

HIV in Blantyre, Malawi

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Malawi

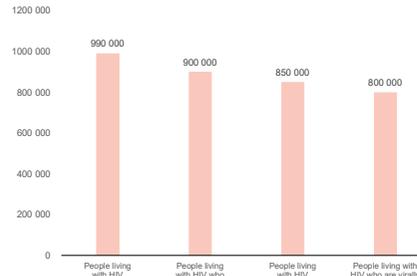


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Background Information – Country

Progress towards 90-90-90 (all ages), country

91-94-94



Population country (all ages) 19 million

HIV prevalence country (15+ years) 8.70%

HIV incidence country per 1000 population (15+ years) 1.91

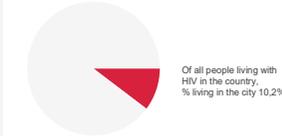
HIV new infections country (all ages) 21 000

AIDS-related deaths country (all ages) 12 000

Background Information – City

Population city (all ages) 800 000

Of country population, % living in the city 4%



Epidemiology

HIV prevalence (15+ years) 16.4%

HIV incidence per 1000 population (15+ years) 0.60

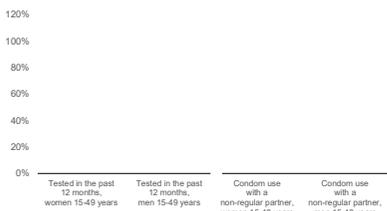
HIV new infections (all ages) 2656

Vertical transmission rate N/A

Coverage of prevention of vertical transmission > 95%

AIDS-related deaths (all ages) N/A

HIV Prevention

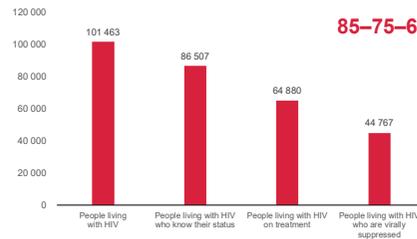


Male circumcision prevalence 15-49 years 63.0%

People actively taking PrEP 576

Progress towards 90-90-90 (all ages), city

85-75-69



Recent Achievements

The development and strengthening of collegial partnerships among city stakeholders has been a key accomplishment of the Fast-Track Cities project in Blantyre. The successful launch of the dashboard resulted from this closer communication and cooperation among partners.

Challenges

Efforts to engage people living with HIV and youth have been strong overall, but outreach and advocacy for key populations such as gay men and other men who have sex with men and sex workers should be strengthened.

Stigma remains a key barrier to progress, particularly for gay men and other men who have sex with men and sex workers. Stigma creates a hostile environment that increases key populations vulnerability to HIV while lessening their ability to access HIV prevention and treatment services.

Availability of city level HIV data remains limited mainly because of the centralisation of data management at national level and conflicting priorities.

Key Populations

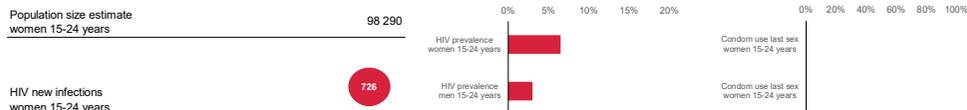
	Sex workers	Gay men and other men who have sex with men	Transgender people	People who inject drugs
Population size estimate	6 200	3 200	260	
HIV prevalence	57.0%	9.0%	14.9%	
HIV testing (past year)	62.9%	86.6%	69.2%	
People living with HIV on ART	75.0%	83.3%		
Condom use (last sex)				N/A

Safe injecting practices among people who inject drugs N/A

Needles and syringes distributed per person who injects drugs N/A

Coverage of opioid substitution therapy N/A

Young People



Violence

Intimate partner violence (physical, sexual, emotional) ever experienced, women 15-49 years 6.0%

Priority Actions

Data Sources

World Population Projections, 2019; Naomti Spectrum, 2020; AIDSInfo, 2019; MOH Programme data, 2019 Q3; Population and Housing Census, 2018; COP 2020, 2019; Department of HIV and AIDS - Blantyre city dashboard, 2019; Malawi BSSS 2019-2020, 2019; Project SOAR 2019; *Female sex workers living with HIV in Malawi, 2019; Malawi Population-Based HIV Impact Assessment (MPHIA) 2015-2016, 2015.

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