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Advancing Adolescent Girls and Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Mangochi

Implementing partner: UNPFA

Programme period: 2020–2022 (no cost extension to 31st December 2023)

Budget: \$1.200.000 USD

Location: Mangochi District: Traditional Authorities (TAs) Makanjira, Lulanga and Chowe

Summary: The goal of the project is to advance sexual and reproductive health, and well-being of adolescent girls and women in Mangochi. The project aims to address the issues affecting the most disadvantaged adolescent girls and women aged 15–49, including teenage mothers, women suffering from obstetric fistula, and survivors of any form of gender-based violence (GBV) and obstetric fistula.

The outputs of the project include:

- The opening of **Lilja Fistula & One stop Centre** at Mangochi District Hospital, the first dedicated district-based facility in the country. At the centre women suffering from obstetric fistula can seek assistance and undergo surgery, and survivors of GBV can seek professional help.
- Fistula survivors have been provided with K300,000 each to participate in economic empowerment activities in order to facilitate their reintegration into the society.
- To raise awareness of obstetric fistula, family planning and gender-based violence.
- The training of surgeons to perform fistula surgeries.
- To provide trainings for survivors of GBV and obstetric fistula to assist them in seeking economic opportunities.
- To involve boys and men and local and religious leaders in the promotion of sexual and reproductive health rights.
- To provide youth friendly family planning services at rural health clinics.
- To establish community-based structures to respond to GBV.



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adolescent girls and women are the target primary beneficiaries of the project. This includes teen mothers; pregnant women; in and out-of-school young people; women and girls with obstetric fistula; and survivors of GBV and obstetric fistula.