

Malawi Population by District



Malaria Control in Pregnancy:
Potential challenges for MiP
policy change and
implementation of new policies
in Malawi

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Policy change process
- Potential challenges

Policy making process

- Literature Review
- Study Results informed policy change:-
 - Increased doses of SP (*Malawi's study by Gutman J. et al*)
 - ACTs for treatment of MiP in 2nd and 3rd trimesters (*A systematic review of the safety and efficacy of ACTs against uncomplicated P.f malaria during pregnancy by Kayentao MC et al, 2011*)
- WHO recommendations

Process and Actors

- National Malaria Control Program through Technical Working group meetings
 - MiP Sub-Technical Committee
 - Main Malaria Technical Committee
- Proposed change agreed upon by Malaria Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Health Senior Management endorsed policy change

- Partners involved in the process include: PMI, SSDI communication, JPHIEGO, UNICEF, Reproductive Health Unit, WHO, College of Medicine, Training Institutions, CHAI, District Health Officers.

Potential Challenges to Implementation of the new policy

- Lengthy development process of the new policy (*advocacy meetings, agreement, and approval processes*)
- Financial implications in terms of marketing of the new policy, trainings, printing costs, and dissemination to the community for the required demand and uptake.
- The effects of changing policy during implementation (*hangovers*). Length of time before new policy becomes apparent