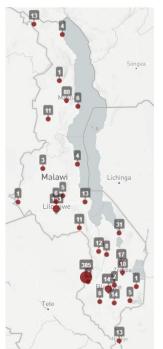


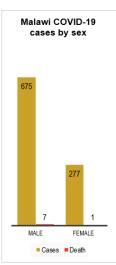
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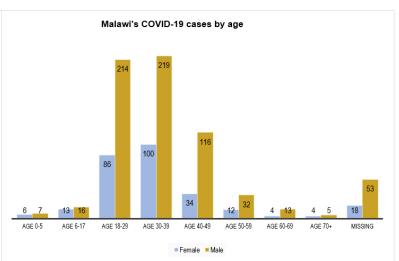
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MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- 640 Malawian returnees and deportees were received by humanitarian partners
- 3,056,153 people were reached with COVID-19 messaging this week
- 41 COVID-19 testing sites are now operational
- 80,000 learners received take home rations as at 19 June





MALAWI SUMMARY

- 960 cases (688 active)
- 620 imported, 315 local transmission
- 12 confirmed deaths
- 260 recovered
- 12 118 tests done, 25 under investigation
- 27 out of 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- **9 296 202** cases
- 479 133 confirmed deaths
- About 5.2 million recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- 256 048 cases
- 5 528 confirmed deaths
 - 130 559 recovered
- Cases in 54 countries

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW

Funding Required \$

345M

Reported Funding \$

% Fund

No of Donors

No of Operational Partners

26

91.2M 26.4 41

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

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

- Coordination meetings for the Humanitarian Country Team and the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group were postponed to next week due to the election
- MoDMAPE in collaboration with relevant ministries and humanitarian partners coordinated reception of 640 Malawian returnees and deportees from India, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, and the UK. Cumulatively, over 1,498 Malawians have returned home between 29th May and 16 June 2020
- 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 and a <u>financial tracking tool</u> for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Over **3,048,141 people** across Malawi were reached using local communication channels including radios, van publicity, megaphones and strategic hand washing points such as bus terminals, markets, hospitals, prisons, fish markets and big shops, by MRCS, DRC+, Swiss, BRC, IFRC, ICRC, UNICEF and GIZ

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI) 3,060,153 people reached with COVID-19 messaging this week **94%** recalled radio messages **HEALTH** Coordinated by:

- A new national communication campaign on COVID-19: "OSAYIDELERA COVID-19" (Don't Underrate COVID-19) was developed by USAID/HC4L project
- Disseminated 3,000 copies of the COVID-19 information brochures to 20 media organizations and community leaders in the seven districts of Nkhotakota, Machinga, Blantyre, Karonga, Zomba, Mzimba and Lilongwe to support on-going community mobilization, supported by USAID
- Reached 8,012 people (6,249 male and 1,763 female) through the Moyo ndi Mpamba Facebook platform with messages on COVID-19
- During the past week 94 per cent of people interviewed were able to recall the messages they heard through the radio broadcasts on issues of COVID-19 supported by UNICEF with funding from UK Aid through the Malawi Institute of Journalism (MIJ), Story Workshop and Development Communication Trust (DCT)
- Community engagement activities in 9 districts have reached 200,000 people to date on COVID-19 messages through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions and an additional 165,725 people were reached through the social media pages supported by UNICEF
- 4000 people were reached with risk communication activities conducted in the districts of Balaka, Chitipa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mchinji, Nkhata Bay, Ntcheu, Salima and Zomba by USAID ONSE

- Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO
- 41 testing sites are now operational
- 570 health workers trained
- 29,030 people screened at points of entry

Coordinated by: **Ministry of Transport and Works** (MTW) & WFP

- 41 testing sites are now operational, comprising 14 Real Time PCR machines and 27 GeneXperts. The GeneXpert turn-around-time is just over an hour but limited to processing a maximum of 12 samples at a time
 - Over 400 health care workers were trained on case management in 8 health facilities in Blantyre supported by WHO
- 42 clinicians in Kasungu, Chitipa and Dowa and 108 support staff in Salima, Dowa and Balaka were oriented on COVID-19, supported by USAID ONSE
- Support was provided for the contact tracing of 82 people in Chikwawa, Dowa, Kasungu, Lilongwe, Machinga, Ntcheu and Zomba
- 98,321 households (540, 716 people) were reached by MRCS volunteers with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages through door to door exercise in Chitipa, Karonga, Mzuzu, Mzimba, Salima, Nkhotakota, Salima, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Machinga, Zomba, Blantyre, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Chikwawa districts supported by MRCS, DRC+, Swiss, BRC, IFRC, ICRC, **UNICEF** and GIZ
- 29,030 people were screened at points of entry in Karonga, Mwanza and Mchinji with support from UNICEF
- 390 returnees were provided with support at Nalikule, Domasi and Machinga Teachers Training Centres including through provision of soap, hand washing buckets, mosquito nets, blankets and sleeping bags by MRCS
- A total of 20 (12 male, 8 female) health care workers from Zomba district were trained on case management, supported by Save the Children
- In TA Jenala in Phalombe, 400 beneficiaries were supported with additional **hygiene items** for hand washing by Save the Children
- More than 3,400 young people are participating in the online COVID-19 challenge for young people aged 14 to 35 to actively find innovative ways to fight COVID-19, supported by the National Youth Council and Scouts Malawi

TRANSPORT AND **LOGISTICS**

- The third WFP aviation passenger flight in Malawi arrived on 25 June with passengers on both the inbound and outbound journeys
- Transportation of 380 returnee dry food hampers for the Catholic Relief Services and the Blantyre District Health Office from Blantyre to the Mwanza border was supported by WFP
- On 19 June, WFP supported the Ministry of Health by receiving and storing Personal Protective Equipment contributed by the Kingdom of Morocco.
- WFP supported UNHCR to modify the Mobile Storage Unit deployed at Dzaleka refugee camp in line with WHO ventilation standards for COVID-19 treatment centers



WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water **Development & UNICEF**

- Strategic hand washing through sensitization sessions were conducted in 84 crowded places (markets, big shops, banks, roadblocks and mobile markets) supported by MRCS
- 32 frontline district health office staff in Mangochi and Karonga districts were oriented on the proper handling and use of emergency WASH supplies using preapproved MoH guidelines, supported by UNICEF
- More than 2.5 million people were reached with WASH-related messages through different approaches including community radios, newspaper mobile vans, and hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships by UNICEF



PROTECTION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF

59 traditional leaders oriented on preventing GBV in the CVOID-19 context

700 calls received by the GBV Crisis Line and Child Helpline this week

1498 Malawians returned home between 29 May-16 June

29 women and 27 men were trained as child protection volunteers in the COVID-19 context for Dzaleka Refugee Camp

FOOD SECURITY

Coordinated by:
Department of Disaster
Management Affairs (DODMA)
& WFP

80,000 learners received take home rations as at 19 June

Special support to vulnerable groups

- 496 community leaders, including mother group members, were orientated on the prevention of COVID-19 and how to address misconceptions around the pandemic with support from UN Women
- An advocacy platform aimed at spearheading the COVID-19 response within the faith community was set up by Malawi Interfaith AIDS Association (MIAA) and the Act Alliance, with support from UN Women
- A survey on the Socio-Economic Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the faith community in Mzimba, Lilongwe, Blantyre, Nkhatabay and Mchinji was conducted with support from UN Women in collaboration with the Act Alliance
- 59 traditional leaders including paramount chiefs, senior chiefs and traditional authorities from across the country, were oriented on COVID-19 prevention and mainstreaming of gender equality including prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) and HIV/AIDS in the context of COVID-19, conducted by UNICEF through the Spotlight initiative
- YONECO's (Youth Net and Counselling) GBV Crisis Line and Child Helpline received 700 calls, and basic psychosocial support was provided to all callers through the conversations with the counsellors, supported by UNICEF

Support to returnees and deportees

- 1498 Malawians returned home between 29 May 16 June 2020 through Mwanza border (783) and Kamuzu International Airport (713)
- Reception centres established at Nalikule Teachers College in Lilongwe to cater for those coming arriving by air and Kanjedza lodge in Blantyre to carter for those coming through Mwanza border. Other facilities to be used as reception centres are Domasi and Machinga Teachers Colleges

Dzaleka Refugee Camp

- As part of the social mobilization response, meetings on gender and COVID-19 were held with 61 chiefs and 12 refugee community leaders at Dzaleka Refugee Camp, supported by UN Women and UNHCR
- Supplementary food and play materials were distributed to vulnerable children and families who missed out the initial scheduled distributions in the previous week in Dzaleka Refugee Camp supported by Plan International and UNCHR
- 29 women and 27 men were trained as child protection volunteers including on case management, the referral mechanism, engaging children in COVID-19 and interviewing techniques by Plan International Malawi and UNHCR
- Results of the **Minimum Expenditure Basket Round 3** were shared to all partners on June 16, while Round 4 results will be published this week
- The first round of household-level data collection of some 2,500 households by WFP will conclude this week, with a detailed analysis to follow
- By 19 June, distribution of take-home-rations were 46% complete as 80,000 learners had received in-kind take-home rations of Super Cereal in three districts (Chikwawa, Nsanje and Phalombe) while cash distributions for the take-home rations are expected to begin on June 29 supported by WFP. With the elections being held this week, distributions was put on hold for the week as schools will be used for electoral processes



EDUCATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children & UNICEF

- Radio jingles and three radio shows were developed based on the MoEST Prevention Guidelines for Schools, targeting young people to share their experiences related to COVID-19, supported by UNESCO
- New radio programs were produced during the week and continued to air Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) programs on 9 radio stations across the country on Early Childhood Development supported by Save the Children. The programs continue to be aired Monday to Friday from 2 – 2:30pm



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

- Key messages on maternal, infant, and young child nutrition in the COVID-19 context were developed by MoH, Department of Nutrition supported by UNICEF
- Over 200,000 people were reached with key messages on maternal, infant and young child feeding and WASH using 8 community radio stations across the 10 districts through the nutrition sensitive agriculture program, implemented jointly by UNICEF, FAO and funded by the EU
- Key messages on exclusive and continued breastfeeding and complementary feeding in the context of COVID-19 has reached more than 7,000 community volunteers and 180 local leaders, supported by UNICEF



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Ministry of Agriculture (MoAFS) and Food Security & FAO

5000 farmers trained on post-harvest COVID-19 strategies

- 5000 farmers (3000 women, 2000 men) were reached through awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 preventive measures in Mzimba, Lilongwe rural and Mchinji. This included sessions on post-harvest handling of groundnuts for reduced Aflatoxin contamination using radio programs and mobile phones, by UN Women with funding from the Standard Bank Group
- 10 greenhouses are currently being installed in Lilongwe rural, Salima and Mzimba to assist 250 women farmers and a total of 3,000 indirect beneficiaries (75% women) to Build Back Better from COVID-19, supported by UN Women with funding from the Government of Korea
- The 3rd bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System was released by MoAFS with support from FAO. The bulletin contains real time information on the status of food availability/security, performance of agricultural produce markets, prevalence of animal diseases and access to veterinary services, and post-harvest losses in the time of COVID-19

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