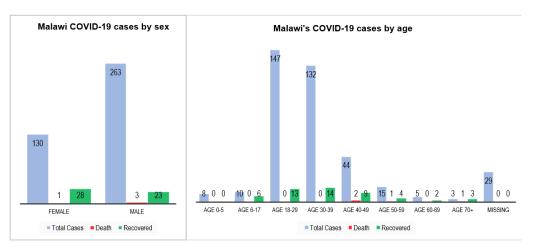


COVID-19 Update

Situation Update No. 12 at 05 June 2020

1. MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- Increased requirements in National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan
- GoM authorizes WFP flights to operate the "humanitarian corridors"
- Four projects approved under Humanitarian Window of the SDG Acceleration Fund
- Support to returnees and deportees ongoing
- So far, 5746 COVID-19 tests have been conducted in 14 laboratories across Malawi



MALAWI SUMMARY

393 cases (338 active)

- 4 confirmed deaths
- 51 recovered
- 5 900 tests done
- 5 978 suspected
- 18 out of 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

6 416 828 cases

* **382 867** confirmed deaths

About 3 million recovered

Cases in **216** countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

118 842 cases

- 2 932 confirmed deaths
- 53 973 recovered
- Cases in 47 countries

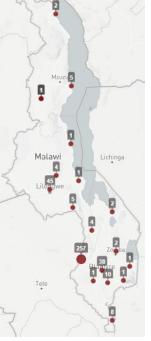
2. COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

2.1 COORDINATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Disaster Management Affairs and Public Events (MoDMAPE) and UN Resident Coordinator

- A rapid response team was set up by the Presidential COVID-19 Taskforce on 28 May to oversee the reception of returnees and deportees from South Africa.
 Standard Operating Precedures for management of returnees are currently.
- Standard Operating Procedures for management of returnees are currently being drafted under the leadership of MoDMAPE and MoH.
- The Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and Clusters continue to hold weekly meetings to ensure better coordination of the response.
- The humanitarian response requires US\$251 million out of the targeted US\$345 million to support the implementation of the National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.
- The HCT launched a US\$140 million Emergency Appeal on 4 May for six months to deal with the most acute areas of the emergency response: <u>https://mw.one.un.org/</u>
- Four projects in the Flash Appeal were approved to receive over \$1 million from the Humanitarian Window of the SDG Acceleration Fund, co-led by the Chief Secretary and the Resident Coordinator: support for returnees/refuges; logistics; urban cash transfer feedback platform; and enhancing IM/Coordination at the local level

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 on the COVID-19 response.



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2.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SUB-CLUSTER

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)

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Supported by: UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO, UN Women, UNHCR, Malawi Red Cross Society, GIZ

Radio, television and other media messaging

Over 8 million people continue to receive messages on COVID-19 prevention through mass communication channels, including television channels, U-report, print, 3 National Radios, and 12 community radios, supported by UNICEF.

85,935 people have cumulatively accessed messages through social media coverage by SWET, supported by UNICEF

Radio programmes themed 'Zimachitika' were produced and began broadcasting on 1 national radio and two community radio stations to increase participation of children in alternative learning modalities provided by the government and other learning institutions, supported by UNICEF

The public can access the COVID-19 information by dialing *929#, 321 (Airtel), 54747, or by sending "hi" through WhatsApp to 0990 800 000.

Faith leaders have ben disseminating messages on COVID-19 using different platforms through the Public Affairs Committee (PAC).

<text></text>	communication and a solutions to counter the COVID-19 orientation Coordinators, District In three regions were sup Orientation of journalis on the prevailing myth An operational guide Malawi was being distri Interface meetings with	challenge was launched by UNICEF to strengthen risk community engagement, encouraging youth to identify social and economic impact of COVID-19 and coordination meetings for Community Health aformation Officers and Health Promotion Officers in all the oported by ONSE, LGAP and HC4L ts on COVID-19 in all the three regions included discussion s, misconceptions and miscommunication to COVID-19. for community health workers on COVID-19 measures in tibuted to districts councils and HSAs during trainings h communities using mobile van units in all the districts are engagement at national and district levels is ongoing
2.3 HEALTH CLUSTER		9 tests have been conducted in 14 laboratories across
Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO Supported by: WHO,	hospitals using Gene>	methodology. Testing is being expanded to other district (pert machines, so far Mwanza, Neno, Dedza, Mchinji, District hospitals are ready to start testing using this
UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS), GIZ	Door to door messagin last week of May with	g by the MRCS reached 42,058 HH (231,319 people) in the COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages, and ted data of district level feedback/ rumour tracking , and GIZ
	Allowances for labora	tory staff to work overnight on the overwhelming number
	•	ees was supported by UNICEF, UK Aid and MRCS 3Ts) approach was rolled out to nine districts of Lilongwe,
		nitipa, Mchinji, Ntcheu, Dedza, Mwanza, Mulanje and
	Surveillance and scre disease surveillance c and capacity strengt	overall testing and follow up efforts, supported by UNICEF ening was strengthened through engagement of two onsultants in Blantyre and Lilongwe, supported by WHO hening in Blantyre, Lilongwe, Karonga, Chitipa, Dowa, za and Ntcheu by MRCS, UNICEF and WHO
	developed and imple	procedure for managing returnees from abroad was emented including ensuring adequate PPEs for health, ce officials, sanitary products and hygiene packs for
		ucket, blanket, soap, tissues), supported by WHO
	Training of medical per of MoH, MRCS, GIZ and	sonnel throughout the country continued with the support
2.4 TRANSPORT AND		Ilawi granted access to the humanitarian access corridor
LOGISTICS CLUSTER	without restriction, wh	ich will facilitate a WFP operated a regional cargo and
Coordinated by: Ministry of		service to transport members of the humanitarian D, embassies and donor community) to/from Malawi
Transport and Works (MTW)		tinues to facilitate requests by national authorities and
and WFP	humanitarian partners	to critical supplies, managed by UNICEF Malawi
Supported by: UNICEF		t Health Office and Ministry of Health COVID-19 response, Storage Units to serve as temporary isolation centres in
		of returnees from South Africa to Malawi, WFP transported
	border post, on behalf	s (including food and water) from Blantyre to Mwanza of Catholic Relief Services and the Blantyre District Health
	Office 4500 N95 face masks,	32,770 safety boots and 1650 gumboots were procured
		I Medical Stores Trust; 63000 surgical face masks and 4000

	isolation gowns were procured through Project Hope; 7119 Lab Test kits, 74 Detection kits, 71 Swabs, 148 Detection kits, 1 PAP ventilator, 28 Infrared thermometers, 8547 N95 Facemasks, 56943 surgical face masks, 2705 face shields, 132 goggles, 14236 gloves, 2837 protective clothing and 1 infrared thermal detection machine were received from Jack Ma; 1000 Ilitre had sanitizers received from Ethanol company; and 1344 face shields, 1350 N95 Facemasks, 2000 Gloves, exam latex in a box of 100, 4480 gowns and 25 thermometers were imported by UNICEF
2.5 WASH CLUSTER Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development and UNICEF Supported by: WHO UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS)	 Strategic hand washing and sensitization took place in 119 crowded places, supported by MRCS, while WASH-related messages conveyed through community radios, hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships, and mobile vans reached 1,410,000 people including 395,005 children under 18 years (191,510 girls and 203,495 boys), supported by UNICEF Four water sources were tested this week, making a total of 34 water sources with the capacity to serve 8,500 people that have been made safe, supported by UNICEF Distribution of WASH supplies (3000 tabs of soap, 10 buckets (60 litres), 20 water testing kits, 32 garbage bins, 600 hygiene posters and 1,200 Menstrual Hygiene pads was supported by UNICEF at six emergency treatment units (Kamuzu Stadium, Blantyre, Mwanza, Mchinji, Mzuzu and Lilongwe) To ensure availability of WASH services for recent returnees, UNICEF provided essential WASH supplies to its partner United Purpose in preparation for response to the returnee Malawians in and around Blantyre.
2.6 PROTECTION CLUSTER Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF Supported by: UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDs, IOM, ILO, Malawi Red Cross Society,	 To provide basic psychological first aid to callers and appropriate referral/ follow up for cases of child protection and gender-based violence, UNICEF is supporting Youth Net and Counselling (YONECO) to deliver the Child Helpline, and Gender-Based Violence Crisis Line Capacity to respond to handling gender based violence cases during the COVID-19 pandemic was strengthened through development of specific guidelines with the Malawi Judiciary; a radio drama on gender based violence aired on 3 June via the YONECO platform; and supporting frontline partners to help women establish safety plans, through by Tithetse Nkhanza! and Dfid
Tithetse Nkhanza!	 Support to returnees and deportees A joint rapid need's assessment was undertaken at Mwanza border by government authorities and the UN, which proposed reception sites in the southern region and led to an improved reception process that was adopted 1855 face shields, 150 N95 face masks and 20 medical gowns were donated to the Department of Immigration for use by all officials at ports of entry, supported by IOM and UNFPA Blankets, sleeping bags, soap and transport was provided to 440 deportees/returnees by MRCS and UNICEF; while PPEs and alcohol-based hand sanitizers were provided to 1150 returnees; 91 returnees from Zimbabwe were provided with onward transportation to their various home villages/districts, and Mwanza border officials were provided with PPEs, by IOM A quarantine site was established in Chitipa and screening at borders is currently underway, those with high temperatures are referred to nearest hospital for further examination
	 Dzaleka Refugee Camp A radio-based education programme for 233 form 4 learners covering all ten subjects was launched by UNHCR's education partner Jesuit Refugee Services in conjunction Yetu Community Radio in Dzaleka Refugee Camp Dzaleka camp service providers in SGBV, community mobilization and child protection took part in a radio program at Yetu Community Radio in Dzaleka camp to share what they do in the community and special preventive measures in the COVID-19 context Essential medication was supplied to the Ministry of Health and the Population Refugee project on 1 June, to be used in Dzaleka Health Centre, supported by Health Partners International of Canada through 'There is Hope'
2.7 FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) and WFP	 The third round of Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) analysis will be available this week (Bulletin #3) and WFP has just begun Round 4 of data collection. Results of the second round analysis are available <u>here</u> Round 1 of the household-level survey of some 2,500 households is progressing well with over 50% completed and will continue for the next two weeks, supported by WFP. Meanwhile, Malawi was featured in last week's <u>Global</u>

Society 2.8 EDUCATION CLUSTER	Three subcommittees were established to determine the modalities for the reopening of schools, composed of representatives of private and public
Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and	universities and colleges, primary and secondary schools, civil society organizations and development partners
Technology (MoEST); Save the Children and UNICEF	WFP Malawi finalized cooperation arrangements with Malawi Red Cross Society to distribute take-home-rations to the 600,000 learners in conformity with measures prescribed by the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19
Supported by: WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR	 A monitoring and evaluation framework for the recently launched Emergency Radio Education Programme for primary students is being developed by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education. The Programme, which targets six million primary school learners, started broadcasting from Monday 18 May 2020 on Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) Radios 1 and 2.
2.9 NUTRITION CLUSTER	An assessment of the effects of COVID-19 on the implementation of community
Coordinated by: Ministry of Health and UNICEF	nutrition interventions is being undertaken by the MoH Department of Nutrition, HIV/AIDs with the support of UNICEF; the findings will determine standard operating procedures for community nutrition interventions to minimise infection transmission among community health workers and beneficiaries.
Supported by: WFP	Counselling cards on maternal, infant and young child feeding in the context of COVID-19 are being developed by the MoH Department of Nutrition, HIV/AIDs, with UNICEF support
	8,521 District Nutrition Officers and community leaders, promoters and nutrition cluster members were oriented on COVID-19 preventive measures in 10 districts (Karonga, Chitipa, Mzimba, Nkhata-Bay, NkhotaKota, Kasungu, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Mulanje and Salima) by UNICEF
	200,000 people reached with key messages on nutrition promotion and prevention of COVID-19 through radio jingles in the same 10 districts

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