



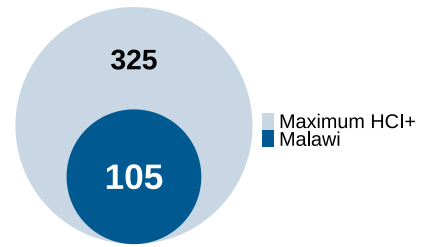
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Region: Sub-Saharan Africa
Income Category: Low Income

Human capital - people’s knowledge, skills, and health - drives productivity and growth. The Human Capital Index Plus (HCI+) measures the human capital a child born today can expect to accumulate over their working life, extending the original HCI by incorporating tertiary education and work experience. This brief summarizes **Malawi’s** HCI+ score and its performance in building human capital.

What is Malawi’s HCI+ and what does it mean?

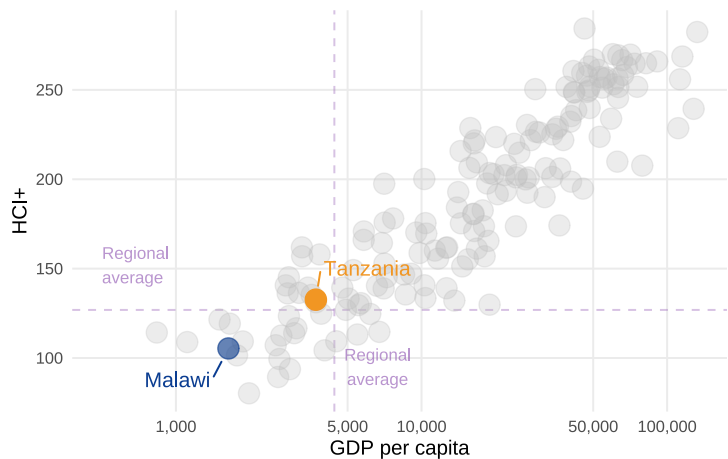
Malawi’s HCI+ score is 105 (out of a maximum of 325), reflecting its investments in health, education, and employment. A 10-point increase in the index would translate into approximately 10 percent higher future income. Closing the current gaps in these areas relative to high-performing countries with similar GDP per capita would boost future income by 52%.



How does Malawi’s HCI+ compare to other countries?

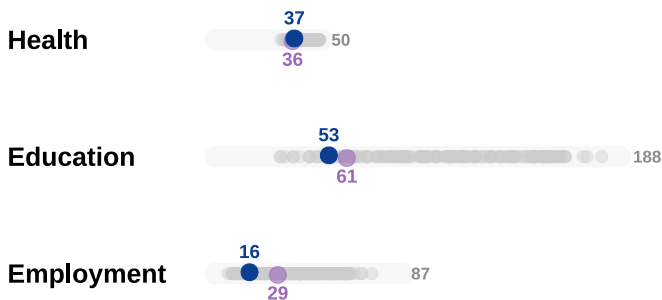
Malawi’s HCI+ is lower than the average for the **Sub-Saharan Africa region (126)** and lower than the average for **low-income countries (116)**.

Malawi’s HCI+ score is also **28 points lower than Tanzania’s.**



What explains Malawi’s HCI+?

The HCI+ has three components corresponding to health, education, and employment.



The HCI+ score for the **Health pillar is 37**, about the same as the **regional average of 36**.

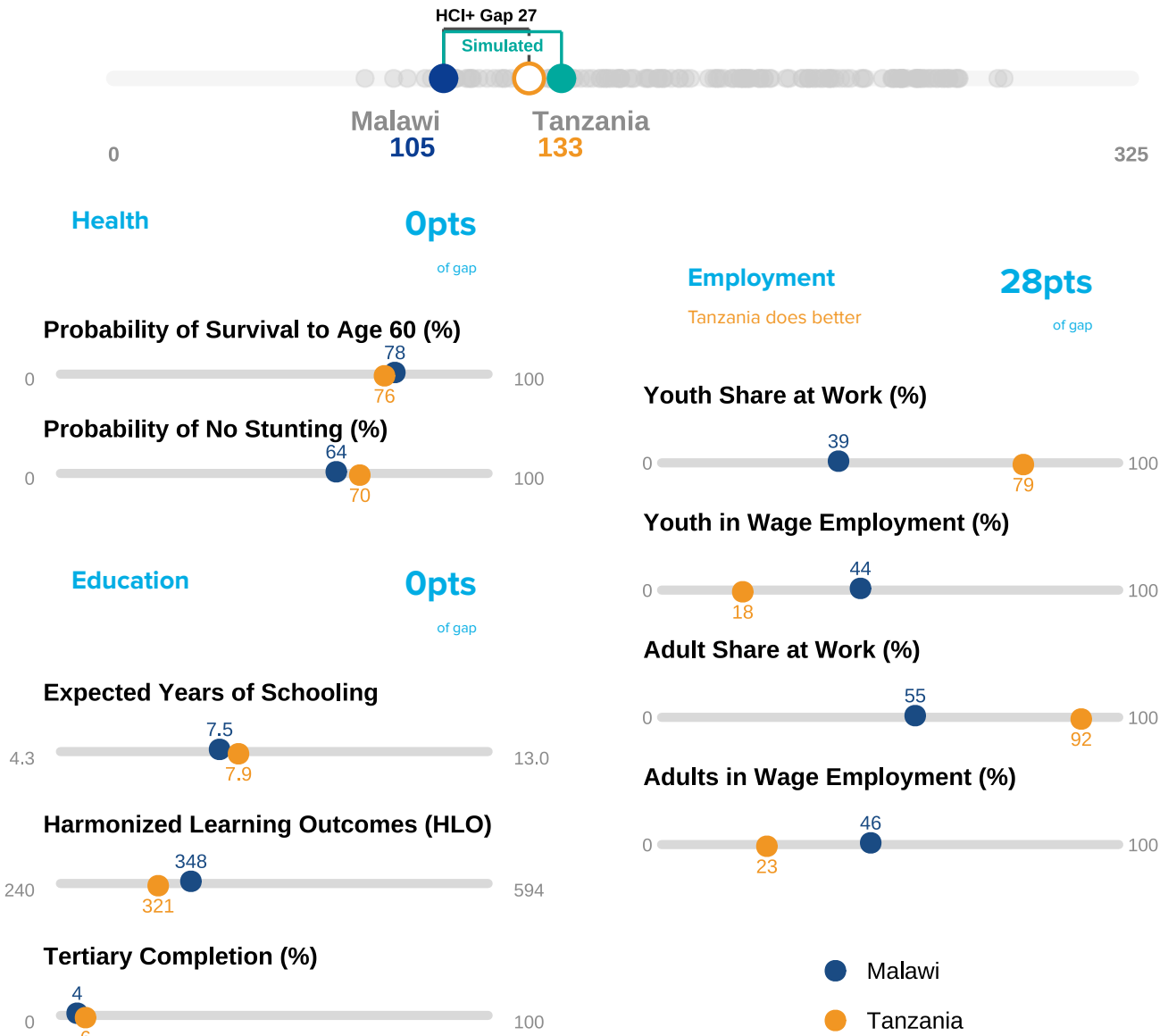
The HCI+ score for the **Education pillar is 53**, lower than the **regional average of 61**.

The HCI+ score for the **Employment pillar is 16**, lower than the **regional average of 29**.



What indicators are responsible for Malawi's HCI+ gap with Tanzania?

Malawi's HCI+ score (105) is lower than Tanzania's (133). The indicators that account for the largest share of the HCI+ gap between Malawi and Tanzania are **adult share at work, youth share at work, and expected years of schooling**. Raising these indicators to Tanzania's levels would increase Malawi's score to **143**, boosting future income by approximately 37.4%.



What is Malawi's HCI+ gender gap?

The HCI+ score for **women in Malawi is 100** compared to **112 for men**. The 12-point gap indicates that women's earning potential will be 12% lower than men's due to differences in the human capital acquired by men and women in Malawi.



Note: All values are derived from internationally comparable public datasets.

