



MALAWI WOMEN's FOOTBALL

Status of Malawi Women Football

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Back Ground



- Women's Football was founded in 1998 in Blantyre
- Formed Blantyre District League which later developed into a Regional League.
- Later Introduced in other Regions
- Started with 11 teams in 1998, now over 90 teams across the country



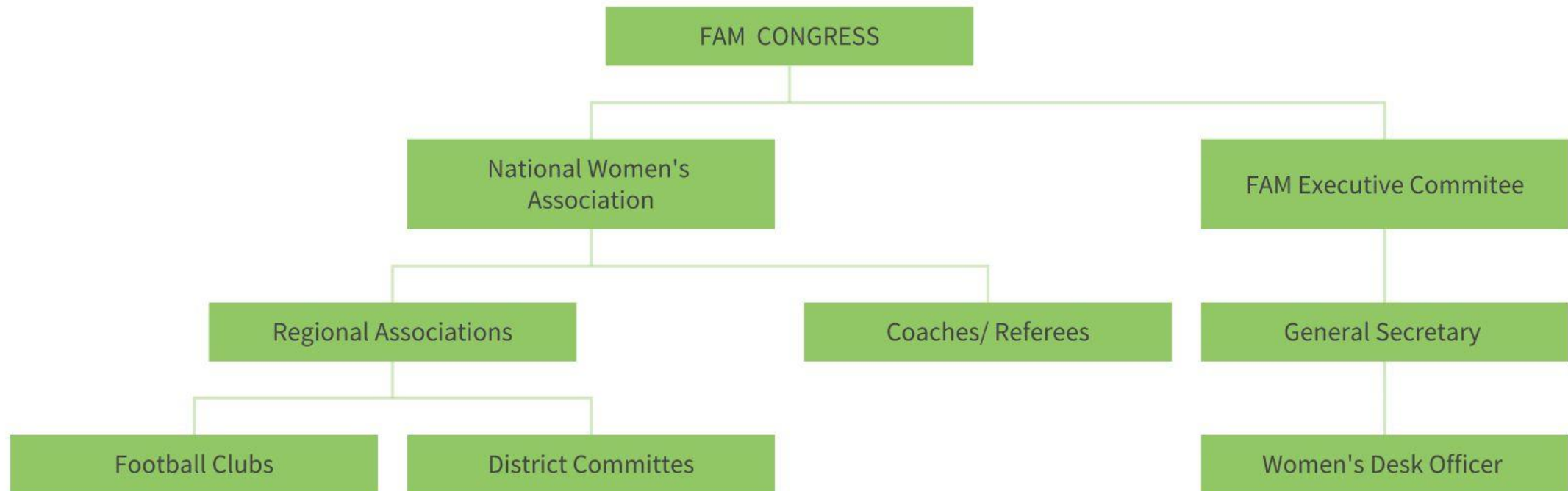
Governance



- Top body is National Women's Football Association a member association of FAM
- NWFA Chairperson is FAM Exco.
- NWFA has three Regional Associations
- There are 29 Districts Women Committees affiliated to Regional Associations
- Elite Clubs are affiliated to Regional Associations
- FAM Exco reserves another seat special for women
- 1 Women Football Development officer at FA Secretariat



Governance Structure



Local Competitions



'ELITE' Regional Leagues

3 Regional Leagues

8 teams per Region

270 matches, 720 players

Sponsored by FIFA/ FAM



Cup Competitions

1 National Playoffs

4 teams

Sponsored by Malawi Government



Youth Competitions

3 City Under 15 Schools Leagues

8 Team per City

Sponsored by FAM/FIFA/CAF



National Teams



Senior National Team

- COSAFA: 2002, 2011, 2017, 2018, 2019
- AFCON Qualifiers: 2004, 2012
- Olympic Qualifiers
- FIFA Ranking: 145



Under 20

- Formed in 2018
- Region 5 Games: 2018
- FIFA World Cup Qualifiers : 2020



Under 17

- Yet to be formed
- Was due to participate at 2020 COSAFA games postponed due to Covid-19



Grassroots Dev. Programmes



- Grassroots football for girls 6 – 12 years in schools
 - 24 Primary schools
 - 8 sessions
 - 2400 Kids
- CAF Seven aside Schools League
 - 1 city , 8 teams
- FIFA Under 15 Leagues
 - 3 cities , 24 teams



Registered players



- Online Registration of players on FIFA Connect started in Jan 2020
- Elite Players : 720
- Under 20: 600
- Under 15: 480
- Other Competitions: 1700



Female Coaches and Instructors



- 34 coaches Registered under MA
- CAF A Licence: 1
- CAF C Licence: 3
- CAF D Licence :
- FAM C License: 30
- Instructors: 4



Female Referees



- **86 Women Referees**

- 5 FIFA

- 5- Grade 1

- 6- Grade 2

- 70- Grade 3

- **5 Women Assessors/Instructors**

- **Bernadette Kwimbira most successful**

- Women's world Cup 2015, 2019

- Women's U20 World Cup 2019

- Rio Olympic 2016

- Youth Olympics 2015

- Women's AFCON 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018



Female Administrators



- General Administrators: 37
- CAF Match Commissioners: 2
- CAF General Coordinators: 1



Foreign Based Stars



Tabitha Chawinga

2018- Jiangsu Suning, Chinese WSL

2018,2019 CWSL Top scorer and player of season



Temwa Chawinga

2020: Wuhan Jiangnan FC in Chinese WSL



Strengths

- Football Popular sport in Malawi
- FAM Commitment to develop the game
- Stable and Good Governance Structure
- FIFA Funding
- Exporting players who are doing good at elite level

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Weaknesses

- Lack of Competitions
- Lack of Strategic plan
- Understaffed secretariat
- Lack of strong grassroots programmes
- Few qualified Referees, coaches and administrators
- Inconstancy participation of National Teams
- Failure to launch National League
- Competitions concentrated at top level only

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Opportunities

- FIFA and CAF Commitment to help develop football
- Other FA's interest to help
- NGO's campaigns on equal opportunities
- Growing Media Interest in the Women's Games
- Dwindling standards of other women team and individual sports
- Interest in local players by foreign teams

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Threats

- Stereotyping
- Lack of Jurisdiction in Schools
- Government poor funding for Sport
- Netball as Number one national Female Sport
- Scumble for already few resources with other sport
- Overshadowed by Men's Football
- Lack of interest for girls in football

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GOALS

To populise and raise profile of girls and women's football

To build a lifelong participation and career pathway

To strengthen and professionalise the management and structures of regional leagues



GOALS

To increase and build capacity of female coaches, referees and administrators

To provide conducive and favorable environment for girls and women participation in football

To offer young female players a strong experience and exposure of international tournaments



Outcomes

- 1 Develop a strategic plan
- 2 Enhance girls grassroots football
- 3 Extending jurisdiction in schools
- 4 Implement a player – focused development model
- 5 Continuous Professional Development(CPD) programs
- 6 Consistency international participation at all levels
- 7 Introduce National League
- 8 Strengthening regional and district competitions
- 9 Increase Participation at all levels
- 10 Establish and enforce safeguarding policies for girls and women



