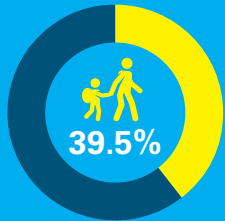


Malawi Basic Education and Youth Development (BEYD)



The school age population (5-19) is estimated at **9 million learners** or **39.5% of the population**

Goals

Basic quality education is a fundamental right for every child included in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The BEYD programme aims to ensure that all girls and boys, including adolescents, complete free, equitable and inclusive quality Early Childhood and Development (ECD), primary and secondary education or non-formal education, leading to effective development and relevant learning outcomes and skills in preparation for life- long learning.

Specifically the program goals are:

- To ensure that national education sector strategies and systems are strong enough to address low survival rates and high internal systemic inefficiencies.
- To provide support to ensure that schools in 10 low performing districts record at least 50 percent increased retention, learning achievement, survival to grade 8 and transition rates to secondary education.



The school age population will increase to **12.2 million learners by 2013**

64% of youth aged 15 – 19 do not have any educational qualification

The average classroom ratio is **1:109** and qualified pupil teacher ratio is 1:75



49% of children aged 3 – 5 are enrolled in Community Based Child Care Centers (CBCCs)



6%

More than 6% of children in Malawi are still not attending primary school



7% of youth aged between 15-24 years have never attended school at all

7%



Only **23%** of schools have access to adequate sanitary facilities

Only **58.5%** of school going children finish the first 4 years of school

The average national dropout rates is **10.5%**

In 2012 only **35% of girls** and **41% of boys** survived to standard 8



152 out of 1,000 women

aged 15 – 19 years have a child, the highest adolescent fertility rate in Sub-Saharan Africa