

Benefits of Slower Population Growth in Mulanje District

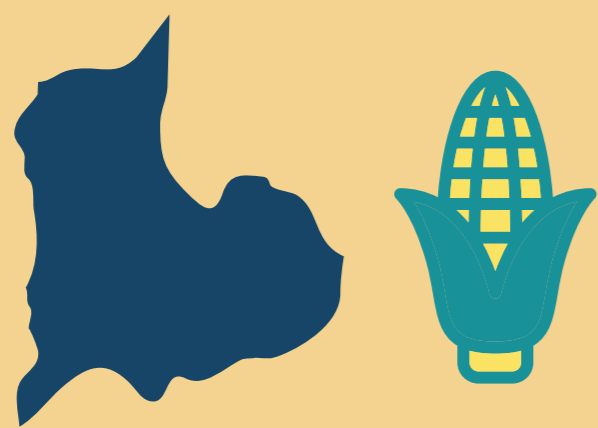


Rapid population growth is significantly affecting Malawi's ability to meet basic health, education, agriculture, and economic needs.

In **Mulanje**, the population is expected to increase from approximately **595,520** in 2018 to **837,120** by 2030.

By 2030, slower population growth from lower fertility in Mulanje could result in:

Reduced pressure on land and agriculture



18 less people per km² than if current population growth continues

A health care system with less human resource shortages



24 less community health workers would need to be hired

More resources for children's education



23 less primary schools would need to be built

An education system with less teacher shortages



228 less primary teachers would need to be hired

Couples in Mulanje want smaller families...

4.5 number of children per woman



3.4 desired number of children



1 in 3 girls 15–19 years of age have begun childbearing



1 in 5 married women would like to avoid pregnancy but are not using family planning



Investing in family planning benefits families and development across all sectors.

Data from Malawi Demographic and Health Survey 2015-16 and RAPID projections for Mulanje District. Developed with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development-funded Health Policy Plus project.