



Ministero degli Affari Esteri
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Bridging Health Systems: The *INTER-LINKED & Not Too Late* Projects



Dream in Malawi

Patients Assisted

81,405 Total patients supported since programme inception in Malawi

HIV-Free Births

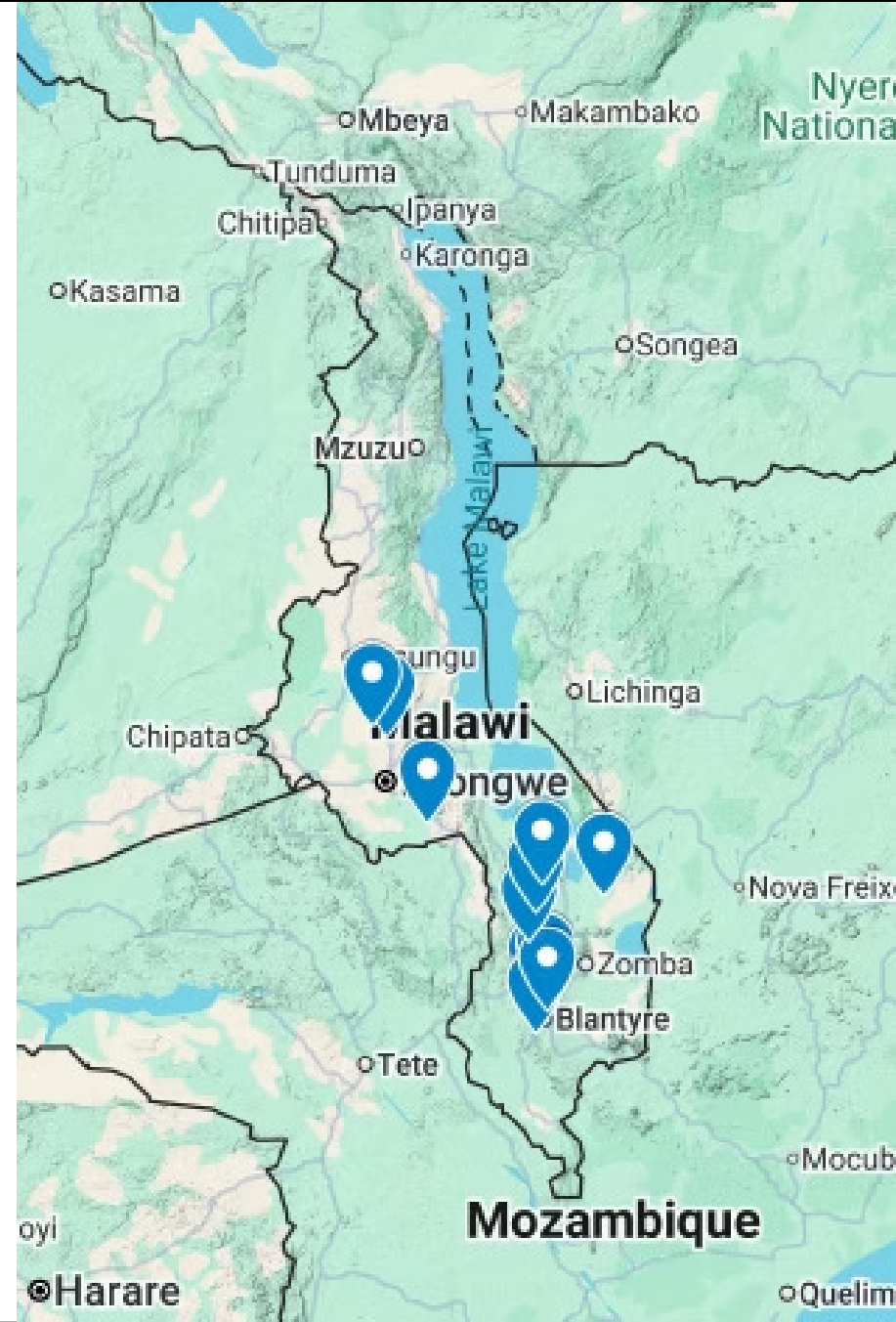
7,837 Children born without HIV through our prevention efforts

Lab Tests

1.1M+ Combined laboratory samples processed across three facilities

Cancer Screenings

13,692 Women screened through HPV DNA and VIA testing methods



Our Partnership Network

Community of Sant'Egidio

DREAM programme
implementation and
community engagement



Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

Local academic expertise and
research capabilities



Peace and Development Trust

Community knowledge and
grassroots connections



University of Rome Tor Vergata

Global health expertise and
academic leadership



INTER-LINKED: Objectives



Integrated Healthcare Services

Specific focus on

- HIV,
- co-morbidities such as TB,
- NCDs, and
- women's cancers



Access to Diagnostic Services

- HIV,
- related conditions,
- cervical cancer

The project targets **six districts** (Balaka, Blantyre, Dedza, Dowa, Machinga, Mangochi) over **three years**.

INTER-LINKED: Key Activities



15.000 Patients Served

free clinical services for - -

- HIV,
- tuberculosis,
- hypertension,
- diabetes,
- epilepsy



9.000 Women Screened

HPV PCR testing for cervical cancer prevention



12.000 Adolescent Girls Vaccinated

through HPV vaccination campaigns



140 Health Workers

in comprehensive training programme



Laboratory Capacity

Strengthening molecular biology labs to support national diagnostics with technology and training



Community Education

6,000 people reached through community and school-based awareness campaigns



Not Too Late: Objectives



Women's Access to Health Prevention and Care Services

Specific focus on HIV/TB prevention, diagnosis, care, and treatment adherence



Rapid Identification population at risk of Late Diagnosis

Epidemiological research on late HIV diagnosis for rapid identification and prompt intervention

The project targets the **two districts** of **Balaka and Blantyre** over the three years.

Not Too Late: Key Activities

Coordination with District Health Officers and community (health) leaders

Strengthening multi-level health governance to support research activities and community outreach programs

Community Outreach on HIV/TB testing, prevention, and awareness

Organization of 24 medical camps in key locations where young people commonly congregate addressing stigma and sexual health knowledge gaps

***90 Youth Days* on health, awareness, prevention, and retention in care for young people living with HIV**

Dedicated days will be introduced focusing exclusively on health, awareness, prevention, and retention in care for young people living with HIV in 3 health units in Balaka and Blantyre

Professional Training on HIV, TB, and youth peer-counselling

Capacity building for 60 healthcare providers and 20 young peer counsellors

Strengthened Referrals

Enhanced systems to prevent loss to follow-up among HIV-positive youth

Operational Research

Training on research methodology and implementation of an epidemiological research on late HIV diagnosis for rapid identification and prompt intervention



Research and Evidence Generation

Operational Research

Defining the population at risk of late HIV and co-infections diagnosis and treatment

Measuring effectiveness of youth engagement campaigns

Assessing integration models for HIV and NCDs services

Knowledge Translation

Contributing to national guidelines and policies

Sharing findings through academic publications

Presenting results at national and international forums

Capacity Building

Training Malawian researchers in (disaggregated) data collection and monitoring methodology

Establishing collaborative research teams

Supporting Malawian-led scientific inquiry

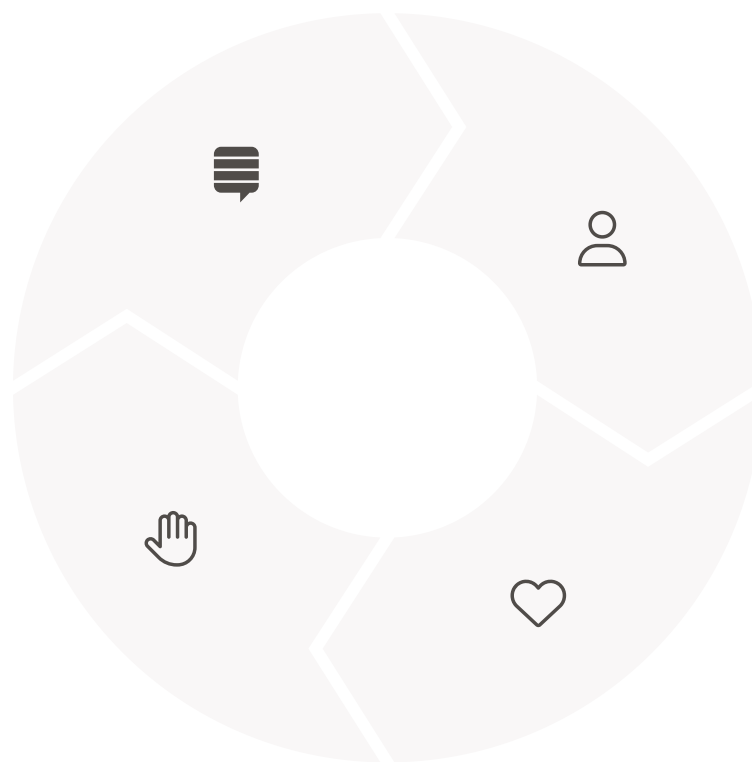
Knowledge Exchange: A Two-Way Street

Bilateral Learning

Knowledge flows from Italy to Malawi
and from Malawi to Italy

Inclusive Approach

Programmes adapted to reach
marginalized populations



Professional Expertise

Malawian healthcare workers have
developed significant specialized
knowledge

Patient Wisdom

Communities teach us about social
determinants and practical barriers



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Thank you for your attention

