

Young people leading the HIV response

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Women Deliver Young Leaders Program

- ▶ Started in 2010, the award-winning Women Deliver Young Leaders Program counts 700 youth advocates from more than 138 countries who are advancing gender equality and the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women
- ▶ Provides youth advocates with the training and resources necessary to extend their influence and actively shape the programs and policies that affect their lives



Background

- Young people's expertise and insights give them a unique ability to lead change and transform their communities and countries for the better.
- Through an innovative combination of small grants and responsive technical support, Women Deliver's funding model provides young people the resources and opportunities they need to advance the health and rights of girls, women, and young people in their communities, countries, and across the globe.

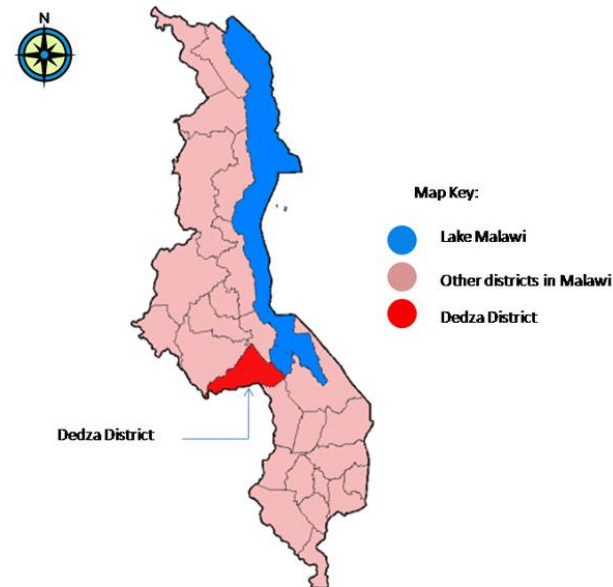
Talimba's Project : Say it Get it: Phase III

Purpose : Influence the Ministry of Health to address the barriers that exist in the provision and access to HIV and SRH services for young people in Malawi between the ages of 15-24.



Project Location and Beneficiaries

- Dedza is located in central Malawi and is comprised of peri urban and rural areas. Young People make up an estimated 60% of the population of the district . The project beneficiaries are girls and boys within the age ranges of 15 to 24.



Project Background

- Almost a third of all new HIV infections in Malawi in 2016 occurred among young people aged 15-24. Of these, 70% were among young women (UNAIDS)
- Of those young people living with HIV, less than half are aware of their status.
- Utilization of Youth Friendly Health Services is low-Only 31.7% of young people in Malawi have ever heard of YFHS and only 13% have ever used these services



ProjectActivities

1. Updated Tikambe Mobile App and Translate into Chichewa
2. Trained 20 young advocates from CSE, Advocacy and use of Tikambe Mobile App
3. Awareness meetings on the benefits of YFHS among young people and increase visibility
4. Social Media Campaigns featuring renowned youth SRH advocates in Malawi appealing for improved service delivery
5. Monthly interface meeting with Youth Friendly Services Department to present Data of Young People describing the challenges that they face when accessing SRHR services to Policy makers and conduct interface meetings on what could be done to address the challenges.



Results

- Increased project ownership by young people
- Young people empowered to demand improved service delivery – engage with local health facilities

