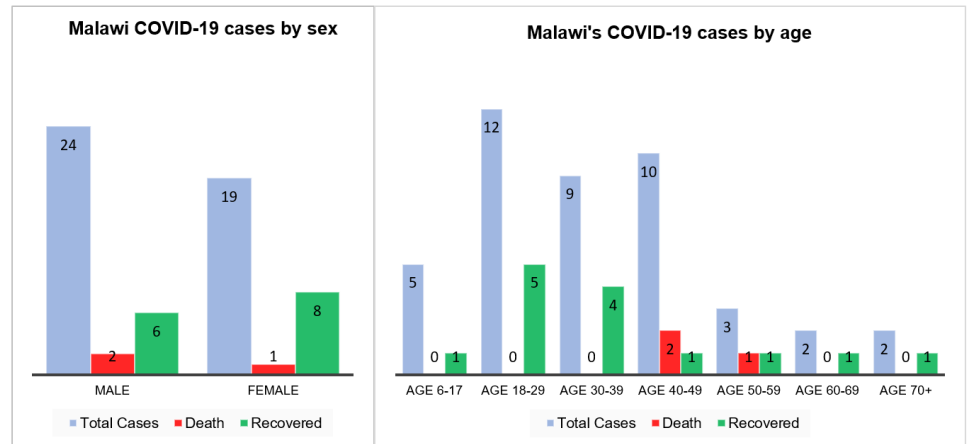


1. MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Malawi in a declared State of Disaster
- ❖ Court injunction against 21-day lockdown still stands
- ❖ Prevention and response measures are being implemented
- ❖ Government, UN, NGO and Partner coordination structures in place
- ❖ [COVID 19 National Information Dashboard](#) run by Ministry of Health



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **43** cases (**26** active)
- ❖ **3** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **14** recovered
- ❖ **1 152** tests done
- ❖ **1 112** suspected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **3 726 292** cases
- ❖ **257 405** confirmed deaths
- ❖ Cases in **215** countries and places
- ❖ Over **1.3 million** recovered

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **36 436** cases in **46** countries
- ❖ **1 265** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **12 964** recovered

2. COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

2.1 COORDINATION

- ❖ The President appointed members of **the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19**. The Task force is now co-chaired by Dr. John Phuka from the University of Malawi (College of Medicine) and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development reporting directly to the President. The Taskforce also includes Ministers of other key ministries, professionals from public and private sectors, academia, the leader of the Opposition, the Chairperson of the Public Affairs Committee, the Chairperson of the Malawi Human Rights Commission, a senior chief and CSOs.
- ❖ A **UN Task Force on COVID-19** is directing the UN response, with WHO as the technical lead and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) ensuring coordination and coherence.
- ❖ The Humanitarian Country Team in Malawi launched an [Emergency Appeal](#) on 4th May that brings together the United Nations and non-governmental organisations immediate response to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak in the country.
- ❖ The Appeal urgently seeks US\$139.2 million emergency funding for UN agencies and NGOs to support Malawi Government's preparedness and response efforts for the next six months from May to October 2020, targeting 7.5 million people. This will complement the National Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan launched on 8th April.
- ❖ The Flash Appeal also includes an \$850,000 ask for the UN to provide logistics coordination, common services and information management, in support of the Government's national response plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A <u>calendar of meetings</u>, group mailing lists, a <u>repository</u> to store and share information and a <u>5W</u> interactive dashboard providing information on all actors responding to the COVID-19 response is available and supported by the RCO.
<p>2.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SUB-CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)</p> <p>Supported by: UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, UNESCO, UN Women, FAO, UNHCR, Malawi Red Cross Society, GIZ</p>	<p>Production of communication materials and media content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Forty media personnel from 12 media houses in the Central Region of Malawi were oriented on COVID-19 including on: What the media needs to know about COVID 19; Keeping safe during COVID 19; The reporting role of the media in COVID-19 pandemic. The training was conducted by the Ministry of Health, the Malawi Red Cross Society and GIZ. <p>Radio and television messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Over 8 million people received messages on COVID-19 prevention through radio stations and mass media this week. ❖ A COVID-19 animated video began screening on television and social media platforms, supported by UNICEF. ❖ A ten-episode radio series integrating health messages on COVID-19 and reminding communities to continue routine health services such as immunization, integrated community case management and anti-natal clinic went on air this week, supported by UNICEF. ❖ A radio drama series on violence against women and girls in the context of COVID-19 was developed by the Spotlight Initiative in collaboration with YONECO; the series will start airing this week for a period of 1 month; ❖ Airing of ECD radio programmes has started in Zomba, Phalombe and part of Chiradzulu through Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) approach by Chanco Radio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10 additional community radios being engaged, and airing will cover the whole country within the next two weeks. <p>Local community messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 158 traditional leaders from Lilongwe, Dedza and Mzuzu were oriented by UNICEF on their role in community mobilization against COVID-19 with emphasis on communities not receptive to testing contacts of confirmed cases and leaders have started to engage their communities. ❖ Public awareness raising through van voice messaging was conducted in Dedza, Lilongwe, Mchinji and Machinga by the Ministry of Health and supported by the Malawi Red Cross Society and GIZ;
<p>2.3 HEALTH CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO</p> <p>Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society, GIZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Ministry of Health approved guidelines on the use of community masks as a means of reducing infection in the community and will be distributed to all districts in the country. Link ❖ Staff at the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital were trained in case management with the support of the Malawi Red Cross Society and GIZ; ❖ Red Cross Volunteers reached 14977 households with COVID 19 Preparedness, Prevention and Control Messages in Karonga, Mzuzu, Mangochi, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Chikwawa, Zomba, Mulanje, Salima, Mzimba, Machinga and Nsanje; ❖ Dedza senior officers were lobbied to consider separating male and female COVID-19 patients' isolation centres as a and protection measure by the Malawi Red Cross Society and GIZ;
<p>2.4 TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) and WFP</p> <p>Supported by: UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The UN continues to provide logistics support to the humanitarian stakeholders on a cost recovery basis; this week WFP will organise transportation of COVID-19 supplies on behalf of Save the Children from Lilongwe to Mzimba; ❖ The Logistics Cluster coordinated with the WASH and Health Clusters on its COVID-19 preparedness and response plan to strengthen interagency collaboration and operational planning; ❖ The distribution of locally procured Personal Protective Equipment worth approximately US\$ 314,000 at district level started this week, including surgical masks (16,800 pieces), N95 masks (18,760 pieces), latex gloves (600,000 pieces), heavy duty gloves (1,000 pieces) and gumboots (1,500 pairs), supported by UNICEF and UK Aid;

<p>2.5 WASH CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development and UNICEF Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Communal hygiene promotion activities at key public locations and through mobile van messaging continued this week, supported by UNICEF and the Malawi Red Cross Society; ❖ Seven additional latrines were installed at Mchinji border post and Kamuzu Central Hospital in Lilongwe to make a cumulative total of 31 gender sensitive latrines in the four Emergency Treatment Units plus, supported by UNICEF ❖ WASH Cluster Plan with a US\$12 million targets 2.1 million people. ❖ Current work includes rehab of WASH facilities in ETUs/HCFs, borders, hygiene promotion and messaging, water trucking, installation of emergency latrines, procurement and installation of WASH supplies. ❖ Several partners have been reprogramming/mainstreaming WASH activities covering 15 districts (Chitipa, Mzimba, Karonga, Kasungu, Machinga, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Blantyre, Mwanza, Neno, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Zomba, Ntcheu, and Balaka) ❖ The WASH cluster has helped mobilize the Five City and Regional Water Boards (BWB, LWB, SRWB, CRWB and NRW) who have developed Business Continuity Plans to ensure portable water with special focus on hot spots. Some donors are looking into supporting, including the WB. ❖ People reached so far (cumulative) is of 350,000 while nationwide broadcasting of hygiene promotion and awareness has reached about 15 M people (as per data from MBC1&2, Zodiak and Times). ❖ Districts WASH Cluster Coordination is being rolled out with support from WASH Cluster Partners
<p>2.6 PROTECTION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDS, IOM, ILO,</p>	<p>Special Groups and Protection Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A U-report poll on myths related to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, Violence against Children and COVID-19 was undertaken by UNICEF to raise awareness on heightened risks of violence, especially for adolescent girls, and reporting channels through the Child Helpline and GBV Crisis Line; ❖ Refugee leaders, youths (boys and girls), and volunteers are acting as critical first responders in Dzaleka Camp by providing information, demonstrating handwashing and social distancing and helping to distribute posters on COVID-19 and SGBV; ❖ Critical livelihood activities in Dzaleka camp are continuing, including livestock production (feeding), crop production (harvesting) and business enterprises (providing essential services) such as MyBucks Bank, supported by UNHCR. However, the Dzaleka Health Centre continues to experience limited drugs and medical supply which strains the delivery of quality health care services; ❖ 21 new arrivals were placed under self-quarantine at the reception centre in Dzaleka camp with essential supplies and twice daily temperature checks by the Ministry of Health for 14 days; 1000 toothbrushes, 800 toothpastes and 300 bar soaps for the new arrivals under self-quarantine were donated by Fraternidade Sem Fronteiras (Ubuntu Nation Project), a Brazilian NGO providing pre-school education in Dzaleka camp; ❖ 70 migrants, 40 sex workers and 252 adolescent and young people in border transport corridors of Mchinji, Mwanza and Neno were targeted with COVID-19 risk communication activities by the Ministry of Health District Health Office, the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service and IOM over the past week. This work is challenged by limited funds to print material, procure hand sanitizers, hand washing soap and face masks for the change agents delivering the messages; <p>Social Protection (WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, FAO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The second round of Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) data collection is now underway to produce a bi-weekly snapshot of food and non-food commodities. Additionally, data collection via the WFP external call centre will begin on Friday 8 May surveying 2,500 households for the month in both urban and rural areas; ❖ A Child Helpline and GBV Crisis Line is being operated by YONECO, with support of several partners

<p>2.7 FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) and WFP Supported by: UNICEF, WFP, FAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, through the Department of Agricultural Planning Services, is compiling and analyzing data to track the impact of COVID-19 on the functionality of food systems and value chain corridors, with support from FAO; ❖ The Ministry of Health through the Department of Nutrition HIV and AIDS began to adapt its programmes against acute malnutrition and to support infant and young children feeding to the COVID-19 context, with the support of WFP;
<p>2.8 EDUCATION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Education; Save the Children and UNICEF</p> <p>Supported by: WFP, UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Take-home rations in form of cash-based transfers for the 600,000 pupils currently at home after the closure of their schools is a mitigation measure being developed against spread of COVID-19 by WFP, expected begin end May; ❖ The COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines for schools were translated into Chichewa by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology with the support of UNESCO and distribution to departments has begun
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