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# Advocacy for Government financing the procurement of male and female condoms in Malawi

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# What we intended to do

**Advocacy Issue :** Condom procurement financing largely by donors, a situation whose sustainability is under threat due to continued declining donor support.

## Advocacy Approach :

- i. A policy brief
- ii. “From-the Region-Best-Practices”
- iii. Consensus building sessions

## Advocacy target :

1<sup>0</sup> Ministry of Health RHU Department

2<sup>0</sup> The Parliamentary Committee on *Health* (Lobby for increase of the family planning products procurement budget line, Monitor FP products procured (check on condoms), Lobby for a specific levy for FP programmes, Lobby for TMA adoption in condom programming )

## In Malawi...



Over 106,000 adolescent pregnancies every year

**\$57 million cost to the economy**

**Expected Advocacy Result:** Government of Malawi commits to contribute ten percent of the total annual male and female condom procurement budget.

# To what extent was the expected advocacy result achieved?

## The Ministry of Health's commitment:

RHD committed to be allocating 10% of its \$117,000 family planning commodities budget line to procuring condoms annually. *(Condoms already appear on the Ministry of Health's Essential Health Medicines list)*

This will on an average increase by 5% the total number of condoms procured annually *(holding other factors constant)*

## Parliamentary Committee commitment:

to be monitoring the implementation of the family planning budget and ensuring that condoms are being procured.

to engage the Executive arm procurement budget and set up a Trust fund for HIV/AIDS

**The advocacy work further Increased awareness among CSOs** on the state of condom procurement in Malawi



PICTURE 1 - GROUP PHOTO AFTER CSO & POLICY MAKERS ROUNDTABLE MEETING



PICTURE 2: MPS TAKING NOTES & FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION

# Roadblocks/Barriers/Threats

- *Hunger crisis in Malawi due to El Nino Phenomena* – Recent reports that around 5 million people are faced with food insecurity in the country is taking away attention of Government on other priorities requiring domestic financing.
- *Bureaucracies in Government procurement systems* – The Ministry of Health, RHD bemoaned the delays in Government procurement processes due to bureaucracies and expressed fears that this is one of the factors that may affect the department to fulfill on its commitment efficiently and effectively. The Members of the Parliamentary committee on Health committed to keep watch on this and provide oversight support accordingly

**The team that was involved in lobbying sessions with Parliamentary committee**



# Planned future actions

THP Malawi will continue seating on the FP subcommittee and will ensure to drive the agenda for domestic condom financing

Engage the district teams using THP evidence to include condom financing in district budgets.

*Potential action points (depending on future financing since this was a one-off grant)*

THP Malawi in collaboration with HIV/AIDS umbrella organizations to continue advocating for establishment of a Trust fund that can be financed by special levies on various products.

Conduct a learning visit for two members of parliamentary Committee, One RHD official, and three members from CSOs on establishment of Trust funds for HIV/FP programmes to neighbouring countries like RSA and Zimbabwe

Institute advocacy efforts on condoms targeted at multi-national and private sector.



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