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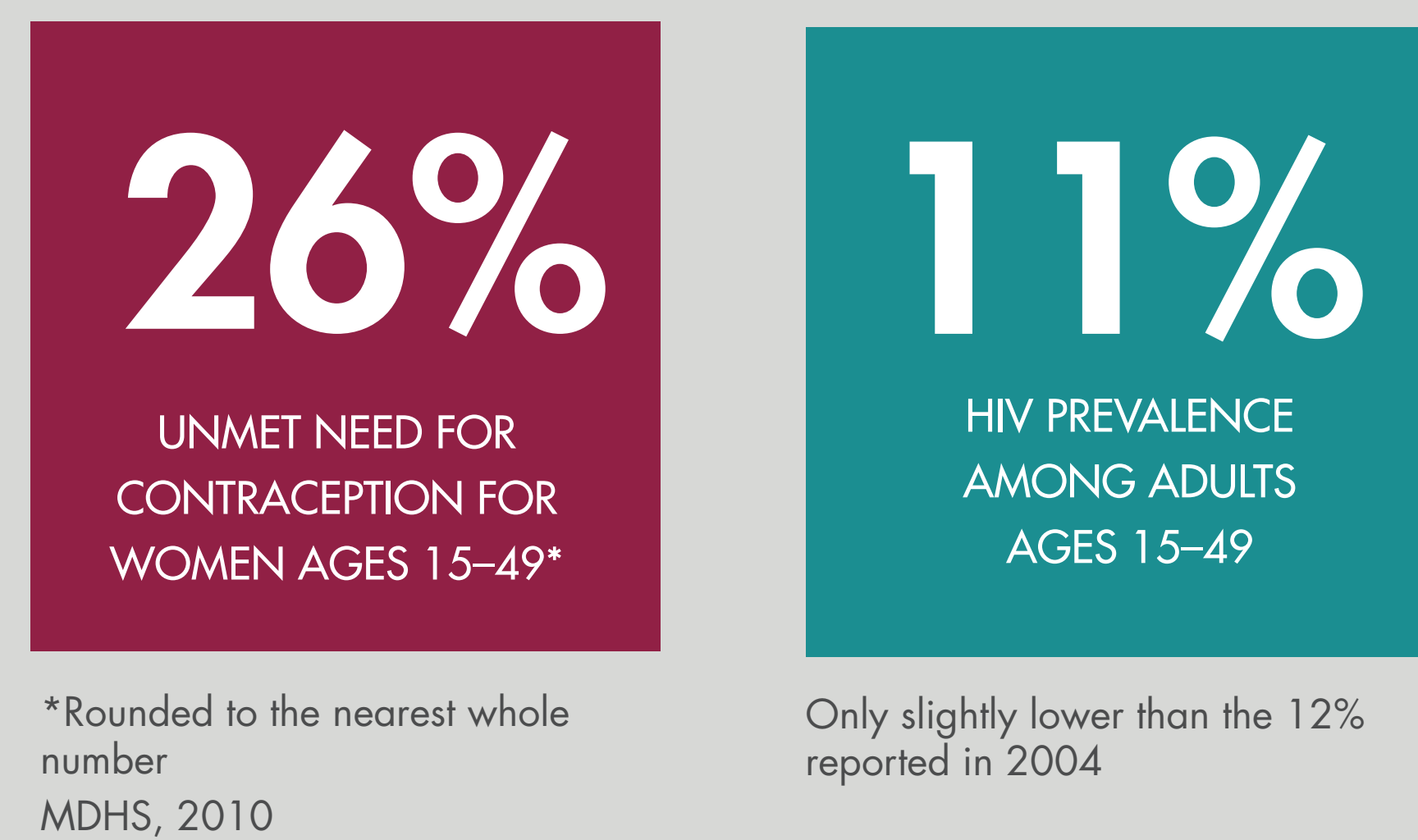
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Introduction

Malawi has a high unmet need for family planning (FP), and grapples with high HIV prevalence.



Integrating FP and HIV services is seen as a promising practice to address unmet need for contraception as well as reduce HIV transmission.

- In 2014, USAID requested that the Health Policy Project undertake an assessment of the status and extent of FP-HIV integration in Malawi.
- This included three different components:
 - A policy analysis to determine the level of FP-HIV integration that appears in government policy documents, and explore the extent to which the policies outline and address the integration of services.
 - Discussions with national- and district-level stakeholders to ascertain the policy and program environment for integration and how policies are being implemented on the ground.
 - A mixed-method descriptive case study documenting the type and quality of FP and HIV integrated services across various categories of health facilities.

Policy Analysis

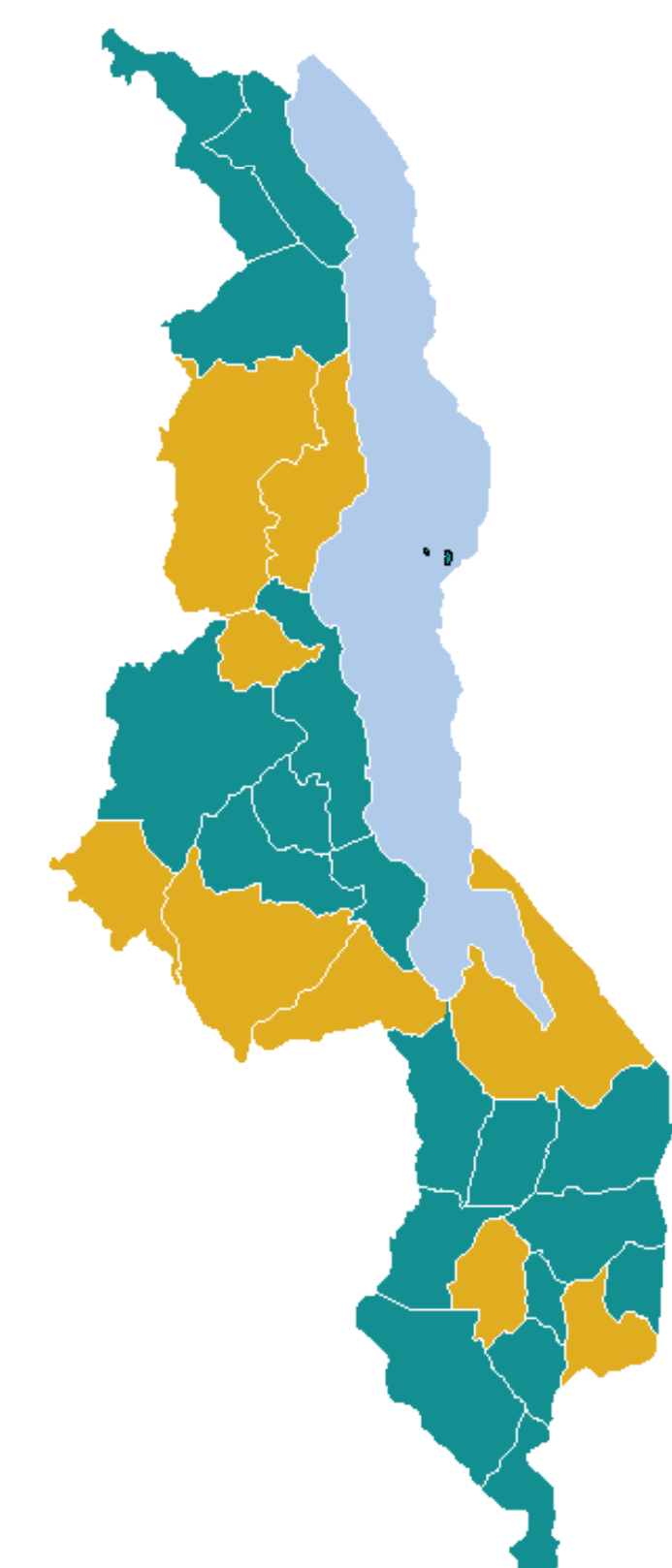
- Nineteen government documents were reviewed and summarized: five on HIV/AIDS, eight on FP/sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and eight general health policies, strategies, and guidelines.
- This policy analysis found that all RH and HIV policies, strategies, and guidelines discussed integration of FP/SRH and HIV services to some degree.
- There was much discussion on the need to integrate FP services into HIV services, for example through antiretroviral therapy (ART) clinics.
- Information on how these policies should be monitored in a harmonized manner is lacking.
- An implementation and monitoring plan is needed to consolidate individual plans and efforts for integration noted in the policy documents; roles and responsibilities of individual entities should be highlighted.
- Further collaboration and monitoring across HIV and RH departments will ensure stronger implementation of integration activities.

Stakeholder Interviews

- Semi-structured interviews were conducted with representatives of the HIV, reproductive health (RH), and health management information system (HMIS) departments of the Ministry of Health (MOH). Interviews were also conducted with representatives of the National AIDS Commission, donors, implementing partners, civil society organizations, medical training and licensing institutions, and Central Medical Stores.
- Interviews focused on understanding institutional relationships at the national and decentralized levels, and how integrated services were provided at the facility level, with a special focus on integration of routine monitoring, training of providers, and addressing the special needs of adolescents and youth.
- Stakeholders agreed that communication and collaboration between HIV and RH departments of the MOH can be strengthened during policy development, implementation, and monitoring.
- Various health systems-related challenges impede integration. These include
 - Lack of training among healthcare workers to provide integrated services
 - Segregated services at the facility level across various clinics and days of the week
 - FP and HIV commodities being transported, stored, and accessed through different systems
 - Separate registers and monitoring tools for FP and HIV services
- Better planning, reporting, and use of data will ensure improved collaboration.
- Analysis is ongoing and more results will be shared in September 2015.

Facility Surveys

- Data were collected from 41 facilities across the nine randomly selected districts: Nkhata Bay, Mzimba North and South in the Northern Region; Lilongwe, Mchinji, and Dedza in the Central Region; and Mangochi, Mulanje, and Blantyre in the Southern Region.
- A range of healthcare facility types were included to understand the feasibility of recommending different integration models for the different types of facilities, ranging from large, high-volume sites (rural or urban hospitals) where HIV and FP services may be offered by different providers in different spaces (vertical services) but on the same grounds, to small sites (dispensary/clinic) staffed by one or two providers, which clients may frequent for a variety of primary healthcare needs.
- In each facility, several data collection methods were employed, such as a facility audit, a quantitative survey with the hospital facility in-charge, three health service providers, and ten clients attending ART clinics.



- In addition, nine mystery clients were deployed to 20 facilities to get a better understanding of how services are disseminated and integrated.
- Three focus group discussions were held with HIV-positive clients participating in HIV support groups.
- Data entry was completed in July 2015 and analysis is ongoing. Results will be available in September 2015.
- The findings from this study will be useful for RHD, HIV Department, USAID and other donors, and service delivery projects/organizations to identify ways to improve integration of FP and HIV services.

Categories of facilities

Government Hospitals

District	Name of Facility
Nkhata-Bay	Chintheche Rural Hospital
	Nkhata-Bay District Hospital
Mangochi	Monkey-Bay Community Hospital
	Mangochi District Hospital
Mchinji	Mchinji District Hospital
Dedza	Dedza District Hospital
Mulanje	Mulanje District Hospital
Mzimba North	Mzuzu Central Hospital
Blantyre	Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital

Integrated Health Services

District	Name of Facility
Nkhata-Bay	Mpamba Health Centre
	Mzenga Health Centre
	Kande Health Centre
Dedza	Nkhata-Bay BLM
	Ntakataka Health Centre
	Lobi Health Centre

Health Center/Post

District	Name of Facility
Mzimba North	Mpherembe Health Centre
	Engucwini Health Post
Mzimba South	Thunduwike Health Centre
	Manyamula Health Centre
Lilongwe	Lighthouse Clinic
	Lumbadzi Health Centre
Mchinji	Malingunde Health Centre
	Nkanda Health Centre
	Kochilira Health Centre
Dedza	Kapanga Health Centre
	Nkhwazi Health Centre
Blantyre	Golomoti Health Centre
	Madziabango Health Centre
Mulanje	Mimosa Health Centre
	Lujeri Health Centre
Mangochi	Chisitu Health Centre
	Asaalam Clinic
	Namwera Health Centre
	Phirilongwe Health Centre

CHAM Mission Hospitals/Health Centers

District	Name of Facility
Mzimba South	Mabiri Health Centre
	Katete Community Hospital
Dedza	Nkhoma Mission Hospital
	Bembeke Health Centre
Blantyre	Lumbira Health Centre
	Mlambe Mission Hospital
Mulanje	Mulanje Mission Hospital

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