





# **Malawi Country Brief**

March 2021



## **Country Context**

The Malawi AMR National Action Plan (NAP), published as the National AMR Strategy, runs from 2017 to 2022 and provides the operational detail to the HSSPII strategy outline, and is also a response to the global WHO efforts to reduce the impact of AMR.

More information about Malawi and its work on AMR can be found on the Fleming Fund website at: <a href="https://www.flemingfund.org/countries/malawi">https://www.flemingfund.org/countries/malawi</a>

#### Who We Are

The Fleming Fund is the world's single largest Official Development Assistance (ODA) investment in global AMR surveillance.

It is a £265million UK aid programme supporting up to 24 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to generate, share and use antimicrobial resistance (AMR) data.

The Fleming Fund is a UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) programme made up of a Country and Regional Grants and Fellowships Programme managed by Mott MacDonald, and a variety of Global Projects, managed directly by DHSC.



#### **Our Grants**

#### **COUNTRY GRANT**

Country Grantee: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Sub-grantees: Lilongwe University of Agriculture & Natural Resource

Value: £3,395,845

Duration: Jan 2020 - Aug 2021

The grant's objectives include strengthening One Health governance and strengthening AMR surveillance

systems in the human and animal health sector.

# **FELLOWSHIP SCHEME**

Number of fellows: 5

Host Institution: African Society for the Laboratory Medicine

Value: £480,000

Duration: Jun 2019 - Apr 2021

The scheme supports the professional development of senior scientists, epidemiologists and clinicians across AMR One Health disciplines.

#### **REGIONAL GRANTS**

Gathering Historical AMR Data

Grantee: African Society for Laboratory Medicine Value: £3,159,259 (total across multiple

countries)

Duration: Nov 2018 - Jul 2021

This grant supports the collection and analysis of historical AMR data across key Fleming Fund countries to provide early information for policy making.

External Quality Assurance- Africa

Grantee: African Society for Laboratory Medicine

Value: £4,511,176

Duration: Oct 2019 - Dec 2021

This grant supports the development of external quality assurance practices in laboratories around Asia which ensures confidence in laboratory testing results.

Policy, Practice & Advocacy

Grantee: International Vaccine Institute

Value: £2,715,217 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Sep 2019 - Nov 2021

This grant supports data sharing for global AMR planning and advocacy to provide policy makers with evidence to make robust, data-based policy

recommendations.

Common Surveillance Protocols **Grantee: Ending Pandemics** 

Value: £3,076,279 (total across multiple

countries)

Duration: Sep 2019 - Dec 2021

This grant supports the standardisation of data collection and analysis through common protocols, ensuring data across countries is

comparable.

Microbiology & Epidemiology Training

Grantee: African Society for Laboratory

Medicine

Value: £3,924,547 (total across multiple

countries)

Duration: Oct 2019 - Sep 2021

This grant improves data sharing for global AMR planning and advocacy to provide policy makers the evidence they need to make robust, evidence-based policy

recommendations.

Whole Genome Sequencing

Grantee: Denmark Technical University

Value: £4,435,181

Duration: May 2019 - Sep 2021

This grant improves establishing a regional centre for sequencing that will allow the investigation of outbreaks, unusual resistance phenotypes, or delineation of the flow of

organisms/genes recommendations.

#### FEB 2019

Fleming Fund scoping

visit

### **JUN 2019**

Request for proposal published

#### **AUG 2018**

Country Grant approved

#### **DEC 2019**

Country Grant signed

#### **MAR 2020**

Fellowship kick-off workshop

# **GLOBAL PROJECTS**

Global Research on AMR (GRAM): This grant supports a global exercise studying the burden of AMR, run by University of Oxford.

Value: £6,200,000 (total across multiple

countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 - Jun 2021

OIE Grant: This grant invests in developing One Health guidance on antimicrobial use, supports countries to feed into the global AMU animal database and helps improve awareness and understanding of AMR and alternatives to antimicrobial agents.

Value: £5,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 - Mar 2021

WHO Global Grant: This grant supports countries to develop National Action Plans, training to undertake AMR use and consumptions studies and supports the adoption of the AWaRe

framework and essential medicines lists. Value: £9,900,000 (total across multiple

countries)

Duration: Jan 2016 - Sept 2020

South Centre Grant: This grant builds partnerships with civil society organisations to raise awareness of AMR.

Value: £1,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2017 - Mar 2021

WHO Substandard & Falsified Medicines: This grant supports the assessment of substandard and falsified medicines and their origins. Malawi has also conducted sample surveys of antibiotics to identify the quantity substandard and falsified antimicrobial medicines.

Value: £4,000,000 (total across multiple countries)

Duration: Jan 2018 - Mar 2022