



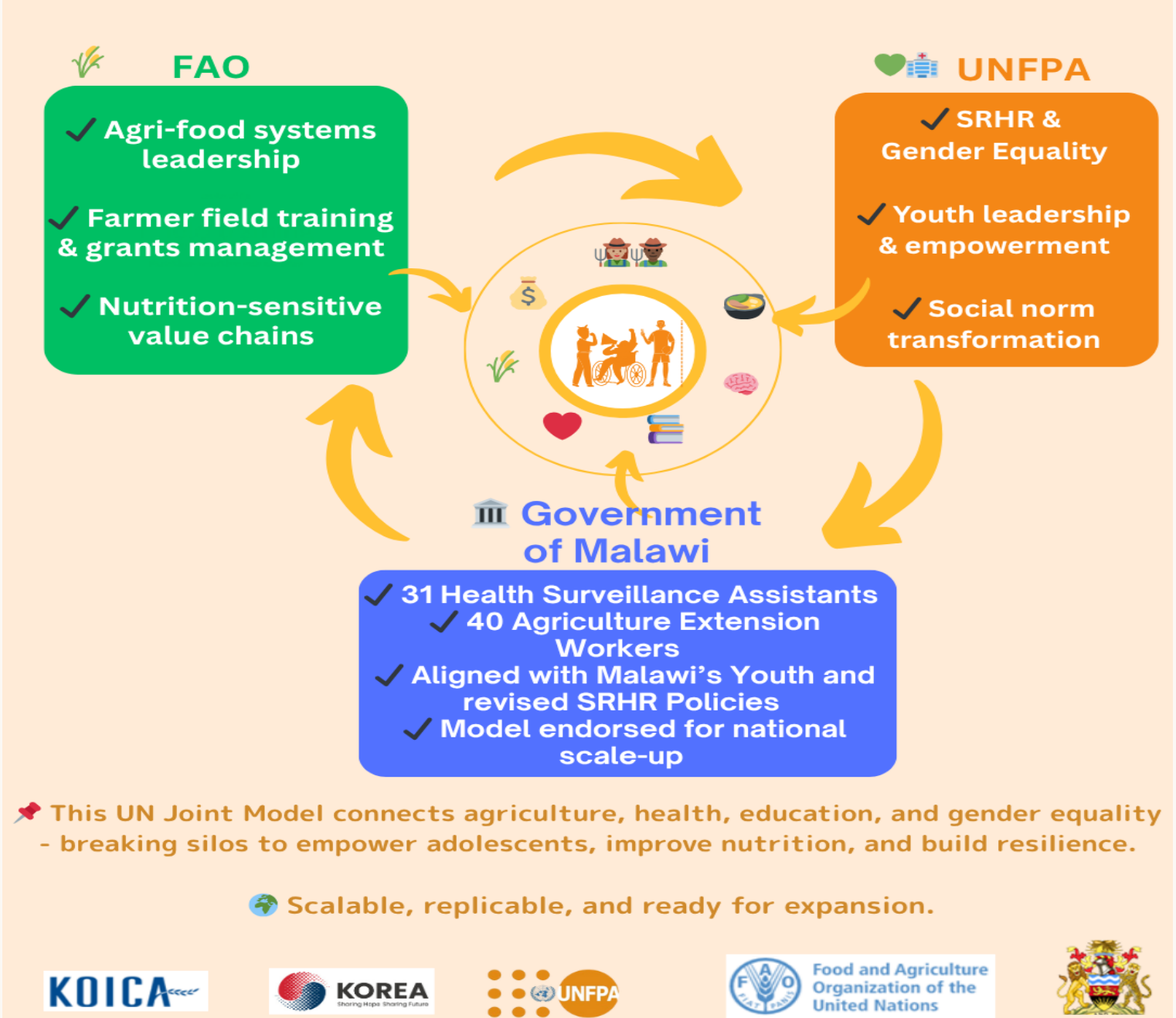
ACTION FOR TEEN MOTHERS AND ADOLESCENT GIRLS IN CENTRAL REGION IN MALAWI (2021-2024)

**A Gender Transformative Model for Youth
Empowerment**

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Effective UN partnership and joint initiative with Government to integrate strong gender and SRHR perspectives within agriculture and nutrition to advance gender equality and the empowerment of young people.



Gender, Nutrition & Resilience through UN Partnerships

Results: Joint UN Expertise and Integration

Nutrition and Food Security

Gains

- Girls' agri-business participation improved dietary diversity and household food security.
- Income reinvested in education, healthcare, and nutritious food.



Economic Empowerment

- 3,769 young people (3,081 girls, 688 boys) in Mchinji District socio-economically empowered through JFFLS
- 37 youth-led groups received USD 173,768 in grants; 80% of beneficiaries were girls.
- Youth contributed USD 30,665 in cash and in-kind.
- Access to formal financial services rose from 25% to 49%.



Behavioural and Social Shifts

- 60% of participants now use modern contraception.
- 82% know where to access youth-friendly health services.
- Programme re-enrolled girls in school and nurtured leadership.
- Boys and male leaders engaged to support menstrual health, SRHR, and gender equality.

“I now make my own manure and have doubled my maize production. The profits help support my family and education.”

— Alinafe Kachilenji, Chairperson, Mtondo JFFLS commodo