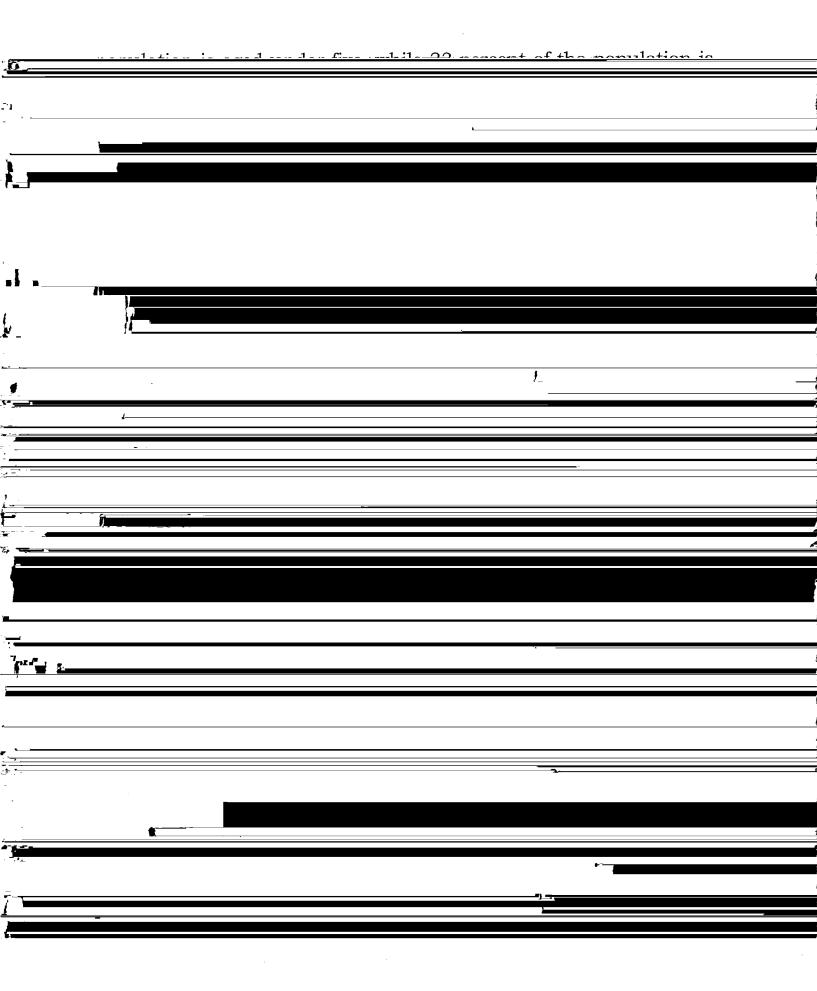


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These statistics are more than just numbers: they represent human

Saharan African region, in the reported cases in HIV infection in Malawi, young people that are aged 14 to 24 are the most affected.

In order to respond to the various challenges that youth and adolescent face; Malawi has laid out strategies and programmes aimed at promoting youth development. These include the following:

- Enhancement of economic activities through provision of loans as start up capital;
- Promotion of healthy life styles through the provision of appropriate awareness in Sexual and Reproductive Health;
- Creation of awareness on STIs and HIV and AIDS and the promotion of care among the affected and infected youth;
- Provision of appropriate social, vocational, physical and mental programmes for the rehabilitation of youth with special needs; and
- Provision of adapta representational and sporting facilities for

the youth in communities and schools.

Mr Chairman

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