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Nutrition Capacity Development to Meet National Priorities



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AGENDA

- Tufts University Nutrition Innovation Lab-Malawi Connection
- Registered Dietitian (RD)-Value Added
- Process to Registered Dietitian Graduation
- The Medical Science Behind the RD Training
- First Year Impact in Malawi



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TUFTS UNIVERSITY-MALAWI CONNECTION

- Develop and implement nation's 1st dietetics program
 - Develop 1st National Food Composition table
 - Integrate nutrition into Medical School curriculum
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- ***USAID Malawi Country Development Cooperation Strategy and The Ministry of Health Strategic Initiative***



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REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD)-VALUE ADDED

- Registered Dietitian: A medical professional qualified to **assess, diagnose and treat** dietary and nutrition related problems at an **individual and public-health** level.

- Scope of work:

Food and/or
nutrient
delivery

Nutrition
education

Nutrition
counselling

Coordination
of nutrition
care

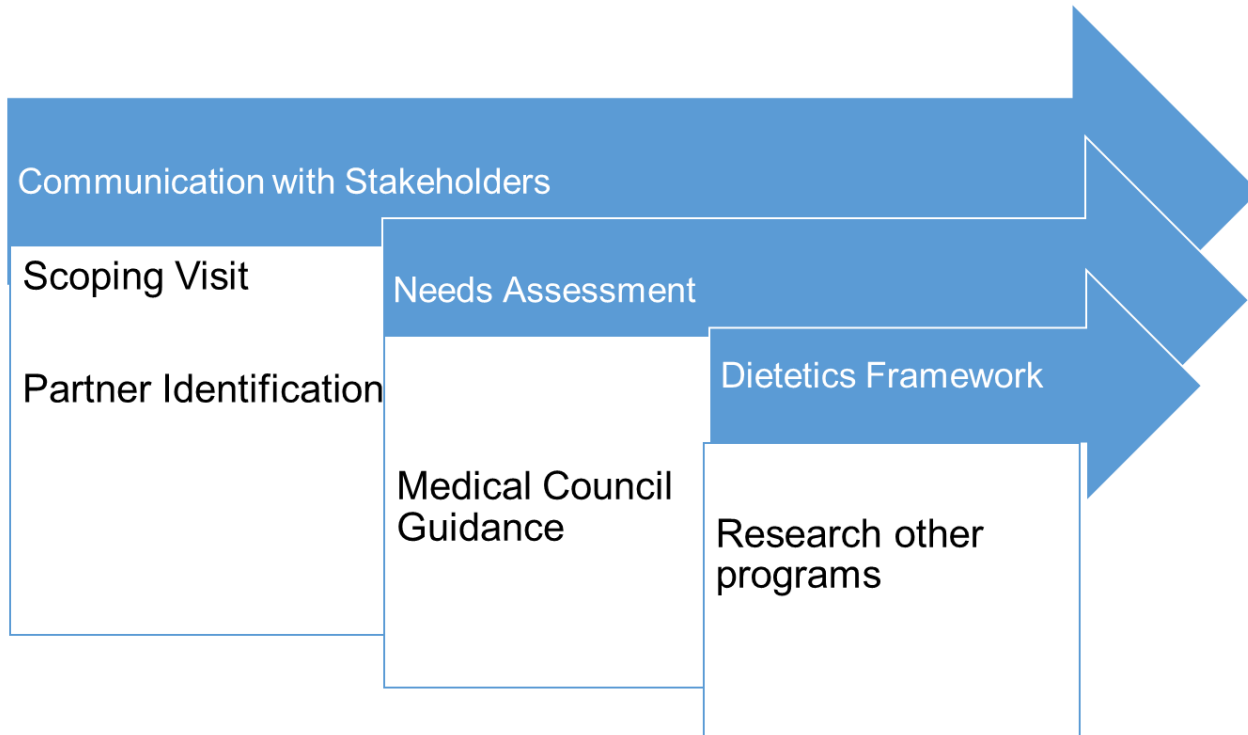




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PROCESS TO RD GRADUATION



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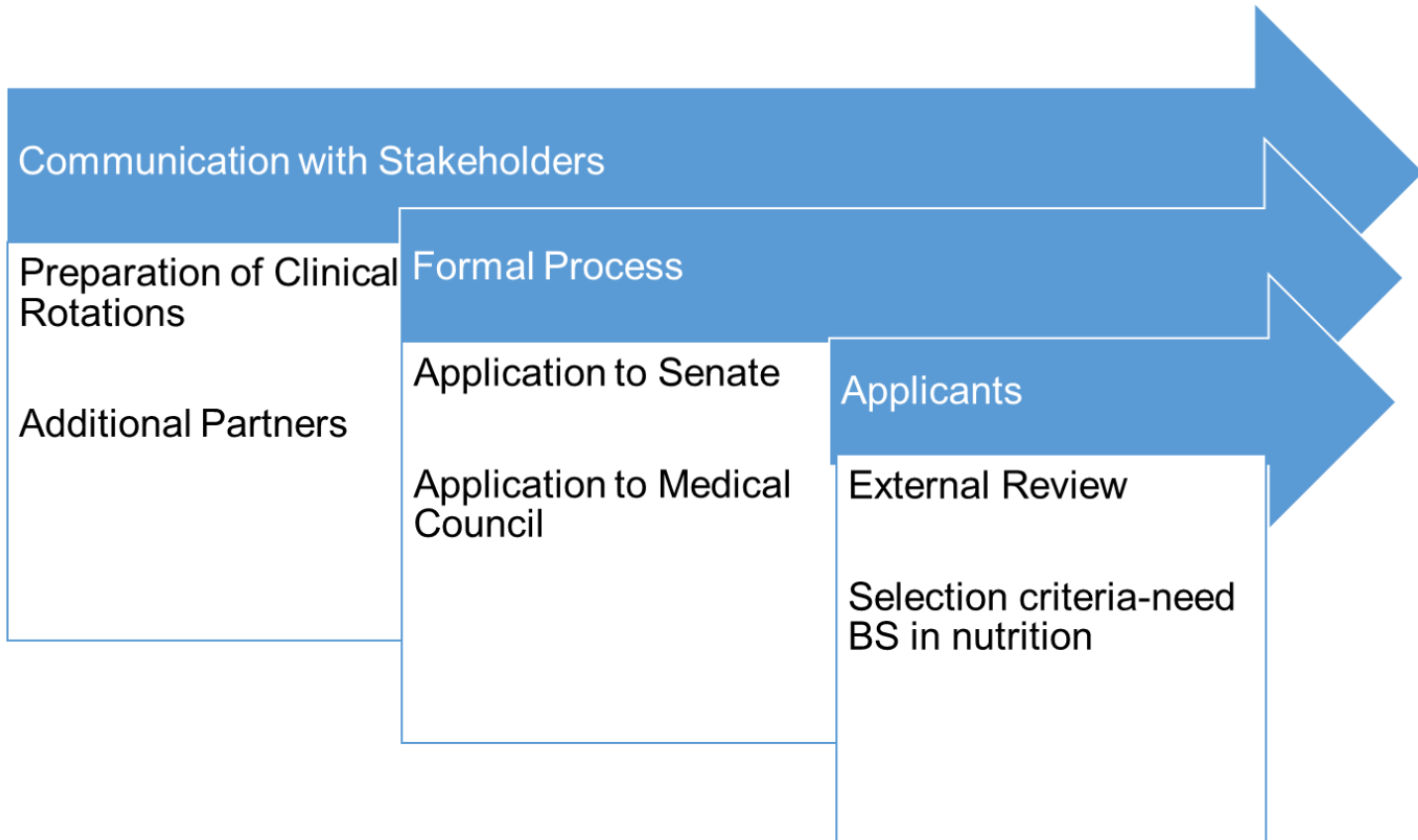
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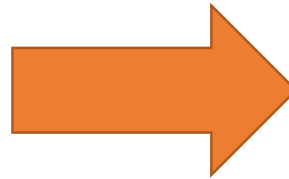
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MALAWI MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN CAPE TOWN

Objectives

Understand how dietitians are integrated into clinical services



Outcomes

Created positions



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MEDICAL SCIENCE BEHIND RD TRAINING

Didactic Training at LUANAR and the College of Medicine Malawi

- Nutritional Biochemistry
- Statistics & Epidemiology
- Advanced medical nutrition therapy
- Counseling
- Ethics

Clinical Rotations

1800 hours

- Adult
- Pediatric
- Critical Care

Master Science Degree –Launch 2018



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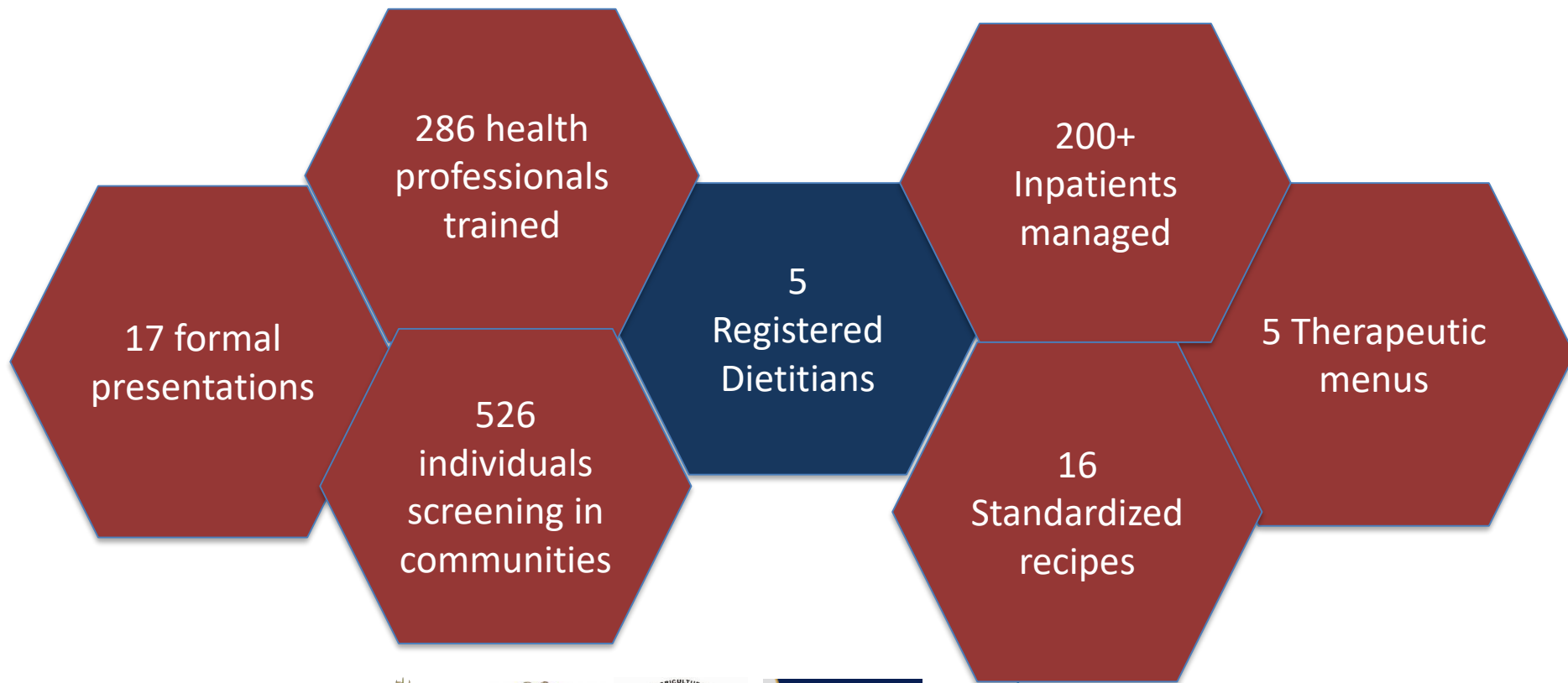
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FIRST YEAR RD IMPACT



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1ST COHORT

Graduated in February 2018

2ND COHORT

Set to begin coursework
end of April 2018



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