

YOUTH EXCEL – Youth Landscape and Learning Platform September 2021 – June 2025

The **Youth Landscape and Learning Platform (YLLP)**, implemented under USAID's global Youth Power/Youth Excel activity will support USAID/Malawi Mission's implementation of its [Country Development and Cooperation Strategy \(CDCS\)](#) 2020-2025 **Development Objective 2: Youth lead healthy, productive lives**. YLLP will draw data and learnings from across Mission and other national and local activities, share with USAID and the Malawian youth development community, and facilitate learning opportunities to intentionally and continuously inform decision-making for stronger youth development across sectors.



OPPORTUNITY

Youth play a central role to Malawi's socio-economic development if properly nurtured. With long-term youth development investment to strengthen multisectoral youth ecosystems actions and stimulate youth agency, the close to 80 percent of Malawi's population under the age of 35 could meaningfully advance development goals in all sectors. Compounded barriers to young people's access to health, education, civic, and economic opportunities, however, pose a risk to an enabling environment for adolescents and young people's advancement and their ability to lead healthy, productive lives.

ABOUT YOUTH LANDSCAPE AND LEARNING PLATFORM (YLLP)

From September 2021 – June 2025, YLLP will:

- **Task 1: Conduct a mixed methods Youth Landscape Analysis (YLA):** provide formative information to inform the design and implementation of USAID's cross-sectoral youth focused activities in Malawi and to be shared broadly with youth stakeholders. The YLA will occur twice in a four (4) year period. 2022 partner: [Centre for Social Research, University of Malawi](#).
- **Task 2: Facilitate the DO2 learning agenda** for the Mission and implementing partners. **Foster** and sustain mutually beneficial **feedback loops**; and **support capacity building** for Mission staff, implementing partners, Government, and stakeholders, including youth-led organization in Positive Youth Development (PYD), youth engagement, and youth-focused MEL. Partner(s): TBD
- **Task 3: Measure and report on the progress achieved under DO2:** by collecting and tracking key DO2 indicators. YLLP will use data the Mission gathers from its implementing partners and to inform the twice-annual mission portfolio reviews. Partner: [MAC-CDAC Malaria Alert Centre, Kamuzu University of Health Sciences](#).



Meaningful youth engagement: Young people will shape the design, implementation, and analysis of findings through intentional, equitable and collaborative partnerships. YLLP will serve as a space to learn, test, and support youth ambitions and needs collaboratively between the Mission, Implementing Partners, the Government of Malawi (GOM), and other key stakeholders. YLLP will also engage with a cohort of youth leaders, among other local and international stakeholders.

New Partnership Initiative (NPI): Under NPI, 50% of the activity funds are channels to local organizations, including youth-led or youth-serving organizations. YLLP partners with local organizations to co-lead each YLLP task.

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