CSF worked with stakeholders in Malawi to assess systems tracking the incidence of gender-based violence in the country, and develop the strategy for implementing a centralized monitoring system.

Reducing gender-based violence is a major priority of Malawi’s Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare, and in 2014 the government began to develop a National Plan of Action to Combat Gender-Based Violence in partnership with UNFPA and UN Women, including an initial results-based framework.

CSF’s expert travelled to Malawi in 2016 to meet with stakeholders including the Ministry of Gender, the police, and the Ministry of Health – each of which was already hosting a separate online data repository. CSF’s assessment included a review of indicators and indicator types, a review of database usage in parallel to other forms of information management (i.e. paper reporting), and identified key challenges and opportunities identified from these data-entry systems. Taking into account the logic framework under development in the Ministry of Gender’s new plan, CSF outlined the requirements and characteristics that would be required of a single, centralized database on gender-based violence. These included capabilities such as data disaggregation and integration with other systems, and tools such as an offline mode, SMS surveys, and support for multiple languages. CSF outlined key challenges and insecurities to resolve, and prepared a timeline and action plan for system implementation.