



Republic of Malawi

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Department of Nutrition, HIV and AIDS

MALAWI COMMITMENTS ON NUTRITION

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Business and Science' Event**

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Malawi commitments for the London Summit on Nutrition

| Country: Malawi | | |
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| Goal <i>“Unite to end stunting”</i> | | |
| To reduce prevalence of stunting among children less than 5 years of age from 47.1 ¹ % to less than 20% ² by 2020 | | |
| Political or policy commitments | Finance commitments | Delivery or programming commitments |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the National Nutrition Policy and strategic plan (2007 - 2012) by 31st December 2013. • Develop sectoral specific strategies for Nutrition for ministries of Agriculture and local government with emphasis on Stunting by 2014 • Establish Cabinet committee on Nutrition, HIV and AIDS to strengthen political oversight on Nutrition³ • Develop Nutrition Act by 31st December 2016 to raise the status of nutrition as a national priority • Increase maternity leave from 2 months in private sector and 3 months in public sector to 4 months by 31st December 2016 • Strengthen the institutional arrangements to deliver effective policy leadership and implementation of nutrition services and programmes. This is through placing of district nutrition officers in the local councils and line ministries and elevation of nutrition units in Ministries of Local government, Health, Education and Agriculture to full directorates by 2015. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase budgetary allocation for nutrition from 0.1% to 0.3% of the total annual government expenditure by 2020 • Develop and operationalise financial resource tracking tool for accountability in the utilisation of nutrition resources by 2014. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale Up Nutrition Education and Communication to promote behaviour change through different channels by 2016 for improving maternal and Child Nutrition in all districts. ⁴ • Increase coverage of community based nutrition services in all districts at Traditional Authority level and Village level through care group model or Community Leaders Actions in Nutrition (CLANS) by 2016. • Scale Up coverage of Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition in all districts from 50% to 80%. • Strengthen community structures for effective delivery of community-based nutrition interventions through placement of frontline community workers in all districts by 2020⁵ • Roll out/strengthen National Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation framework in all the districts by 2014. • Strengthen Public Private Partnerships through quarterly National Fortification Alliance meetings with industries by December 2014. |

¹ Malawi DHS 2010

² Targets set in the National Nutrition education and Communication Strategy 2011-2016

³ Advocate for establishment of Cabinet Committee on Nutrition, HIV and AIDS to fast track cabinet approvals on policies and legislations on Nutrition and lobby for increased budgetary allocation for nutrition.

⁴ Focus is to build capacity of national media houses including television, community radios, develop IEC materials aimed at reducing stunting and other forms of malnutrition.

⁵ Focus should be placed at building capacity of village development committees and Area development committee to conduct community mobilisation and monitor implementation at group village level