



Master Health Facility Register (MHFR)



Fact Sheet

purpose of MHFR

MHFR will be implemented to address some of the challenges faced in the health sector by eliminating parallel and multiple facility lists existing under each health information system, rationalizing naming for all health facilities, standardizing the attributes and characterization of each facility thereby, eliminating confusion and duplication, and promoting data sharing among existing systems.

MHRF Goal

The MHFR's main purpose is to be the one true guide of Health Facility Information in the country. On the one hand, it provides public users, researchers, health worker and any other stakeholders an accessible platform to find out about Health Facilities they care about and any information related to those facilities. On the other hand, MHFR serves as a facility dictionary to help translate what a Facility means from one system to another.

key functions of MHFR

- Lists All Health Facilities
- Allows to Search for Health Facilities Quickly
- Allows to Filter Health Facilities according to a dynamic set of criteria
- Allows to download a Facility
- Allows to download Filtered Facility
- Allows to view information relating to the Facility Details, Contact Details, Utilities, Resources as well as Service Offered
- Allows for Feedback to be provided to the Administrator of Facilities
- Allows for Editing any aspect of a Health Facility, including its Registration or Functional Status
- Allows for Creating of new Facilities
- Allows of mapping different codes from different Systems to one Facility.

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Background



The Ministry of Health maintains MHFR list through the Department of Planning and Policy Development under the Central Monitoring and Evaluation Division (CMED) or Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM). Although the Ministry has been managing this facility list, challenges still exist.

Firstly, there are limitations in the amount of information maintained through this list.

Secondly, the MHFR is maintained as a standalone Excel document shared among stakeholders. This implies that every person may end up with a version of their own as it is difficult to ensure that each individual is referring to the same copy.

Thirdly, health facilities are in different categories due to the services they provide.

Finally, different initiatives within the Ministry have used various categorizations of health facilities.

To resolve these issues, the MOH is in the process of harmonizing the MHFR and institutionalizing the collection of a broader set of facility information on a regular basis as part of routine health information. This process involves the development of a Master Health Facility Registry (MHFR) for the management and maintenance of the MHFR.