

The Road to Success

Malawi's Investment in RH/FP



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20-30 babies born in a day

700 babies delivered in a month

8,400 babies delivered in a year



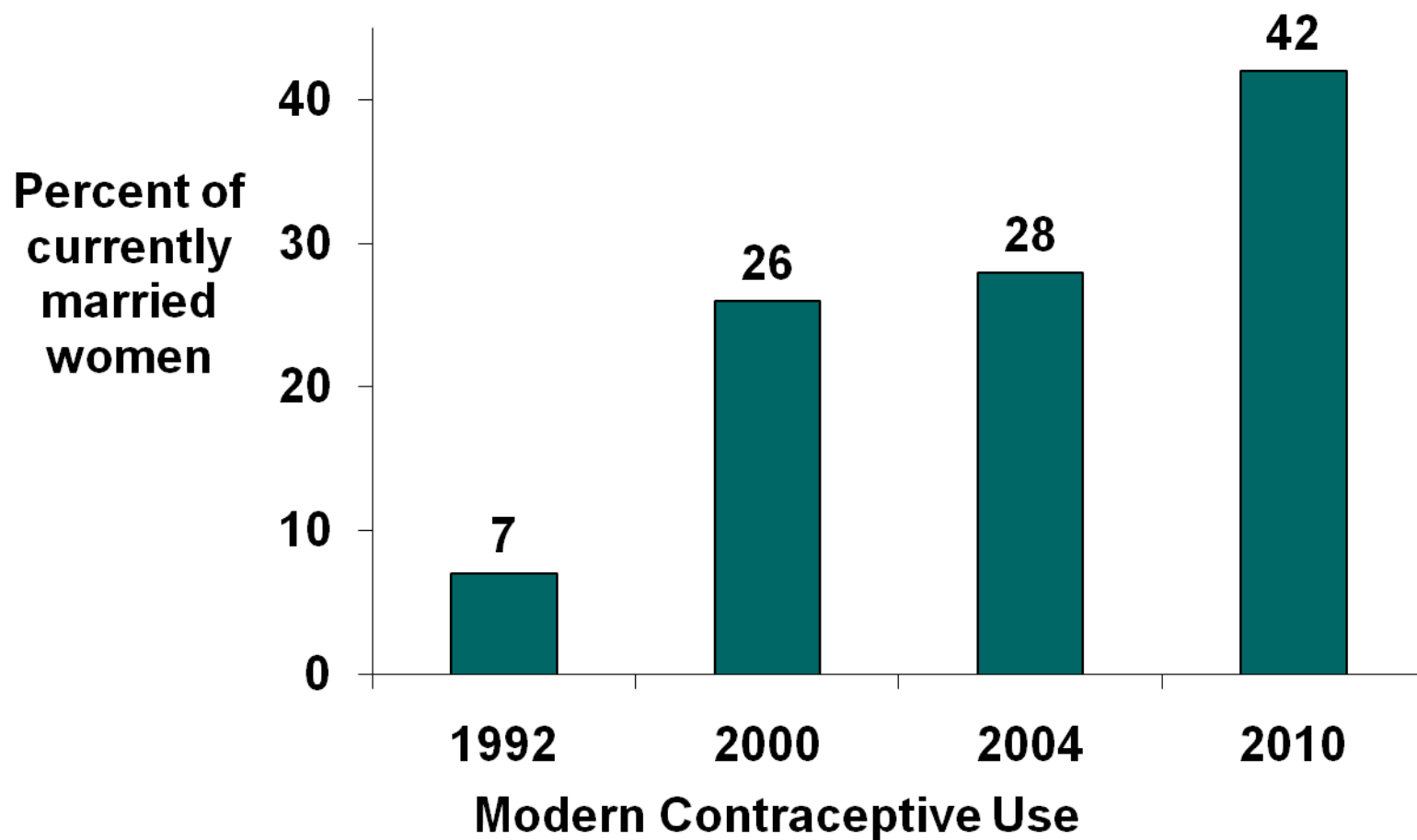
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The Success Story

CPR results—Wake up call to stay on track





Malawian Investments in FP

The State is *obliged* to provide adequate health care.

FP repositioned as key development strategy in:

- MGDS II: Improving health requires *multifaceted approach*
 - Key strategies will:
 - Increase qualified health personnel
 - Increase drug availability & supply
 - Improve health facilities & equipment
 - Improve management & monitoring of services



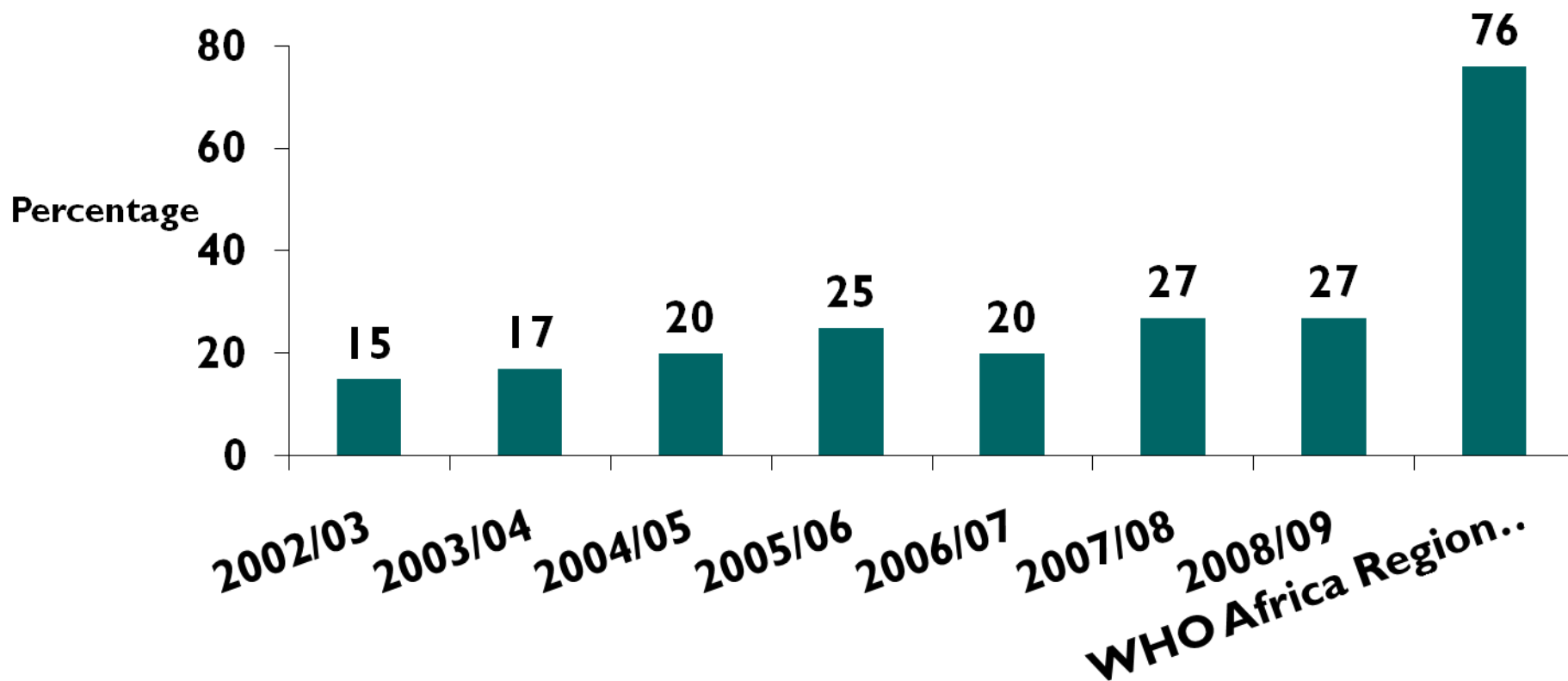
Investments in FP (2)

FP repositioned as key development strategy in:

- Malawi Health Sector Strategic Plan
 - Promotion, provision of FP methods
- Sexual Reproductive Health Policy 2009 – 2013
 - Promote through informed choice
 - Safer RH practices
 - Use of high quality, accessible RH services

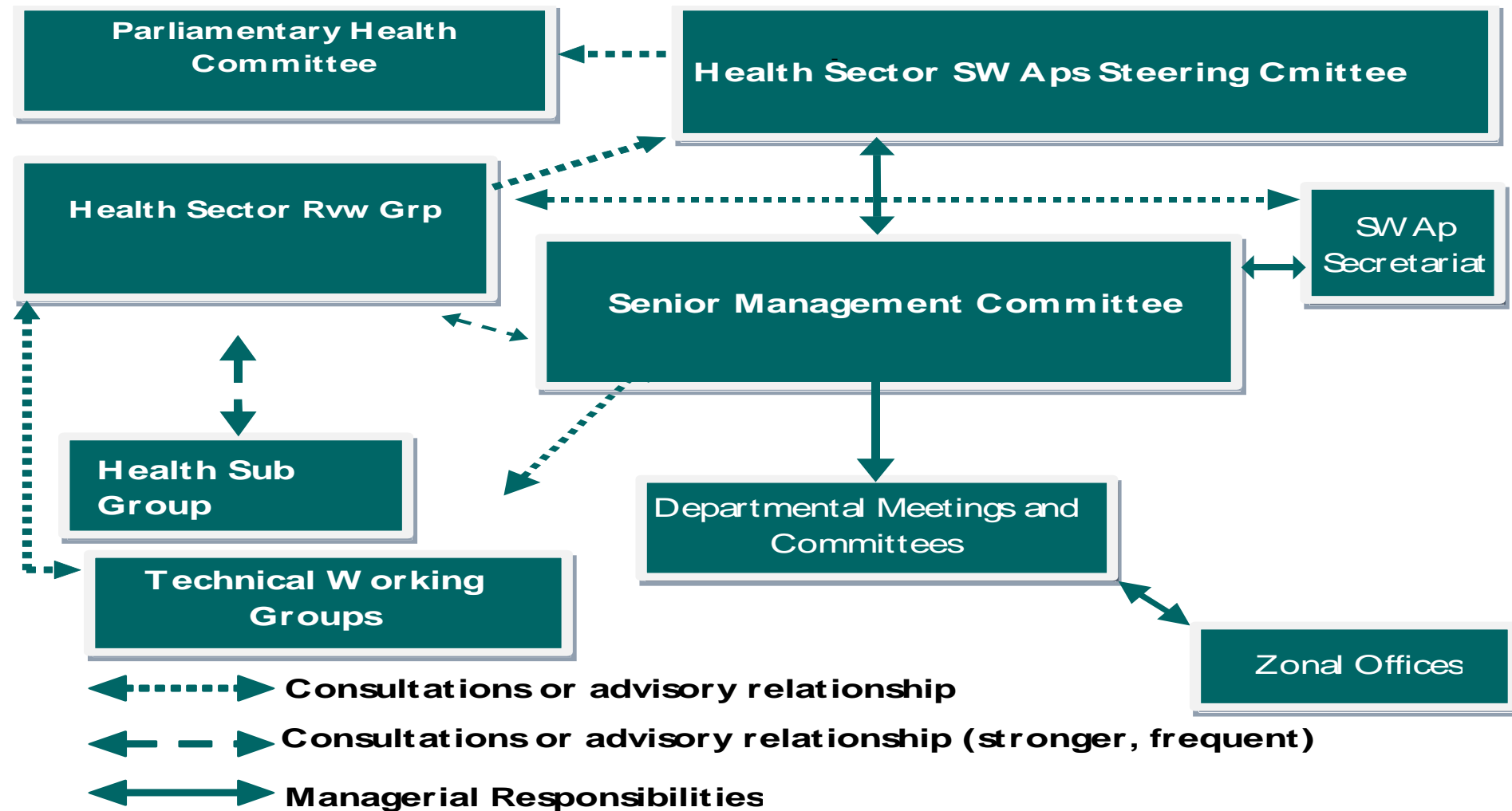


Government Health Financing



Ministries and Parliament

Dialogue & Collaboration





Innovations

- **Launch of First Lady's Callista Mutharika Safe Motherhood Foundation in 2010**
 - Focus on girls and women empowerment
 - Sexual and reproductive rights
 - Community midwives training
- **Task shifting:**
 - Community Depo-Provera initiative
 - Provision of long term and permanent methods by nurses
- **RESULT: Improved access to and uptake of**
EP

Investment Strategies

Implementing Policy and Programs



- **Alignment of partners**
- **Functioning governance structures**
- **Strong partnerships (Health Development Partners & stakeholders)**
- **Decentralization of health system to District assemblies**



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Investment Strategies

Implementing Policy and Programs

- **Application of uniform standards among health facilities**
- **Commitment to human resources**
- **Commitment to financial resources**



Challenges Remain

Stubbornly high TFR

- Urban TFR 4.0
- 80% of Malawians live in rural areas

Overall TFR is still high at 5.7



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Challenges

Implementing Policy and Programs

- **Rapid population growth**
 - 2.8 per annum
- **Heavily subsidised health system through donor aid**
 - Explore alternative health financing mechanisms
- **Shortage of human resources, inequitable distribution**



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Challenges (2)

Implementing Policy and Programs



- **Demand creation**
- **Health systems strengthening**
 - Commodity security
 - Integration of FP with RH, HIV
- **No ring fencing funds for FP**



Partnerships

Donor and Government

- **SWAp II – Health Sector Strategic Plan (2011 – 2016)**
- **Health Donor Group**
- **Global fund**





Immediate Challenges

- **The need for a National Population Policy Strategy;**
- **Expanding education for the girl child;**
- **Scaling up the programme on building girls hostels;**
- **The need to work towards changes in certain traditional and cultural values and practices;**
- **The need for substantial improvement in maternal health services.**

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