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PHC Financing for Resilience Benchmarking Tool Information Gathering Document

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SECTION A	HEALTH FINANCING
Theme	Resource mobilization
<p>Domestic resources</p> <p>1. How would you categorize the health system financing structures?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>2. What is the % of total government budget allocated to the health sector?</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>The 2023/24 health sector budget constitutes 8.7% of the total government budget and translates into a per capita allocation of about US\$14, which is significantly short of the US\$78.7 target in the Third Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP III).</p> <p>As a share of GDP, the current allocation of 2.2% which falls below the target of 5% committed by Southern African Development Community (SADC) Countries to allocate to the health sector.</p> <p>For the past 5 years Malawi has consistently missed the Abuja Declaration target for African States to allocate 15% of their total budgets to the health sector and the WHO benchmark for low-income countries (LICs) for allocating at least 5% of GDP to funding the health sector to ensure financial protection and achieve UHC*</p> <p><small>* UNICEF. Health Budget Brief 2023/24. Building a Resilient and Sustainably Financed Health System in Malawi</small></p>
<p>• External resources</p> <p>3. How would you categorize the partner landscape in terms of financial contributions to health?</p>	<p>Example:</p> <p>Donor funding is significantly off budget and is channeled using parallel systems outside of government systems. Activity implementation is largely done by implementing partners who are currently receiving and utilizing approximately 41% of the donor funds*. Previously, districts used to receive basket funding from donors; pooled funds for the health sector as part of the Sector Wide Approach (SWAP). These funds were channeled to districts through MoH. This funding mechanism collapsed in 2013 due to governance and accountability issues.</p> <p>As part of the implementation of HSSP III, the MoH aspires to implement 'One Plan, One Budget and One Report' framework as the overall guiding principle for aid coordination. Most donors in 2024 submitted their activities to the MoH. District Implementation Plan (DIP) guidelines are being revised, and some DIPs have started to reflect IP plans. Being the first year of the strategy, operationalization is still at its infancy stage and frameworks and systems are needed to realize this aspiration.</p> <p><small>* Donor coordination to support universal health coverage in Malawi, Health Policy Planning, 2024</small></p>
<p>4. Is there a legal, regulatory, or policy basis guiding the allocation of external resources to priorities?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>

<p>5. Are external resources aligned with government priorities, including emergency preparedness and response?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>Theme</p>	<p>Resource planning and budgeting</p>
<p>• Budget structure and plans</p> <p>6. How is the overall health budget structured?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>7. Are there national or sub-national emergency preparedness and response plans guiding resource planning and budgeting?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>• Contingency funds</p> <p>8. Is there budget earmarked for the health-related Ministries/agencies to finance urgent needs?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>• Budget flexibility</p> <p>9. How flexible is the budgeting modalities to rapid reprogramming/inter-budget reallocation?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>• Budget decentralization</p> <p>10. What is the jurisdiction of local government/sub-national level in health budgets implementation?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>• Budget decentralization</p> <p>10. What is the jurisdiction of local government/sub-national level in health budgets implementation?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<p>• Legal/ regulatory/ policy basis</p> <p>11. Is there a legal or regulatory basis for budget structure and/or flexibility in budget repurposing?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>

Theme	Resource allocation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation to PHC <p>12. Do funds flow directly to PHC facilities?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>13. Is resource allocation to PHC support integrated service delivery?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/ regulatory/ policy basis <p>14. Is there a legal or regulatory basis guiding resource flow to lower administrative levels (decentralization)?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation adequacy <p>15. How adequate are allocated resources?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation agility <p>16. To what extent would funds rapidly flow to sub-national entities in the event of an emergency?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reallocation <p>17. Who receives emergency response funds? Do they have flexibility to reallocate funds according to need?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disbursement <p>18. How likely is the full PHC budget disbursed to address population needs, including emergency response?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>19. How timely is the PHC budget disbursed to address population needs, including emergency response?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>

Theme	Resource utilization and tracking
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization rates <p>20. How likely are disbursed PHC funds utilized to address population needs, including emergency response?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilization flexibility <p>21. Do resource utilization processes support flexible service delivery models?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payment mechanisms <p>22. How are funded priorities paid for?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment <p>23. How are funding flows tracked against priorities?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
SECTION B	HEALTH FINANCING GOVERNANCE
Theme	Effective and participatory leadership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership capacity <p>24. How is the leadership capacity and availability of tools to execute their mandate?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal/ regulatory/ policy basis <p>25. Are there health policies, strategies, and guidelines addressing climate change and other emerging threats?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder (including public) participation and engagement <p>26. How often, and who is involved, in need identification, prioritization, resource budgeting to include resilience attributes?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' views and organisation <p>27. Are citizens capacitated and able to organize petition for leaders?</p>	<p>Text Text Text</p>

Theme	Resource allocation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community empowerment <p>28. Is the community empowered to grasp their role in mitigating climate-related and other emerging threats?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability <p>29. Is there mutual accountability between government and civil society organizations (CSOs)</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
Theme	Coordination and collaboration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination <p>30. Are there designated climate change and health focal points within the health ministry?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration <p>31. Is there intra-ministerial departments collaboration in priority setting and budgeting .</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>32. Is there inter-ministerial (health and other sectors) collaboration in priority setting, budgeting, implementation and monitoring at all levels?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>33. Is there state and non-state actors (including the private sector) collaboration in priority setting, budgeting, implementation and monitoring at all levels?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>34. Is there collaboration between PHC and other health care delivery levels in priority setting, budgeting, implementation and monitoring?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>

Theme	Learning and adaptation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance systems <p>35. Are there Early Warning and Response System (EWARS) (including relevant data)</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>36. Does the EWARS support integration between disease surveillance and climate change surveillance?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning culture <p>37. Does the health ministry and other relevant ministries organize structured timely forums for preparedness knowledge sharing including risk analysis, surveillance, resources requirements and post recovery planning?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
Theme	Information and Communication
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information systems <p>38. Are there effective systems of sharing critical information with stakeholders?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication <p>39. To what extent is the communication to the public transparent and trustworthy during public health emergencies?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>40. Are different community structures and platforms involved in strategies to tackle emergencies or their aftermath?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>

SECTION C	POLITICAL ECONOMY
Theme	Resource mobilization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary politics <p>41. Is public participation provided for in the law?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>42. How does public participation happen?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
Theme	Interest groups' politics
<p>Interest groups' politics</p> <p>43. How do key actors using their positions to influence policy (private sector, parties, CSOs)</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>44. Who are the reform champions? Are they organized, enough to drive reform?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>45. Are reform champions empowered and influential enough to drive reforms?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
Theme	Budget and bureaucratic politics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget politics <p>46. How influential is Ministry of Health in budget making process?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bureaucratic politics <p>47. What's the power balance between levels of government?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>48. What's the power balance between government Ministries?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
Theme	External actors' politics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External actors' politics <p>49. Is the international community active in driving reforms?</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>
<p>50. Precedence in international community priorities</p>	<p>Text</p> <p>Text</p> <p>Text</p>



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