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

Facility Surveys

- Data were collected from 41 facilities across the nine Health Region districts, including Mzimba North and South in the Northern Region, Lilongwe, Machinga, and Dedza in the Central Region, and Mangochi, Mzimba, and Blantyre in the Southern Region.

- Interviews focused on understanding institutional relationships at the national and decentralized levels.

- Three focus group discussions were held with HIV-positive clients participating in HIV support groups.

- Nine mystery clients were deployed to 20 facilities to get a better understanding of how services are disseminated and integrated.

- 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 RH, HIV Department, USAID, and other donors, and service delivery projects/organizations to identify ways to improve integration of FP and HIV services.

Policy Analysis

- Nineteen government documents were reviewed and summarized. Live on HIV/AIDS, e.g., 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/AM and HIV services to some degree.

- There was much discussion on the need to integrate FP services into HIV services, for example through institutional therapy (MIT) 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.

Category of facilities

- Government Hospitals
- Integrated Health Services
- Health Center/Post
- CHAM Mission Hospitals/Health Centers