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# FutureLife-Now!

Country update

FutureLife-Now! Task Team ~ Feb 2021



# 2020 Highlights

- Distribution of food packs to 710 vulnerable learners.
- Distribution of COVID-19 prevention materials (masks, water tanks, sanitizer, soap, infrared thermometers, IEC materials) to all the 10 Future Life Now! Schools and in Malawi.
- Training of COVID-19 educators, learners, and guardian in COVID-19 prevention.
- Providing factual and accessible COVID-19 information through the radio and SMS programs
- Construction of covid-19 theatre at Kamuzu Central Hospital
- Installation of E-Platforms in all 10 Future Life Now schools
- Training of covid-19 frontline health care workers through GLOHOMO.
- Training of educators, parents and learners on COVID-19 prevention



# 2020 Highlights

- Climate change, youth talk, and family focus radio programmes.
- Distribution of COVID-19 IEC materials to learners and teachers (booklets, brochures and posters)

# Effects of COVID-19 on Schools

- Disruption to teaching and learning
  - Learning duration reduction
  - Increase in drop out
  - Inconsistent performance of learners
  - Increase in absenteeism
- Explain disruptions to CSE specifically:
  - due to the closing of schools between March & September, 2020, it was difficult to reach learners face-to-face in conventional settings. As a result CSE was not adequately delivered to the learners. This has resulted in more cases of domestic violence, sexual violence, teenage pregnancies and child marriages.



# Effects of COVID-19 on Schools

- How has Ministry tried to minimize disruptions:
  - Introduction of E- learning
  - Staggered time table
- Partnership support to improve school infrastructure and COVID responsiveness:
  - Provision of COVID-19 PPEs
  - Installation of E- Platforms (FLN Schools)
  - Training teachers, pupils and guardians on COVID-19 Prevention
- Number of teachers not returning to school after re-opening of schools (national, by sex, reason) = 0

# Effects of COVID-19 on Schools

- Number of learners not returning to school after re-opening of classes (FLN , by sex) = 110 (51 males &59 females)
- Number of female learners returning to school pregnant after re-opening of classes = 7
- Number of female learners NOT returning to school after re-opening of classes because of pregnancy = 43
- Number of school-going children who entered early marriages: 40



# Effects of COVID-19 on Adolescent Health

- What have been the three main concerns around adolescent health during this time?
  - The absence of mobile health clinics in rural areas has resulted into low access to SRH services
  - Some young people are no longer going to health facilities to access youth friendly health services in fear of contracting the Corona Virus.
  - High numbers of teen pregnancies & early marriages

# Effects of COVID-19 on Adolescent Health

- How has COVID affected efforts against HIV infection and transmission?
  - Many youths due to restricted movements have little access to SRH information e.g. HIV prevention education, condoms etc. As a result they indulge in risky behaviours i.e. unprotected sex ,thereby putting themselves at a high risk of contracting HIV.



# Effects of COVID-19 on Adolescent Health

Health Outcomes during COVID Period	Female	Male
Number of documented adolescent pregnancies between March 2020 and January 2021:		
Number of new HIV infections among adolescents (15-19) and young people (20-24) between March 2020 and January 2021 (by sex):		
Number of young people seeking health services between March 2020 and January 2021; percent change from previous year (by sex):	2020	2020
	2019	2019

# CSTL/Future Life-Now! Structures

- 10 meetings were organised
- On average 90% of the meetings were attended by members
- Invitation were shared on time and members were provided with data
- What issues were covered
- The meetings discussed the progress of the FLN programme
- Bottlenecks encountered were resolved by TT members
- Partnership is both from government departments (MOH, Environmental Affairs, Gender, Youth) and NGOs (Youth Wave, Her Liberty, YASID, GLOHOMO, SAfAIDS) and UN Agencies like UNFPA and UNESCO



# FutureLife-Now! School-level Package of Support

- Please describe the main components of Future Life-Now! and how envisioned to be implemented in schools
  - Peer education on SRHR and HIV prevention and support
  - Targeted programme for male learners
  - Climate change clubs
  - Jamborees / service fairs
  - Interschool dialogues
  - Workshops on adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights for parents and community members
  - Capacity building workshops for educators, nurses, Youth Facilitators
  - Strengthening the delivery of Comprehensive Sexuality Education

# FutureLife-Now! School-level Package of Support

- The package of support will be implemented in schools through youth facilitators with assistance from FLN In-country team, officials from Ministries of Gender, Health, Education, Forestry & Natural resources and other partners e.g UNESCO.
- If COVID-19 situation doesn't stabilize, the package will be delivered using E-Platforms
- Linkages between health & education have been strengthened through meetings with health facilities and schools.

# Country Partnership Mapping

<i>partner</i>	Adolescent Health	Gender	Climate Change	Youth Empowerment	Other (please indicate focus)
Youth Wave	Adolescent Health,	Gender		Youth Empowerment	
SAFA AIDS	Adolescent Health				
UNESCO	Adolescent Health				
YASD	Adolescent health		Climate change,		
Gender Links		Gender			
Her Liberty	Adolescent health			Youth empowerment	

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# Plans and Priorities for Future Life-Now! 2021

- Continuation of radio programmes
- Installation of E-Platforms in Health facilities linked to FLN schools.
- Train teachers, health workers, Community leaders learners, caregivers in different components of the FLN package of support.
- To advance gender equality through addressing the needs of young boys and men.
- To reach more people with the SMS message programme
- To plant trees in schools and strengthen climate change clubs.
- Advocacy meetings with Task Team members and key government and non state stakeholders

# Updates on Key Statistics National Level

<i>Key FutureLife-Now! Statistics</i>	2019	2020
Number of new HIV infections amongst adolescents (15-19 years) and young people (20-24 years)		
Number and % of young people (ages 15-24) who have been tested in the last 12 months and know their current status		
Percentage of adolescents and young people on anti-retroviral treatment 12 months after initiation ( <i>or other ART Adherence indicator</i> ); disaggregated by sex		
Number and % of young people living with HIV (ALHIV) from outreach schools who are initiated on ART; disaggregated by sex		
Incidence rate of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among young people (ages 15-24) in outreach area; disaggregated by age, sex,		
Drop out rates; disaggregated by sex		



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