

ABOUT AFIDEP

The African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP) is an African-led, non-profit research and policy institute established in 2010 to help bridge the gaps between research, policy and practice in development efforts in Africa. We contribute to the realisation of the SDGs by enabling the formulation of sound development policies and programme interventions. We work to promote and entrench a culture of evidence use in development efforts in Africa. Specifically, we:

- ▶ Strengthen institutional and individual capacity for demand and use of evidence, as well as promoting interactions between researchers and policy makers.
- ▶ Provide practical evidence to enable governments move from rhetoric and policy documents to action in addressing various sustainable development goals.

OUR MISSION

We enable the use of evidence in the design and implementation of development policies and programmes.

We analyse data, synthesise and translate evidence, build capacity for research translation and use, and promote evidence use. The aim is to strengthen political commitment to sustainable development and inform cost effective resource allocation, design and implementation of policies and programmes.



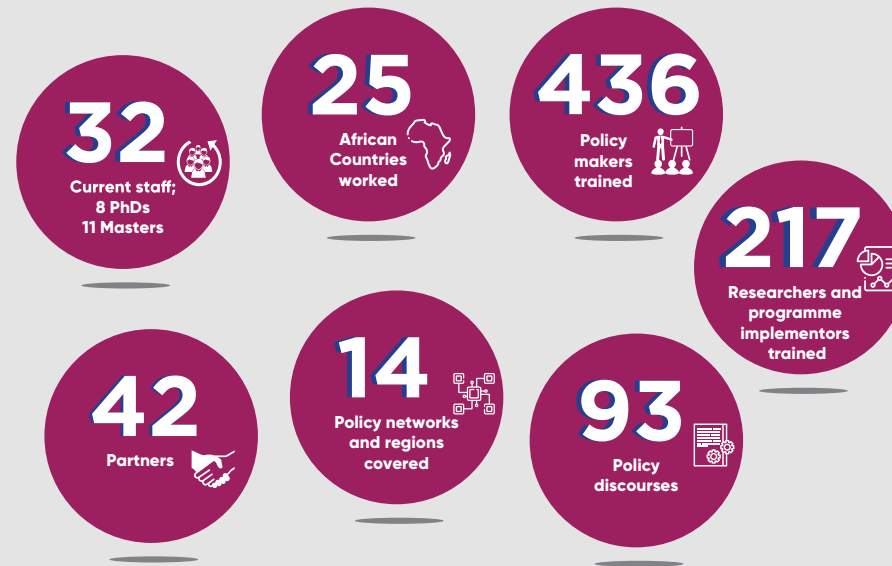
FOCUS AREAS

Capacity building to institutionalise a culture of evidence informed decision making

Provide practical evidence to governments on:



AFIDEP in numbers 2015-2019



Impact

Ignited interest and action on the demographic dividend¹

Our work has stimulated unprecedented interest to address population and development issues across Africa:

- ▶ AFIDEP supported the office of the President of Malawi and the African Union (AU) to designate demographic dividend as the AU 2017 development theme.
- ▶ We have supported 14 African countries to develop awareness and policy options for harnessing the demographic dividend. Most of these countries are integrating it in their national development plans.
- ▶ Nine countries² have integrated demographic dividend evidence and recommendations in their population policies and national development plans.
- ▶ AFIDEP work has contributed to positioning population dynamics and the demographic dividend as a key development priority for Africa for various development partners including: DFID, GIZ, NORAD, UN agencies, USAID and World Bank.

“The realisation of the demographic dividend is of paramount and strategic importance since the success of our youth is the only guarantee of the long term economic prospects of Botswana. It is imperative therefore, for Government to redouble its effort to optimise the participation of our youthful population in the economy of this country,” **H.E. Mokgweetsi Masisi**, President of Botswana

Enhanced capacity of Parliament to discharge core functions - Legislation, Oversight, Representation

Our work has enhanced the capacity of Parliaments in Kenya and Malawi to use evidence in Parliamentary work:

- ▶ Enhanced capacity for evidence informed decision making and action on reproductive health issues in 25 African Parliaments through the Network of African Parliamentary Committees on Health (NEAPACOH).
- ▶ AFIDEP trained Parliamentary staff in evidence informed decision making, budget analysis and financial scrutiny in Kenya and Malawi.
- ▶ Supported formation and running of Parliamentary caucus for evidence use in Kenya and caucuses for population and development in Kenya and Malawi.

¹Economic gains countries can accrue from an age structure with less dependents and more people in the workplace.
²Recommendations have been used in development strategies in Angola, Botswana, eSwatini, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia.

Impact

AFIDEP demographic dividend footprint



Impact

- > Stimulated decision to increase Parliamentary research staff in Kenya and Malawi.
- > Supported Kenya and Malawi parliaments to develop evidence use guidelines.
- > Strengthened institutional capacity and autonomy of Malawi Parliament to discharge its functions.

Supported Ministries of Health in Kenya and Malawi work towards institutionalising evidence informed decision making:

- > AFIDEP supported development and national scale up of a reporting tool for adolescent sexual and reproductive health services in Kenya.
- > Trained policy makers in Kenya's Ministry of Health at national and subnational levels on how to access, interpret and use evidence in decision making.
- > Supported Ministries of Health in Kenya and Malawi to develop guidelines for evidence use and in the development of health research agendas.
- > In Kenya, AFIDEP increased use of evidence in decision making at sub-national level by automating production of the reproductive, maternal newborn, child and adolescent health data from the district health information system. We further developed a performance monitoring and accountability framework.
- > AFIDEP supported Malawi government efforts to increase budget lines for family planning, overall budget for the health sector, increase of minimum age at marriage from 15 to 18, and commitment by the government to end child marriage by 2027.

“Our engagement with AFIDEP stimulated Members of the Malawi Parliament to form a caucus on population and development which provides a platform for all MPs to understand and champion development issues.”
Hon. Juliana Lunguzi
Member of Parliament, Malawi & Chair, Parliamentary Committee on Health, Malawi.

Funders

- Economic and Social Research Council- UK
- Department for International Development
- International Development Research Centre
- Joffe Charitable Trust
- Margaret Pyke Trust
- Mastercard Foundation
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Malawi
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- United Nations Population Fund
- United States Agency for International Development
- Wellcome Trust
- The Blue Hills Charitable Fund
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- National Institute for Health Research- UK
- UK Research Innovation, Global Challenges Research Fund
- UNICEF
- World Bank



“AFIDEP’s continuous sensitisation of MPs on evidence use has increased research uptake by MPs. Capacity building for policy analysts has also improved the quality of analysis they conduct for draft Bills. AFIDEP has provided support to the Parliamentary Caucus on Evidence Use, which I chair, since its formation in 2015. One of the Caucus activities on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) led to drafting of two pieces of legislations on UHC - the Social Health Insurance Bill 2015 and the Medical Fund Bill 2016.

Following the dialogue and overwhelming evidence on the gap in UHC in the country, the Health Committee adopted a recommendation in the Budget Policy Statement of 2017/2018 directing that Free Maternity funds be channeled through the National Health Information Fund.”

Hon. Dr. Susan Musyoka Member of Parliament, Kenya & Chair of the Kenya Parliamentary Caucus on Evidence-Informed Oversight and Decision-Making.



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An Africa where evidence transforms lives