

**ACT NOW  
FOR MALAWI'S NEWBORNS!**



**14,000  
NEWBORN BABIES  
DIE EVERY YEAR IN MALAWI**

**MALAWI  
RANKS HIGHEST  
IN THE WORLD  
FOR BIRTH RATE  
OF BABIES BORN  
TOO SOON**

**1 OUT OF 3 NEWBORN DEATHS  
IN MALAWI IS DUE TO PRETERM  
BIRTH COMPLICATIONS**



# DECISION MAKERS ACT NOW FOR MALAWI'S NEWBORNS!



Prioritise simple and effective lifesaving solutions to save newborn lives:

- > **Masks and bags to help babies born too soon breathe**
- > **Antibiotics**
- > **Skin-to-skin contact (kangaroo mother care)**
- > **Breastfeeding**
- > **Trained health workers**
- > **Chlorhexidine for cord care**

In 2014, Malawi committed to the Every Newborn Action Plan to take action and reduce preventable newborn deaths from rates of 31 per 1,000 live births in 2010 to 25 per 1,000 live births by 2020 through:

- > **Strengthening and investing in care during labour, birth and the first day and week of life.**
- > **Improving the quality of maternal and newborn care.**
- > **Reduce inequalities.**
- > **Harnessing the power of parents, families, and communities.**
- > **Counting every newborn through better measurement and accountability.**

Malawi also pledged to increase funds for maternal and child health:

- > **Decision makers need to take action and invest more money in health, and in the health of Malawi's mothers and children.**
- > **Update and implement policies including the Essential Medicines List and Malawi Standard Treatment Guidelines, Roadmap for Accelerating the Reduction of Maternal and Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality in Malawi and the Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights Policy (SRHR) to include simple lifesaving interventions that can save the lives of many newborns.**