The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Malawi MOMENTUM Tiyeni Activity is a five-year $52M project aiming to scale up and integrate maternal, neo-natal, and child health (MNCH), reproductive health (RH), family planning, nutrition, and COVID-19 services, emphasize the importance of quality of care, and weave respectful care in health service delivery in seven districts across Malawi.

Maternal and Child Health Status in Malawi
In Malawi, 439 women die per 1,000 live births resulting from geographic, religious, and social factors that contribute to limited reproductive health and family planning services (MDHS, 2015). While there has also been significant downward trend in child mortality in the past decade from 112 to 63 deaths per 1000 live births between 2010 to 2020, infant and neonatal mortality remains unacceptably high at 42 deaths and 27 deaths per 1000 live births respectively, emphasizing the need to focus intervention on newborn health (MDHS, 2015). For the rapidly growing youth population, poor and inequitable access to health care and information inhibits informed choice making consequently leading to a high incidence of adolescent pregnancy where 29 percent of women who give birth were pregnant before their 18 birthday.

By the Numbers

- **200+ FACILITIES**
- **7 DISTRICTS**
- **$52M CEILING**
- **8 PRACTICES**
Goal and Objectives

The goal of MOMENTUM Component-1 is to reduce maternal, child, and neonatal mortality by employing a multisectoral approach to scale up and increase access to quality health services in seven districts of Malawi with an intentional focus on youth and civil engagement.

The project builds on the strong global MOMENTUM learning and adaptation theory of change to promote collaboration, capacity development, data and evidence use, best practices, and adaptative programming for impactful results that:

- Scale-up and sustain access to and use of quality information, health services, and interventions for young people.
- Enable public and private institutions, local organizations, and providers to deliver quality MNCH/FP/RH/nutrition, WASH, and malaria services.
- Integrate adaptive learning and use of evidence in MNCH/FP/RH/nutrition, WASH, and malaria programming through sustained technical leadership.
- Enhance cross-sectoral collaboration and innovative partnerships between MNCH/FP/RH and non-MNCH, FP/RH, nutrition, WASH, and malaria organizations.

Activities

- Increase availability of evidence based quality MNCH, FP/RH, nutrition, and malaria interventions in public and private sectors including emergency care.
- Improve & institutionalize capacity of public and private institutions, local organizations, and providers to deliver quality MNCH, FP/RH, nutrition, and malaria services.
- Increase adaptive learning and use of evidence in MNCH/FP/RH, nutrition, and malaria programming through sustained technical leadership.
- Foster cross-sectoral collaboration and innovative partnerships between MNCH/FP/RH and non-MNCH, FP/RH, nutrition, and malaria organizations.

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