This document reflects the country context, opportunities, challenges, and priorities developed by FP2020 focal points for Malawi in collaboration with the FP2020 Secretariat and other partners during the Anglophone Africa Focal Point Workshop in Kampala, Uganda in April 2016. FP2020’s focal point representatives are from the government and two donor organizations, usually UNFPA and USAID, and serve as the key representatives of FP2020 in-country. They coordinate with each other, the government, partners and other stakeholders, and the FP2020 Secretariat to drive progress on the country’s family planning goals. These opportunities, challenges, and priorities serve as the foundation of the shared agenda of action across the next 12- to 18-month horizon.

**OPPORTUNITIES**

- Malawi has a CIP (launched September 2015)
- Strong parliamentary committee on health
- The President of Malawi champions youth
- President responsible for theme of the African Union’s 2017 summit: “Harnessing the Demographic Dividend”
- Existence of an accountability framework to address issues of human rights and accountability
- Commodity security

**CHALLENGES**

- Current progress is 2.5% point annually when it needs to be 3.4% points annually to reach mCPR of 60% by 2020
- Participation of multi-sectoral members at FP2020 working group is low
- Government budget allocation to FP activities is minimal
- CIP launched but not yet adequately disseminated
- Existence of parallel supply chain of commodities makes coordination and cooperation/timing by government and its development partners challenging in some instances
- Demand creation is low
- Low condom use to address dual protection among the youth

**PRIORITIES**

- Upgrade FP profile so that family planning is considered as important to reproductive and maternal health as vaccination is to immunization (“No SDGs without FP; no RH without FP”):
  - Raise profile of FP sub-committee to be directly answerable to SRH Technical Working Group; currently, FP sub-committee is answerable to the Safe Motherhood sub-committee before it can get to the Technical Working Group on SRH.
- Facilitate complete delivery of supplies to end user; Need to ensure continuous delivery and tracking (LMIS).
- Generate demand for family planning from all women of reproductive age—especially from youth
- Systematically institutionalize health staff mentorship at service delivery points.