



MALAWI IRISH CONSORTIUM ON GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (MICGBV)

PROFILE

1. OVERVIEW OF THE MALAWI IRISH CONSORTIUM ON GBV

The Malawi Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence (MICGBV) was set up in 2014. Its membership is diverse, representing humanitarian, development, human rights, advocacy, and gender focused organizations.

Currently the Malawi Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence (MICGBV) comprises of six (6) member organizations: ActionAid Malawi, Concern Worldwide, Irish Rule of Law, and Oxfam in Malawi, Self-Help Africa-United Purpose and Trócaire with support from and in close collaboration with the Embassy of Ireland in Malawi.

Currently, in 2022, Trócaire is the Chair of the Consortium, while Concern Worldwide is the Vice Chair organization. Also, a new secretariat for the Consortium has been set up which is being led by the Secretariat Coordinator.

The MICGBV aims to promote evidence-based programming on gender equality and Gender Based Violence (GBV) and support the relevant work of the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare and other key stakeholders.

The MICGBV mirrors the Irish Consortium on Gender Based Violence (ICGBV) that was established in 2005 as a response to reports of ongoing and systematic sexual violence against women and girls in the Darfur Region of Sudan.

The ICGBV works together to increase knowledge and understanding of violence against women and girls, and to ensure high quality programming and policy responses, in both humanitarian and development settings.

This Collaboration between the two consortium promotes shared learning and best practices: joint programming on preventing and responding to GBV and collaborative advocacy or research projects.

1.1 Objectives of the MICGBV





Overall, the Malawi Irish Consortium aims to promote evidence-based programming on gender equality and GBV and support the relevant work of the Government of Malawi through the Ministry of Gender, Community Development and Social Welfare.

The MICGBV strives to achieve its objectives through:

- i. Sharing learning and best practices grounded in evidence among the members and externally with relevant stakeholders.
- ii. Identifying and exploring opportunities to work collaboratively to conduct research, to develop programme approaches and implement initiatives to promote gender equality and respond to gender-based violence.
- iii. Joint advocacy: becoming a credible voice with a significant influence on policy and practice in relation to GBV and other gender issues, based on high-quality evidence / research and learning from the work of its members at field level.

Further strengthen the Consortium's advocacy capabilities to complement the work of existing national gender coordinating groups (and local CSOs).

- iv. Coordination and linkages: establishing linkages with other GBV/gender platforms for joint advocacy purposes and local capacity building, as relevant, of the same.

Overall, the Secretariat strategically positions the Consortium to be a stronger Malawi actor on GBV prevention and response, influencing policy and legislation and better advocating for change, while also linking up and strengthening local actors on ending GBV.