

CDC and Malawi Advance Public Health

In 2021 the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Malawi Ministry of Health (MOH) celebrate 20 years of collaboration, financial assistance, technical and scientific expertise to strengthen disease surveillance and delivery of health services.



Advances in the Health System



The **Central Data Repository (CDR)** is the only existing database in Malawi for all **electronic medical records**.

CDR allows for near real-time tracking of HIV indicators across health facilities.



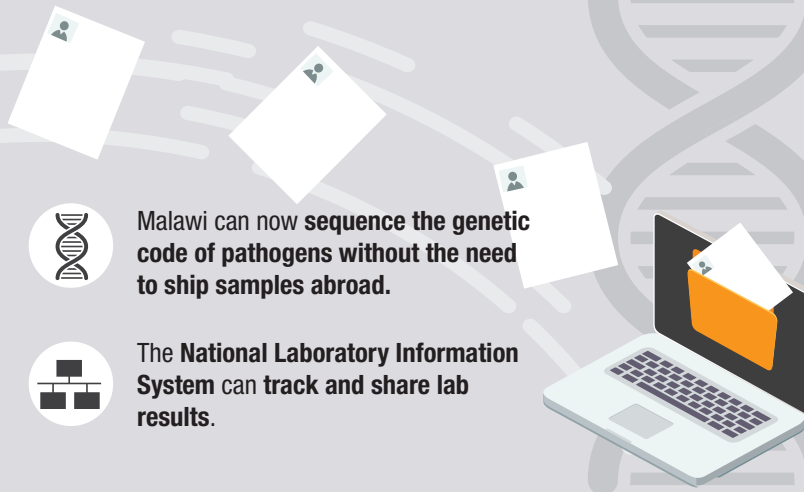
Laboratories test for COVID-19, HIV drug resistance, and conduct coronavirus sequencing.



Malawi can now **sequence the genetic code of pathogens** without the need to ship samples abroad.



The **National Laboratory Information System** can **track and share lab results**.



Stronger Public Health Sector



The **Public Health Institute of Malawi (PHIM)** serves as a central home for all public health activities.

PHIM provides leadership in disease surveillance, prevention, and outbreak response, and research to inform public health policy and practice.



The **Malawi Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP)** has **131 graduates** (November 2021).

Most Health Surveillance Officers leading Malawi's COVID-19 response are FETP graduates.



The **Public Health Emergency Operating Centre (PHEOC)** was established during COVID-19 to centralize emergency response activities.



Delivering Health Services



Teen Club, a healthcare model where HIV-positive adolescents receive peer support and clinical care to achieve viral load suppression and better outcomes, is located at 101 health facilities.

Over 10,000 teens received care and **85% achieved viral suppression** (November 2021).



In 2013 CDC began to support **HIV testing and treatment counseling**. As of November 2021, the effort has identified over 627,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV).



In 2013 CDC began **direct service delivery of HIV antiretroviral therapy (ART)**. As of November 2021, **over 522,000 PLHIV** started treatment.



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