation for Family Planning as a Percentage of the Total Funding Need | Allocation | | Total Funding Need | Percentage |
| | FP Program* | 0 | 3,893,500,000 | 0% |
| | Contraceptives | 78,750,000 | 3,087,973,128 | 2.55% |
| PRIORITY: Government Budget Allocation for Family Planning as a Percentage of the Total Government Budget Allocation to Health | Allocation | | Total Health Budget | Percentage |
| | FP Program* | 0 | 74,299,045,972 | 0% |
| | Contraceptives | 78,750,000 | 74,299,045,972 | 0.11% |
| TIMELINESS: Percentage of the Government Family Planning Budget Disbursed as Scheduled | Disbursements | | Allocation | Percentage |
| | FP Program* | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Contraceptives | No quarterly data | 78,750,000 | No data |
| BUDGET EXECUTION: Percentage of Expenditure of Government Family Planning Budget Allocation | Expenditure | | Allocation | Percentage |
| | FP Program* | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Contraceptives | 67,988,640 | 78,750,000 | 86% |
| COVERAGE: Annual Government Expenditure on Family Planning per Woman of Reproductive Age (WRA) | Expenditure | | Number of WRA | Expenditure per WRA |
| | FP Program* | 0 | 4,318,514 | MWK 0 |
| | Contraceptives | 67,988,640 | 4,318,514 | MWK 16 |
| PERFORMANCE AND OWNERSHIP: Government Expenditure on Family Planning as a Percentage of Total Funding Need | Expenditure | | Total Funding Need | Percentage |
| | FP Program* | 0 | 3,899,000,000 | 0% |
| | Contraceptives | 67,988,640 | 3,087,973,128 | 2% |

* No dedicated budget line for Family Planning Programs in Malawi's budget

TRANSPARENCY OF FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET DATA (FY 2017/18)

| BUDGET DATA | SOURCE | LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY | LEVEL OF DETAIL (DISAGGREGATION) |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| FUNDING NEED | | | |
| FP Program | Malawi Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2016-2020, Government of Malawi, September 2015 | | Sufficient |
| Contraceptives | 2017 Quantification of Health Commodities in Malawi, USAID Global Health Supply Chain Program-Procurement and Supply Management and Ministry of Health | | Sufficient |
| BUDGET ALLOCATION | | | |
| FP Program | Government of Malawi, Approved 2017-18 Financial Statement, Budget Document No. 3, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning & Development (Vote 310-Ministry of Health) | | Insufficient (no budget line) |
| Contraceptives | Reproductive Health Directorate Expenditure Workplan 2017-18, Ministry of Health | | Sufficient |
| Total Health Budget | Government of Malawi, Approved 2017-18 Financial Statement, Budget Doc. No. 3, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning & Development (Vote 310-Ministry of Health) | | Sufficient |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| FP Program | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Contraceptives | Reproductive Health Directorate Detailed Expenditure Performance Report as at 30th June 2018, Ministry of Health | | Insufficient (no quarterly data) |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| FP Program | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Contraceptives | Reproductive Health Directorate Detailed Expenditure Performance Report as at 30th June 2018, Ministry of Health | | Insufficient (no quarterly data) |

KEY FOR TRANSPARENCY SCORES:

| SCORE | COLOR |
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| 1. Official Data, publicly available | |
| 2. Official data, produced but made available only upon request, in hard or soft copy (not available online) | |
| 3. Official data, produced for internal purposes/use only | |
| 4. Data not produced | |

COMMENDATIONS:

The government of Malawi is commended for spending 86 percent of the contraceptives budget and supporting many health system-wide costs that contribute to family planning service delivery, such as health worker salaries, maintenance of health facilities and support to vital outreach services. It is also commended for creating a Family Planning Commodities budget line in 2013 and maintaining the allocation each year.

FAMILY PLANNING BUDGET:

Observations

- Family Planning Program costs are entirely donor dependent.
- The contraceptives allocation is only a small fraction (2.55 percent) of the total funding need and insignificant (0.11 percent) compared to the total health budget.
- Annual spending per WRA on contraceptives is MWK 16 (USD 0.02). It is impossible to know how this measures up to other countries' contraceptives spending since there is no international benchmark.

Recommendations

The government of Malawi should prioritize the following actions to strengthen government ownership of family planning:

- Allocate government funds for Family Planning Programs and increase Family Planning Commodities allocation.
- Create dedicated budget lines for Family Planning Programs and Family Planning Commodities within the Reproductive Health Directorate, in line with the *Malawi Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2016-2020*, as well as Family Planning 2020 (FP2020) and Every Woman Every Child commitments.
- Disburse and spend allocated funds for contraceptives in the first half of the fiscal year. In 2017/18, the majority of funds (94 percent) were spent in the last month (June 2018).

TRANSPARENCY:

Observations

- Since there are no publicly available quarterly data on disbursements, it is impossible to know whether disbursements are being made in a timely manner throughout the budget year.
- The lack of publicly available quarterly data on expenditures means that it is impossible to know how funds are being spent throughout the budget year.

Recommendations

The government of Malawi should prioritize the following actions to strengthen government ownership of family planning:

- Publish the **total funding need** and **budget allocation** for Family Planning Commodities in a publicly available document, preferably online. These data are currently found in documents that are not publicly available.
- Make publicly available quarterly disbursement and expenditure data for Family Planning Commodities, preferably online. The data are currently in a document that is not publicly available.
- Publish the *Malawi Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2016-2020* on the Ministry of Health website. It is currently only available on a nongovernment website (FP2020).
- Keep previous years' Approved Financial Statements on the Ministry of Finance website.

Note on Methodology:

- The data collection methodology for this scorecard prioritized use of the most accurate data as opposed to publicly available data. In certain cases, there are more public sources of data—such as the *Malawi Costed Implementation Plan for Family Planning 2016-2020 for Family Planning Commodities Need*—but that figure is slightly different than what we know to be the best data.