



Strengthening the provision of comprehensive abortion care in Mangochi

Implementing Partner: Ipas Malawi in collaboration with Ministry of Health

Programme Duration: 20 months

Budget: \$320,000 USD

Location: Mangochi

Summary: Maternal mortality remains a significant concern in Malawi, with 18% of maternal deaths attributed to unsafe abortions, particularly affecting young women aged 14-23. In response, Ipas Malawi, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, is executing a 20-month project to enhance the provision of comprehensive abortion care (CAC) in Mangochi District. This initiative aligns with broader efforts supported by Iceland to advance sexual and reproductive health rights in Mangochi.

Key Achievements:

1. **Healthcare Professional Training:** Sixty healthcare professionals at 17 health facilities have been educated on the delivery of comprehensive abortion care.
2. **Supply of Vital Equipment:** Hospitals and health centers have received essential equipment, including MVA kits and gynaecology beds.
3. **Infrastructure Improvements:** Renovations are in progress at 13 health centers in Mangochi District, creating safer and more comfortable environments for both patients and staff.
4. **Increased Access:** The project has resulted in a threefold increase, from 353 to 953 women, seeking post-abortion healthcare services at their nearest health facilities.
5. **Community Engagement:** Stakeholder engagement has included discussions with Members of Parliament (MPs), women, youth, and community leaders to promote sexual and reproductive health.



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health workers at **16 health facilities** are to receive education in how to provide appropriate care for women and girls that are suffering from the consequences of unsafe abortion procedures



+1500

women are expected to directly benefit by receiving comprehensive abortion care during the implementation period