



Reaching Students
Impacting Society

2026 **'Finishing Strong'** National Conferences IN PERSPECTIVE



2026 SCOM UCS
NATIONAL
CONFERENCE

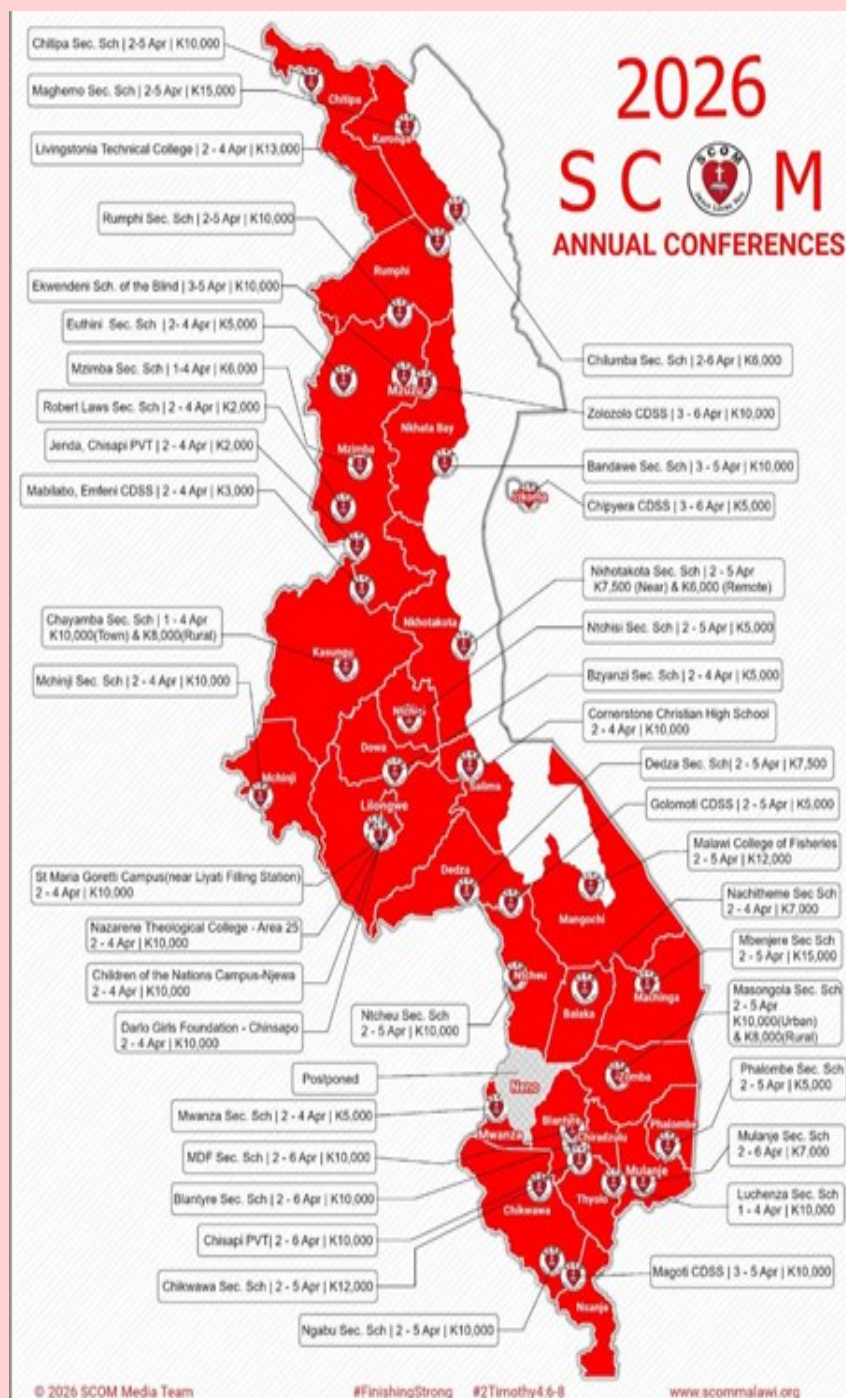
**Finishing
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2026 SECONDARY SCHOOLS EASTER CONFERENCES IN PERSPECTIVE

A total of 39 conferences (from 42 in 2025) were conducted between 1st and 6th April 2026. 3 conferences failed to take place due to funding gaps and other logistical challenges. The secretariat organized one conference in one of the rural communities (Golomoti) while the rest were organized and funded by the Associates, students, some partner organizations and other well-wishers. Total expenditure for all the conferences was around MK202.3 million (about \$115, 500).

A total of 8,143 students from 687 schools attended the conferences. This was a significant drop from over 13,000 students in 2025 and could be attributed to two main factors. Firstly, sudden increase in fuel pump closer to the onset of conferences resulted into increased transportation fares which in turn led to the reduced number of students who participated in the conferences as many could not afford the increased fares at the last minute. Secondly, in other places students failed to make it to the conferences due to misunderstanding of the newly introduced free education policy, which according to them, barred them from contributing funds for learning purposes including extra-curricular activities.

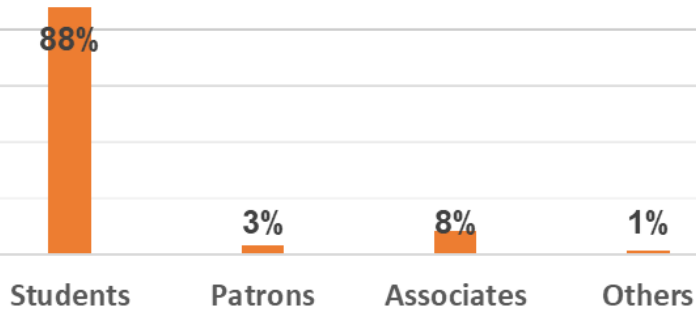
During the conferences, 1,783 bibles were distributed to students courtesy of Gideon International, Beit Cure, and Light of Scriptures. Other partners who supported the conferences included Moure Presbyterian Church, Malawi Bureau of Standards, Reach Out for Christ (ROC), Rock Future Ministry, Future Vision and various Churches.



SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONFERENCES

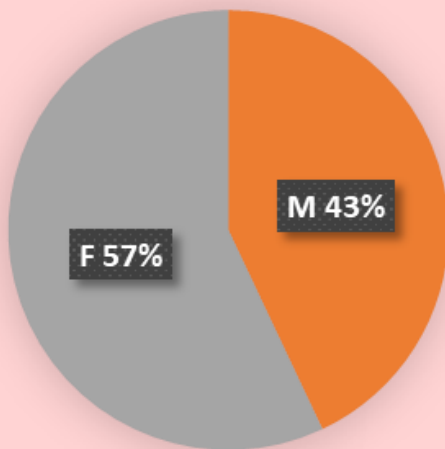
ANALYSIS OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION AT THE CONFERENCES

TOTAL PARTICIPATION



A cross section of some of the participants during the Conference in Thyolo

STUDENTS PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

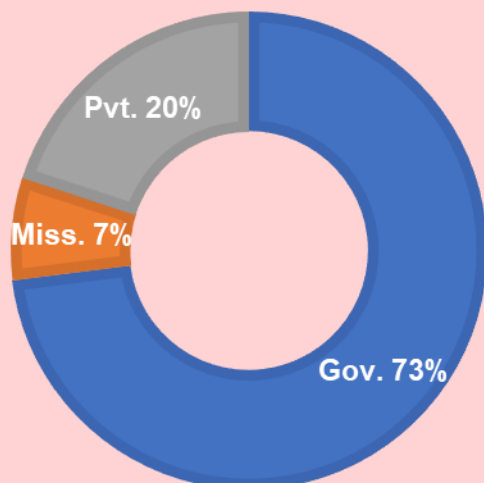


Bible study time during the Ntcheu Conference



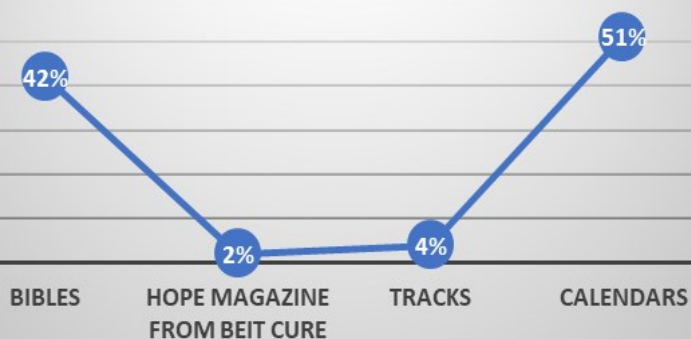
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NATURE OF SCHOOLS PARTICIPATION



A choir singing in front during the Conference in Chikwawa

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION



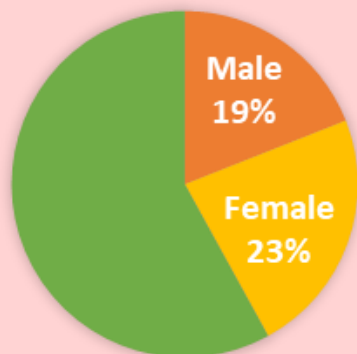
Group discussions during the Golomoti Conference in Dedza



A group photo of some of the participants during the Mabilabo Conference in Mzimba

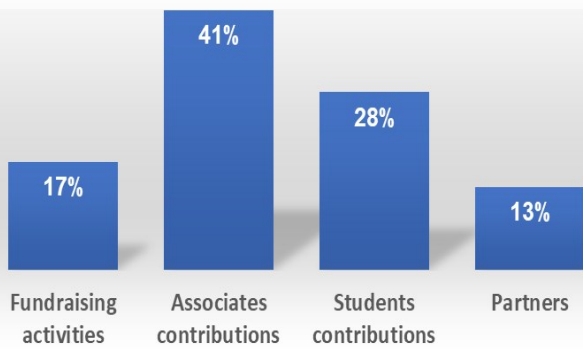
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NEW CONVERTS OUT OF TOTAL STUDENTS ATTENDANCE



Worship time during the Ntcheu Conference

FINANCING



A session in progress during the Salima conference



NATIONAL UCS CONFERENCE

The 2026 National Universities and Colleges Section (UCS) conference took place from 17th to 19th April at Namoni Katengeza Lay Training Centre in Dedza District. Held under the theme “Finishing Strong,” the conference aimed at empowering students for a self-reliant and impactful living. Some of the topics covered during the conference were evangelism, entrepreneurship, and practical Christian living. During the conference, a representative from the National Planning Commission made a presentation on the Malawi 2063 Vision and the role of Christian youth in its achievement. This was very necessary as it helped to enhance awareness of the national goals among the students for proper alignment with their personal goals. During the conference, 48 Bibles were also distributed to students by the Go Movement Malawi.

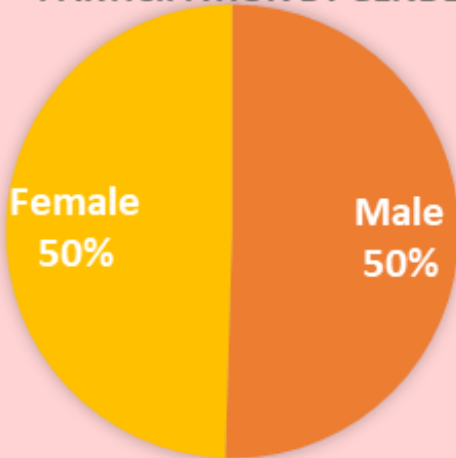
A total of 246 participants from 23 institutions attended the conference, a very significant drop from the planned 600 students. This drop was due to the sharp rise in the cost of transportation two weeks before the conference as a result of increased fuel prices. The 2026 conference was the first in two years after SCOM had adopted a model that alternates regional UCS conferences with a national conference. In this model, no regional conferences are to be held in the year that the national conference is held and the vice versa. Total cost for the conference was MK11.9 million (about \$6,795).

17th to 19th April
Namoni Katengeza
Lay Training Centre
Dedza

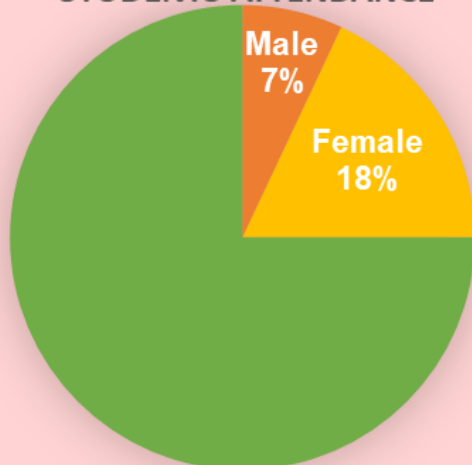


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PARTICIPATION BY GENDER

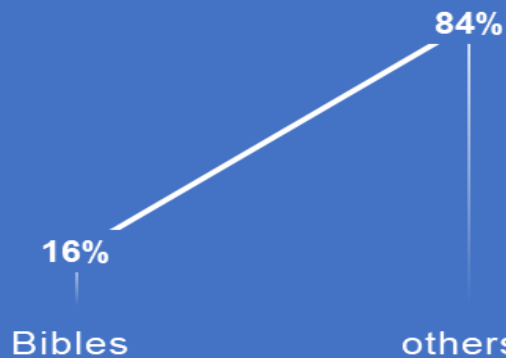


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