

WHAT WOMEN WANT!

Demands for Quality Reproductive and Maternal Healthcare from Women and Girls

ADVOCACY AGENDA: WHITE RIBBON ALLIANCE MALAWI



From 2018-2019, White Ribbon Alliance and partners implemented an audacious campaign that heard from 1.2 million women and girls worldwide – including 84,058 women and girls from Malawi – about their top request for their own reproductive and maternal health.

The White Ribbon Alliance Malawi *What Women Want* Advocacy Agenda (2020-2022) takes top requests in Malawi and turns them into key actions that will bring about changes in services and programs that women and girls want and will use. It was designed in consultation with local What Women Want focal points, partners and women and girls.



WOMEN AND GIRLS DEMANDS ADVOCACY OBJECTIVES

Respectful and dignified care

- Ministry of Health adopts the revised Respectful Maternity Care (RMC) Charter and integrates it into fully funded health worker in-service trainings by December 2021.
- Ministry of Health launches and operationalizes the web-based platform enabling Hospital Ombudsman to report, refer, monitor and follow up on complaints by women and girls about disrespect and abuse, negligence and non-attentiveness by July 2022.

Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

- Ministry of Health creates a water, sanitation and hygiene budget line and ring-fences it to improve WASH in health facilities by 2022.

Increased, competent and better supported midwives and nurses

- The Ministry of Health hires 300 more midwives to ensure that the midwife to client ratio in the clinical area is improved by July 2022.
- Ministry of Health creates and fills the positions of deputy director for midwifery services at ministry headquarters level and midwifery officers in central and district hospitals to ensure coordinated and improved delivery of midwifery services in Malawi by July 2022.

Medicines and supplies

- Ministry of Health increases family planning budget line item in Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) budget by over 10% annually for the next three years.

