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Enabling communities to protect themselves from COVID-19

Turning vaccines into vaccinations in Malawi

The project supports the government in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 in seven disaster-affected districts of Malawi. By strengthening the knowledge and awareness on COVID-19, communities are enabled to protect themselves from infections. To achieve this, the following interventions will be conducted: a COVID-19 awareness campaign, the provision of access to vaccinations (through the GIZ Health Programme), the rehabilitation of hygiene facilities

(pit latrines, boreholes, and handwashing facilities), and the provision of necessary goods such as soap, sanitiser, masks, and construction material. Various activities of the awareness campaign are currently underway, including theatre performances, radio shows, school quizzes, and panel discussions. The construction measures will commence on time as well. All components will be monitored on how many people are reached and how many facilities are rehabilitated or constructed.

Pandemic situation in Malawi & national response

Malawi has recorded about 88,000 COVID-19 cases, 2,700 COVID-19 related deaths, and 2,900,000 administered vaccine doses. Currently, infections rates are low. Since the onset of the pandemic, the government has responded to COVID-19 through several measures, including the cancellation of public events, an international travel ban, school closures, decongestion of workplaces and public transport, wearing masks, and observing social distancing. By now, most of the measures have been lifted.

Project Profile

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Germany's Last Mile Initiative

The project described above is part of the German Last Mile Initiative. The initiative wants to rapidly increase global COVID-19 vaccine coverage and up-take. To that end, it will offer technical and financial support to low-income countries that amounts to 850 million EUR of funding. A major part of these funds will go to multilateral agencies collaborating through the Access-to-COVID-19-Tools-Accelerator (ACT-A). Complementary to this

multilateral engagement, and as part of the Last Mile Initiative, **Germany provides 224 million EUR for bilateral projects and direct support for vaccination campaigns. Of this, 174 million EUR are budgeted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).** 50 million EUR are contributed by the Foreign Office. Overall, Germany is providing more than 1.3 billion EUR in 2022 to help end this pandemic.

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