

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS IN MALAWI (NAPHAM)

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

1. BASIC INFORMATION

- Full Name: National Association for People living with HIV/AIDS in Malawi (NAPHAM)
- Founded: 1993
- Type: Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), membership-based
- Headquarters: Area 14/75, Lilongwe, Malawi
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2. MISSION, VISION & PURPOSE

Mission:

To promote and advocate for quality care, support, and prevention services to enhance positive living and reduce HIV transmission among people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Malawi.

Vision:

A Malawi where people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS enjoy complete physical, mental, and social well-being, and are self-reliant.

Purpose:

To provide a platform for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) to share experiences, access support, reduce stigma, and gain empowerment.

3. HISTORY & BACKGROUND

NAPHAM was founded in 1993 by a small group of four PLHIV (three women and one man) who publicly disclosed their HIV status at a time of extreme stigma. Meetings began under a mango tree outside Bwaila Hospital in Lilongwe.

Originally called NAPHA, the organisation evolved into NAPHAM as it grew. It received its first funding in 1994 from Action Aid International, enabling it to rent office space and hire staff.

Today, NAPHAM is the oldest and largest PLHIV network in Malawi.

4. STRUCTURE & MEMBERSHIP

- Membership-based organisation with over 86,000 members.
- More than 1,600 support groups across all 28 districts of Malawi.
- Governance includes:
 - Board of Trustees (elected every 5 years)
 - Secretariat headed by an Executive Director
 - Directors for Finance & Administration and Programmes

5. CORE PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

a) Prevention, Treatment, Care & Psychosocial Support

- HIV testing awareness
- Treatment adherence support
- Maternal health and PMTCT support

b) Advocacy & Health Governance

- Strengthening citizen participation in health systems
- Service delivery monitoring
- Community score cards and interface meetings

c) Economic Empowerment & Livelihoods

- Village Savings & Loans (VSL)
- Poultry, livestock, and small-scale farming
- Nutrition and sanitation initiatives

d) Support for Children, Youth & Women

- Youth-friendly HIV programmes
- SRHR support for women
- Anti-stigma campaigns

e) Capacity Building & Sustainability

- Institutional strengthening
- Monitoring & evaluation
- Resource mobilization

6. VOLUNTEERISM & PARTNERSHIPS

NAPHAM welcomes local and international volunteers, donors, and institutional partners supporting HIV care, prevention, empowerment, and community development.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

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