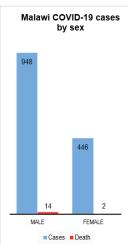


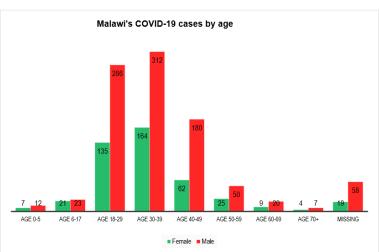
## **COVID-19 Update**

Situation Update No. 16 at 03 July 2020

#### **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**

- 1 402 cases (1 069 active)
- 640 imported, 696 local transmission
- 16 confirmed deaths
- 317 recovered
- 15 176 tests done, 66 under investigation
- 27 out of 28 districts affected

#### **GLOBAL SUMMARY**

- 10 533 779 cases
- 512 842 confirmed deaths
- ❖ About **5.8 million** recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

#### **REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)**

- 315 582 cases
- 6 303 confirmed deaths
- 158 706 recovered
- Cases in 54 countries

#### EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW (financial tracking tool)

**Funding Required \$** 

Reported Funding \$

% Funded

king tool)

No of Donors

345M

150.1M

43.4

4.5

41

**No of Operational Partners** 

27

#### 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 not held last week due to the election
- 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 financial tracking tool for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

- 240,000 people were reached with COVID-19 messages through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions while an additional 165,000 people were reached through social media pages by UNICEF
- 75 radio slots on national and community radio stations and 60 days of TV bugs transmitted key messages on COVID-19, reaching over 5 million people, supported by UNDP in partnership with PAC
- Social media flashcards with COVID-19 messages ran for over 60 days on Zodiak and Times social media pages and obtained hits of over 1 million streaming viewers, including those beyond Malawi, supported by UNDP
- Work with Faith Mussa, a renowned local musician in the production of a COVID-

Over

**5 million** people reached with COVID-19 messaging

**10,814** people reached with risk communication and community engagement activities

- **19 song**, in English, Chichewa and Chitumbuka was finalised and supported by UNDP
- Risk Communication and Community Engagement activities reached 10,814 persons in the districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Chitipa, Dowa, Karonga, Kasungu, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mangochi, Mchinji, Mulanje, Nkhata Bay, Ntcheu, Nkhotakota, Salima, and Zomba, conducted by USAID ONSE
- A rumour tracking tool is being developed by UNICEF with its partners on to identify and address rumours through greater community engagement
- Over 4,472,848 (2,191,696 men, 2,281,152 women) were reached with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages through local communication channels such as van publicity, radio programs and jingles, megaphone messaging



#### **HEALTH**

#### Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

Contact tracing took place for **226** persons

**729** travellers screened at points of entry

- 108 support staff were oriented in the districts of Mulanje and Balaka, supported by USAID ONSE
- Contact tracing for 226 persons in Balaka, Chikwawa, Kasungu, Lilongwe, Nkhotakota and Zomba was supported by USAID ONSE
- 72,354 households were reached with COVID-19 messages through door-to-door campaigns, supported by Malawi Red Cross Society
- 729 travellers were screened (312 women and 417 men) at the Mwanza and Karonga/Songwe points of entry. As of 28 June, a cumulative total of 20,725 (5,639 women and 15,086 men) were screened by Malawi Red Cross Society, supported by UNICEF
- COVID-19 quarantine management solution or mQuarantine was developed to augment the government's electronic infectious disease surveillance and response (e-IDSR) solution with support from UNICEF

#### **Needs and Gaps**

- Lack of funds to support National Rapid Response Teams to respond effectively to returnees
- Security patrols have not been conducted routinely due to lack of funds



# TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

- Over 40,000 pieces of COVID-19 personal protection equipment was supplied to MEC at polling stations during the 2020 Presidential Elections, supported by UNDP
- The fourth WFP Aviation passenger flight to Malawi arrived on Tuesday 30 June and the fifth is planned for 2 July with passengers booked on the inbound and outbound journeys
- The Supply Portal, managed by UNICEF, continues to facilitate requests by national authorities and humanitarian partners for strategic and critical supplies



#### **WASH**

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

**43,006** people benefited from hand washing facilitates

- Over 43,006 (21073 men, 21933 women) people benefited from hand washing facilities and COVID-19 awareness raising through 50 strategic hand washing points in busy places including shops, mobile markets, churches, hospitals, fish markets and polling stations supported by Malawi Red Cross society, UNICEF and the Government of Germany
- Water quality audits of the five water boards were conducted to ensure good quality water supply and reduction of COVID-19 risk by Water Services Association of Malawi (WASAMA) with UNICEF
- Water quality tests conducted at hospitals and areas surrounding emergency treatment units have tested a total of 39 water sources with capacity to serve a population of 11,000 people. Out of the 39 tests conducted, seven test results showed bacterial contamination were all treated (flush chlorinated) and are now providing safe drinking water supported by UNICEF



#### **PROTECTION**

#### Special support to vulnerable groups

4,913,801 people (2,407,762 men, 2,506,039 women) were reached with protection, gender and inclusion messages though door to door campaigns and Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF

**4,913,801** people reached with protection, gender and inclusion messages

143 returnees received psychological first aid

**46,000** refugees will receive cloth face and nose masks in Dzaleka Refugee Camp

- strategic hand washing facilities supported by Malawi Red Cross Society, UNICEF and the Government of Germany
- YONECO (Youth Net and Counselling) continues the provision of basic Psychological First Aid to callers and providing advice, referrals and follow-up in cases of child protection and Gender-Based Violence with support from UNICEF
- Guidance for Social Workers during COVID-19, which sets out how social workers and paraprofessionals can support specific vulnerable groups of people effectively were finalized by the government with technical support from UNICEF

#### Support to returnees and deportees

- Psychological First Aid (PFA) was provided to 143 returnees (50 women, 93 men) from South Africa at Machinga Teachers Training College returnee holding centre supported by UNICEF
- 90 people, including the returnees who were found to be COVID-19 positive and their close relatives, were provided with remote PFA from 21 to 24 June by UNICEF

#### Dzaleka Refugee Camp

- Out of the six COVID -19 cases in Dowa district, which hosts the Dzaleka refugee camp, four have recovered, including three refugees and asylum seekers
- Distribution of face and nose masks to all refugees and asylum seekers in Dzaleka is currently underway. An estimated 46,000 refugees will receive cloth face and nose masks donated by various stakeholders, supported by UNHCR

#### **Needs and Gaps**

Due to lack of funds, residents and staff in Dzaleka Camp lack adequate protective equipment, which is particularly needed due to overcrowding in the camp



### FOOD SECURITY

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

- The results of the WFP Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) round 4 were <u>published</u> and circulated on 29 June, finding that prices and availability of both food and non-food commodities remains stable across all regions and urban areas
- The first round of the WFP household-level food security monitoring data concluded last week, reaching over 2,500 households via remote monitoring through an external call centre. Initial results indicate that most surveyed households are not engaging in negative consumption-based coping strategies



#### **EDUCATION**

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

- School re-opening guidelines were launched on 24 June 2020 by the Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19, supported by UNICEF. The Guidelines propose a phased re-opening guided by the Ministry of Health and preventive measures for COVID-19 to be enforced. The taskforce is optimistic that it is possible to achieve safe return to school with strict adherence of guidelines and enforcement of measures
- The Take Home Ration distribution resumed across seven districts (Salima, Dedza, Mangochi, Zomba, Phalombe, Nsanje and Chikwawa) targeting 600,000 learners now that the political atmosphere has stabilized, supported by Malawi Red Cross Society and WFP



#### **NUTRITION**

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

**200,000** people were reached with messaging on maternal, infant and young child feeding in the COVID-19 context

- Key messages on Maternal, Infant, and Young Child Nutrition in the context of COVID-19 were developed by MoH with support from UNICEF
- MoH is translating a counselling card for nutrition education at the household-level with support from UNICEF
- Over 200,000 people were reached with key messages on maternal, infant and young child feeding and WASH using eight community radio station across ten districts through the nutrition sensitive agriculture programme, implemented by FAO and funded by the EU, UNICEF
- More than 7,000 community volunteers and 180 local leaders were educated about COVID-19 in turn reaching out to more than 15,000 households with key messages on COVID-19 prevention, exclusive and continued breastfeeding and complementary feeding in the context of COVID-19, supported by UNICEF



#### **AGRICULTURE**

MoAFS continues to collect and analyse data through the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security System with support from FAO. Preliminary results show that own Coordinated by: Ministry of Ministry of Agriculture (MoAFS) and Food Security & FAO

- food production, as the main source of food at the household level, has been on a steady decline over the weeks with more households are turning to markets to purchase food
- An analysis to support resilience building and strengthen livelihoods of households affected by previous shocks of floods and dry-spells which might be exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic was finalized by the Department of Livestock, based on research in Phalombe, Chikwawa and Zomba, with support from FAO

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