



HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY BE HARNESSED TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA?

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MALAWI?



THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA

- Wales, Scotland, Ireland;
Belgium, Netherlands &
= England)
- Agro-economy
- Chambo/Batala
- British Colony (political &
legal system);



CHILD PROTECTION

- The Child Care Justice and Protection Act 2010 to help localising the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** –unlike the US) & the **African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.**
- The focus has largely been child labour
- 2017 ‘banned’ child marriages
- **However, the situation remains gloomy**





1 IN 5 GIRLS ARE
SEXUALLY
ABUSED
BEFORE THE AGE OF 18

THE WARM HEART OF...?

‘All this is
Malawi: The
warm & cruel
heart Africa’

UK appeal court rules in favour of Malawian women in rape case

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The England and Wales Court of Appeal has rejected agribusiness giant PGI's bid for permission to appeal in a case in which 31 Malawian women want compensation for alleged rape, sexual assault and harassment at tea and macadamia nut plantations owned by PGI.

Madonna orphanage: Kondanani accused of shielding a man facing child rape charges

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51-year-old man rapes 2 year-old girl

Nov 05, 2017 Bright Malenga National 121

Pastor rapes girl, 10, infects her with HIV

Oct 02, 2017 Archangel Nzangaya National 130

Man jailed 14 years for raping one-year-old baby

Feb 08, 2020 Owen Ndalama Top News 0



The Phalombe First Grade Magistrate's Court on Thursday sentenced a 23-year-old man to 14 years imprisonment with hard labour for raping a one-year-old baby.

Superstition Blamed for Rise in Malawi Rape Cases

Police officer rapes teen: Oxfam condemns incident

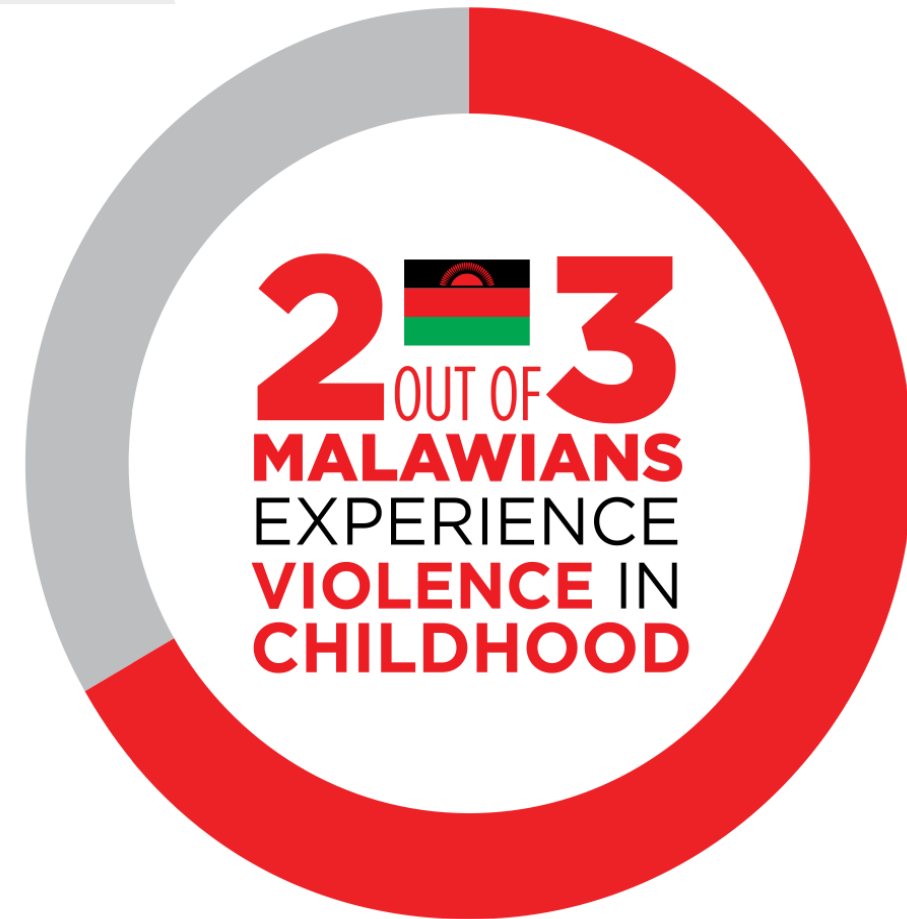
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Six-year-old girl raped, murdered

May 03, 2018 Archangel Nzangaya National 2

Man aged 31 rapes 5-month-old baby

Nov 25, 2020 Russell Kondowe Top News 0



(Malawi Government, 2014)

MALAWI: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE WRECKS MALAWI REFUGEE CAMP

Date:
Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Source:
IPS

Countries:
Africa
Eastern Africa

PeaceWomen Consolidated Themes:

MASM boss arrested for defiling 14-year-old niece

October 7, 2020 James Nthondo - Nyasa Times 58 Comments

Malawi Medical Society (MASM) senior officer Andrew Ngomwa is in police custody after he was apprehended in Mozambique where he was on the run on allegations that he was defiling his 14 year old niece.

Two Mzimba men netted for child sex offences – Malawi Police

October 26, 2016 Zebron Jotoli – Nyasa Times Be the first to comment

Police in Malawi's northern region district of Mzimba have arrested a 35 year old man for allegedly defiling his 14 year old biological daughter.

Mzuzu City Council prays for alleged rapist MCP Mayor but not his victim

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Mzuzu City Council has said it is praying for its Mayor Gift Desire Nyirenda who has been arrested for allegedly raping a child.

Malawi has over 2100 child rapists in its prisons

Oct 30, 2020 Daniel Sapuli Top News 0

Malawi police arrest HIV-positive man over sex assault on girl, 4: Infected her

July 12, 2017 Aaron Banda -Mana Be the first to comment

Malawi Police in Mchinji are keeping in custody a 45 years old man Peter Eliot, for allegedly defiling a 4 years old baby and infecting her with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Child sexual offences worsens in Salima

July 17, 2019 Owen Khamula - Nyasa Times 1 Comment

Malawi Police in Salima have sounded an SOS, saying child defilement cases are on the rise in the lakeshore district.

Spokesperson for the police in the district Jacob Khembo said data shows that from January to this day, 29 girls have been defiled mainly by their own relations.



Former MASM executive Andrew Ngomwa sentenced to 35 years in prison for raping child

Mar 08, 2023 Russell Kondowe Top News 0



Mothers warned against harboring husbands on defilement cases

Sep 23, 2021 Malawi24 Reporter Human Rights 0

Alliance for Democracy (AFORD) has appointed as a NEC member a suspected rapist who is accused of defiling a girl aged 8. The accused paedophile is currently out on bail. What message is Aford sending to women/girls & all rape victims?



Madonna orphanage: Kondanani accused of shielding a man facing child rape charges

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98 child sexual abuse cases recorded in Mangochi in 2020

STOP RAPE Social Justice Network @SocialJusticeMW

Malawi, the warm heart of rapists

We are disturbed of a police report that a 60 year old man has raped three innocent girls aged between 7 & 8 in Nkhotakota. Such an appalling thing from this monstrous man. We will follow this case and advocate for a maximum sentence.



Less talked about: Clergy sexual abuse on the mission field

NEWS DEGRACIAS KALIMO | MARCH 15, 2023



While Southern Baptists have been focused on alleged mishandling of sexual abuse cases in the United States, there's another, less-talked-about legacy of sexual abuse perpetuated by Christian missionaries sent from the United States to other countries.

As one of the largest missionary-sending denominations in the world, the Southern Baptist Convention has played a role in this unspoken drama, although the SBC is far from alone in addressing problems created by a relatively small number of wayward missionaries.

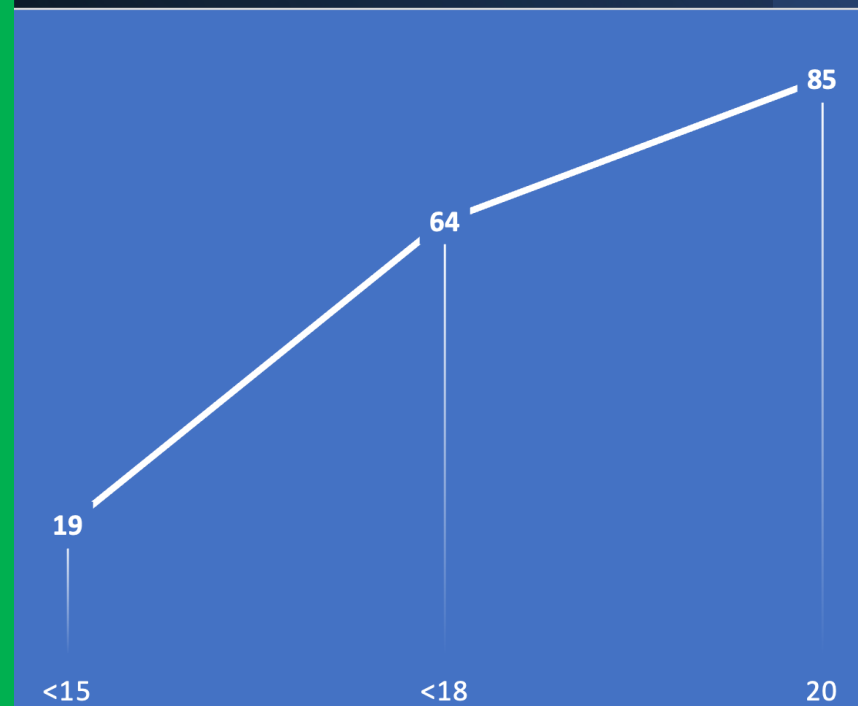
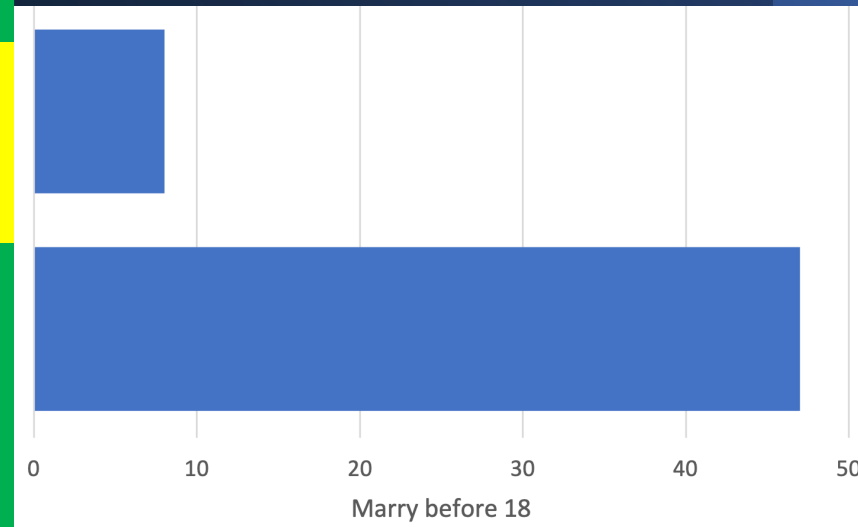
Malawi, one of the world's least-developed nations, has a history of Western missionaries behaving unethically with children under their care. This has happened against the backdrop of American and European missionaries lavishly helping out with adoptions, education and health care in the southeast African nation.



THE WARM HEART OF...?

- 25% of all children in Malawi experienced multiple forms of violence.
- 20% of females and 14% of males in Malawi experienced sexual abuse before the age of 18, with 68.4% of them experiencing multiple incidents of sexual abuse.
- Among those who had their first sexual intercourse prior to age 18, one-third of females were forced or coerced.
- In the 12 months preceding the survey, nearly 20% of girls experienced at least one incident of sexual abuse, with over three-quarters of them reporting multiple incidents.

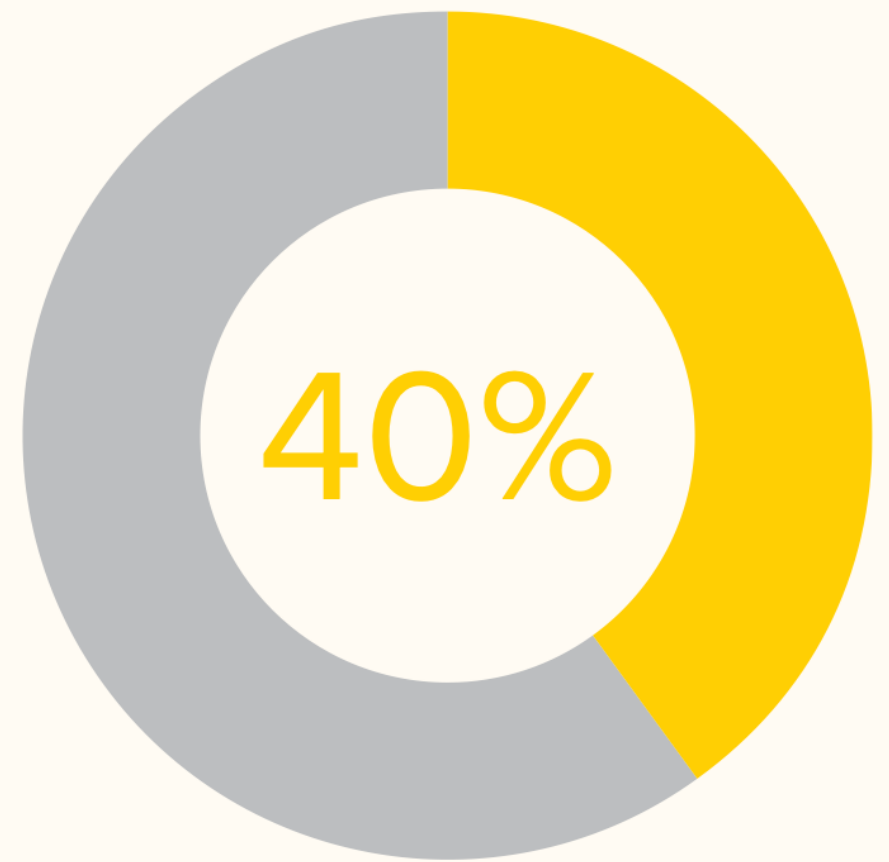
(Malawi Government, 2014; 2017)



Sex by age (%) (national survey)

WHAT HAS PATRIARCHY TO DO WITH THIS?

- Gender biases among young adults aged 18 to 24:
 - 90% of females and 80% of males endorsed one or more gender biases.
- Commonly endorsed gender biases:
 - Men should decide when to have sex ('endorsed' by Malawi's legal definition of the marital rape is archaic).
 - Men need more sex than women.
 - Men need other women.
 - Women should tolerate violence to maintain relationships (and in parts this is celebrated).
- Malawi is predominantly a patriarchy (Malawi Government, 2016)



Malawians aged 13 to 24 years believe a woman should tolerate violence to keep the family together.

HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY BE HARNESSSED?

- **Child-centred and user friendly support, reporting and information portal**
 - **Less than 3%** (13-17 years) and **10%** (18-24 years) received professional support among the two-thirds who disclosed their abuse.
- **Multisectoral & cross-country collaborative (AU, EU, UN) – a sex offenders' register; what happens when the 2100 are released?**
- **Social media companies** – the focus has been more on the global north.



HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY BE HARNESSED?

A participatory action research with children & young people with lived experiences of CSE: policy/practice interventions & multi-theory approach

(Clark, 2010; McIntyre, 2008)



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