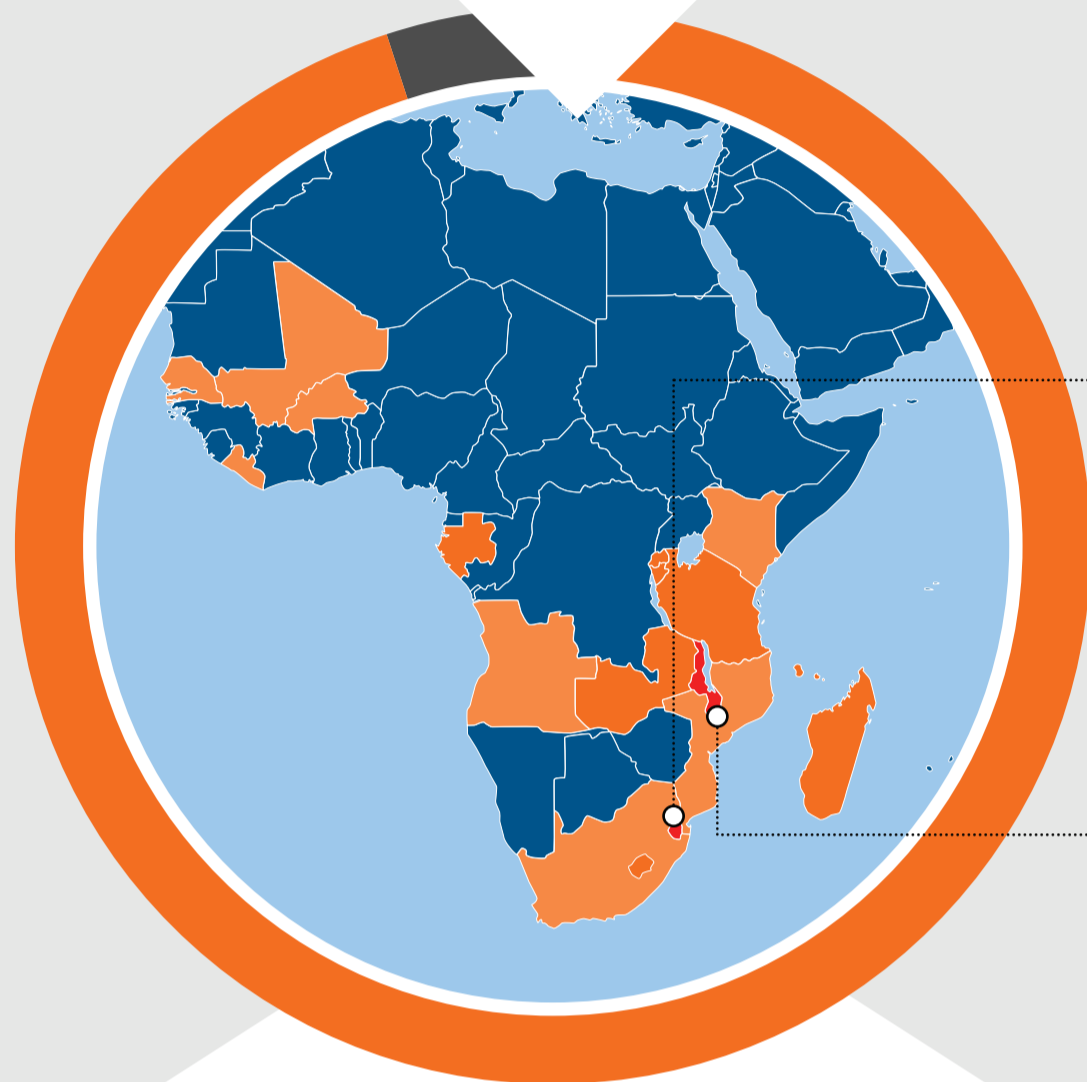


# Cervical Cancer

In 2018,  
**19 of the top 20 countries** with the **highest cervical cancer burden** were in sub-Saharan Africa.



**Eswatini** had the **highest incidence rate** of cervical cancer in 2018, followed by **Malawi**.

Nearly all cases are caused by two strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV):



**HPV-16**

and

**HPV-18,**

both of which **account for about 70%** of all cervical cancer cases.

This type of cancer is

**highly preventable,**

but **poor access to prevention, screening and treatment** contributes to **90% of the deaths.**



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