

MOMENTUM TIKWEZE UMOYO

MOMENTUM Tikweze Umoyo is a five-year \$28 million USAID-funded integrated Activity focusing on Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH), Family Planning/Reproductive Health (FP/RH), nutrition, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and malaria prevention and treatment. The Activity's main goal is to support Malawi Government's efforts to reduce maternal, newborn, and child morbidity and mortality through improved access and quality of health service delivery.

WASH UNDER MOMENTUM TIKWEZE UMOYO ACTIVITY

For WASH, the activity focuses on interventions for both community and health facilities. At community level, the activity focuses on the following:

- Increasing community access to safe water, decent sanitation, and hygiene through rehabilitation and conducting water quality tests of 60 non-functional boreholes in Salima, Kasungu, and Chitipa.
- Promoting the adoption of good hygiene practices.
- Increasing coverage for basic sanitation facilities in communities.
- Strengthening district and facility-level planning systems by building the capacity of health workers to conduct infection prevention and control (IPC) assessments, develop improvement plans and conduct routine monitoring.
- Improving the quality of care (QoC) in WASH service delivery.
- Supporting HCFs staff to improve infection prevention and enhance the HCF environment for clients and health care workers (HCW).
- Improving allocation and use of resources, and holding systems accountable.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Baseline IPC assessments were conducted in 60 healthcare facilities (HCFs) that provide maternity services in the three WASH districts.
- 566 medical staff and 866 non-medical staff from 72 HCFs have been trained on the new IPC/WASH guidelines.
- 33 health workers from 6HCFs have been trained in WASHFIT and managed to conduct the assessments and developed improvement plans to be implemented over life of the project.
- Ministry of Health was supported to establish a taskforce and contextualize tools for WASHFIT to facilitate scale up across the country.
- Training sessions were conducted for 165 members from 15 out of 18 waterpoint committees to enable them to understand the scope and supervise upcoming rehabilitation works.
- Initial technical assessments and water quality tests done for 18 community boreholes as a response to cholera outbreak in hotspot areas which will be first to rehabilitate in year 2 and will serve at least 4500 people.
- Identification of non-function boreholes and selection of the 60 for potential rehabilitation in underserved communities.

Goal

To reduce maternal, newborn, and child mortality through improved access and quality of health service delivery.

Geographical Coverage

Chitipa, Karonga, Kasungu,
Nkhotakota, Salima

Period

2022-2027

Implementing Partners

Amref Health Africa-Prime
Water Aid
Family Planning Association of Malawi
D-Tree
Emmanuel International
Family Health Services