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## Advancing Integrated population, health and geospatial data systems: spotlight on Malawi

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The [Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Wellbeing for All](#) (SDG3 GAP) is a set of commitments by 13 agencies that play significant roles in health, development and humanitarian responses to help countries accelerate progress on the 2030 health-related SDG targets. The [Health Data Collaborative](#) (HDC) was born in March 2016 to implement the 5-point call to action declared during a 2015 high-level summit on Measurement & Accountability for Results in Health. Both of these partnerships share a common objective to align technical and financial resources in support of country plans and priorities. This side event reviews the collaboration between the Government of Malawi, SDG3 GAP's Data and Digital Accelerator, HDC, UNFPA and WHO to strengthen civil registration and vital statistics systems and geospatial data systems. This collaboration seeks to accelerate a whole of system and whole of government approach to improved population health data systems, in partnership with HDC and SDG3 GAP international partners, building on the collective expertise from HDC and UN partners, including the technical resources of the Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems, as part of the decade of action to accelerate progress towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

This side event at the 56th session of the UN Commission on Population and Development will launch a “white paper” on CRVS and geospatial data system strengthening in Malawi, developed by the Government of Malawi with support from UNFPA, WHO, HDC and SDG3 GAP initiatives, following a multipartner joint mission to Malawi in June 2022. The white paper identifies strategic opportunities for strengthening population health data systems in Malawi, and serves as a basis for an investment case for CRVS and GIS systems in Malawi. This side event will convene key partners of the government of Malawi, including HDC, WHO, UNFPA, IDRC, the Global Financial Facility, and the Centre of Excellence in CRVS Systems, to highlight opportunities for multilateral partnership and investment in support of stronger CRVS and GIS data systems for development in Malawi.

#### Session Objectives:

- To convene national and international partners in support of the Government of Malawi for improved CRVS and GIS;
- To launch the white paper “Aligning Partner Support with the Government of Malawi to strengthen the Integrated National Data System (INDS) for health: Civil registration, vital statistics, and geospatial data”;
- To advocate for collective investment in CRVS and GIS in Malawi;
- To highlight the role of the Health Data Collaborative for joint in-country support to governments;
- To highlight the role of the Centre of Excellence in CRVS Systems for technical guidance and capacity strengthening;

#### Session Format:

Welcome remarks	Dr. Julitta Onabanjo, Technical Division, UNFPA
Opening remarks	H.E. Dr. Agnes Mary Chimbiri-Molande Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations, Government of Malawi
Keynote address	Aligning Partner Support with the Government of Malawi to strengthen integrated population and health data systems: Civil registration, vital statistics and geospatial data  H.E. Dr. Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, Minister of Health
Moderator	Dr. Rachel Snow, Chief, Population and Development Branch, UNFPA
Panel discussion participants	Dr. Charles Mwansambo, Secretary for Health, Ministry of Health  Mr. Mphatso Sambo, Principal Secretary, National Registration Bureau, Ministry of Homeland Security

	Ms. Tiope Mleme, Director of Demography and Social Statistics, National Statistical Office
Closing remarks	Montasser Kamal, Global Health Lead, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

Target Audience: This session is open to national, regional and global stakeholders engaged in health information, CRVS and GIS system strengthening.