



HEALTH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

320 persons reached through community surveillance, case reporting and tracking

16800 testing kits were distributed

3450 people were screened in public places

- ❖ **150 support staff** in the districts of Mulanje and Balaka were oriented on **priority aspects of COVID-19** such as the screening and triage, infection prevention and control by USAID ONSÉ
- ❖ **Contact tracing for 166 persons** in Chitipa, Dowa, Kasungu, Lilongwe, Machinga, Nkhotakota, Ntcheu and Zomba supported by USAID ONSÉ
- ❖ **64,531 households (204,921 people)** were reached with **COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages** under door to door visits by MRCS volunteers in Chitipa, Karonga, Mzuzu, Mzimba, Salima, Nkhotakota, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Machinga, Mangochi, Zomba, Blantyre, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Chikwawa districts supported by MRCS, UNICEF and MoH
- ❖ **1480 volunteers, 150 staff members and 451,123 households** were provided with **infection prevention materials as well as personal protective equipment** in Chitipa, Karonga, Mzuzu, Mzimba, Salima, Nkhotakota, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Machinga, Mangochi, Zomba, Blantyre, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Chikwawa districts, supported by MRCS and its movement partners
- ❖ **Community surveillance, case reporting and tracking reached 320 people** in Chitipa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Mangochi, Blantyre, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Dowa at Dzaleka Refugee camp by MRCS with support from UNICEF, MoH and GIZ
- ❖ **3,450 people were screened** in various public places including workplaces, points of entry and hospitals in Chitipa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Ntcheu, Mangochi, Blantyre, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Dowa at Dzaleka Refugee camp, supported by MRCS, UNICEF and GIZ
- ❖ **16,800 testing kits** were contributed by WHO of which 6000 kits were distributed to testing sites and 10,800 placed in the central warehouse

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Increasing local transmission requires stronger community-based surveillance
- ❖ Inadequate infection prevention materials for volunteers and staff activities
- ❖ Lack of national level support for supervision
- ❖ Shortage of test kits and cartridges for geneXpert testing machines



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

16 mobile storage units erected for storage, screening and isolation

- ❖ A total of **16 Mobile Storage Units/tents** for storage, screening & isolation have been erected in Blantyre, Dedza, Dowa, Mchinji, Mwanza, Karonga Lilongwe, Nsanje and Ntcheu
- ❖ The Logistics Cluster continues to support returnee operations with the movement of cargo
- ❖ **1000 copies of declaration forms** for points of entry were printed with support from WHO
- ❖ The **sixth WFP Aviation passenger flight to Malawi** arrived Tuesday, 7 July with inbound and outbound passengers to Maputo and Johannesburg while the next flight is to arrive on Thursday 9 July. Humanitarian flights in and out of Malawi are currently taking place every Tuesday and Thursday

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Very little funding is available for logistics activities
- ❖ Limited information on MOH and partner core pipeline requirements and priorities inhibit efficient transport planning



WASH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

269,979 people benefited from hand washing facilities

- ❖ **Over 269,979 people were supported with hand washing facilities in 303 strategic points** supported by MRCS, UNICEF, MoH and GIZ
- ❖ **Hand washing services as well as sanitizers** were provided to participants at the Presidential Inauguration ceremony by MRCS

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ High demand for hand washing facilities (buckets with taps, hand sanitizer and soap). There is need to procure and distribute more
- ❖ Increased resources to support volunteer out-reach travel costs
- ❖ Need to address the myths and misconceptions on COVID-19 water and sanitation related practices, to build the trust



PROTECTION

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

240 traditional and
community leaders, including
162 women, oriented on
COVID-19 prevention

574 persons received
community based mental
health support

201 returnees received
psychological first aid

- ❖ **240 traditional and community leaders** (162 women and 78 men) in Dedza, Salima, Blantyre, Mangochi, Mulanje and Zomba were **orientated on COVID-19 prevention including gender aspects** from 30th June to 7th July supported by UN Women in collaboration with Malawi Interfaith Aids Association and district gender and social welfare officers from the targeted districts
- ❖ **29 women councillors** from the Eastern and Southern region were engaged on the **role of female councillors as community leaders in the COVID-19 response** between 30th June and 7th July, supported by UN Women in partnership with Women's Councillors' caucus, Malawi Local Government Association (MALGA), MoG, MoLG MoH
- ❖ YONECO Helpline counsellors were trained in **GBV legal frameworks and referral pathways** to increase their capacity to respond to helpline calls with support from Tithetse Nkhanza
- ❖ **230 children** (125 girls, 105 boys), **291 parents** (204 women 87 men), and **53 caregivers** (29 women 24 men) **received community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support** in Machinga and Blantyre District Social Welfare Offices with support from UNICEF
- ❖ **78 couples** experiencing domestic disputes due to the effects of COVID-19 received **mediation and counselling services** from Machinga District Social Welfare Officers
- ❖ **64 returnees** (10 women, 54 men) from South Africa were provided with **psychological first aid** at Machinga Teachers Training College returnee holding centre (29 June – 3 July)
- ❖ **137 people** (54 women, 83 men), including the returnees who were found to be COVID-19 positive and their close relatives, were provided with **remote psychological first aid** (1- 3 July)
- ❖ In Dzaleka Refugee Camp there are currently 9 COVID-19 confirmed cases with 3 recoveries and 6 active cases amongst refugees and asylum seekers; MoH has **intensified tracing of secondary contacts** in the refugee camp
- ❖ **Orientation and awareness raising of community leaders** (18 men, 10 women), 32 women leaders' session and youth leaders (16 men, 16 women) within the refugee camp on gender and the COVID-19 response, with a focus on GBV prevention, stigma and the enforcement of COVID-19 prevention measures- supported by UNHCR and UN Women in collaboration with the MGCDSW, the National Social Mobilization Committee, and MoH

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ There is an urgent need to curb the rapid spread of the virus at community level through awareness raising but local leaders cannot access zoom facilities
- ❖ Limited resources for psychosocial support to persons affected by COVID-19 on dealing with secondary impacts (i.e. increased reports of violence, child marriage)



FOOD SECURITY

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

39,600 learners received
take home rations

- ❖ The **Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) sound 5 bulletin** will be published this week by WFP. Minimal fluctuations in the overall value of the basket were observed but there were slight increases for the Rural North, Rural Centre, and Rural South due to a slight increase in the price of pulses
- ❖ **Take home rations distribution to learners** in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba, Mangochi Dedza and Salima is underway; this week **66% of the targeted 60,000 learners were reached** by MRCS in collaboration with WFP and MoEST
- ❖ The **Hunger and COVID-19 Snapshot for Malawi** is available [here](#); a new weekly resource by WFP providing an overview of the food security situation, COVID-19 caseloads and trends in health and market access indicators

Needs and Gaps



- ❖ COVID-19 restrictions have affected normal household operations, limiting access to livelihood activities and increasing food insecurity. Households require support with basic needs such as food and nutrition security, for example, through multipurpose cash transfers
- ❖ WFP currently has a funding gap of USD 42.4 million to fully support the COVID-19 response plan in Malawi



EDUCATION

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

- ❖ The Ministry of Education National Planning Taskforce on re-opening of schools, colleges and universities during COVID-19 pandemic on 4 July 2020 released **guidelines for re-opening of colleges and universities** [Link](#)

 <p>NUTRITION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Nutrition prevention activities through social behaviour change communication radio jingles, incorporated COVID-19 related nutrition messages in five southern districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba, undertaken by WFP
 <p>AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoAFS) and Food Security & FAO</p> <p>35,000 households received emergency seeds, livestock and equipment to guard livelihoods and food security during the COVID-19 response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The fourth bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System was released by MoAFS with support from FAO ❖ Emergency distribution of seeds, livestock and minor equipment has taken place to safeguard the livelihoods and food security of 35,000 households, farmer field schools and 2,300 care groups across the country with support of the EU (Alikepo and KULIMA programmes), DFID (PROSPER), USAID, Irish Aid and other partners ❖ Production of messages to assist and guide farmers to continue performing their production activities amidst COVID-19 is currently ongoing under the coordination of the Department of Agriculture Extension Services ❖ COVID-19 specific posters, brochures and radio programmes under the Small-Scale Fisheries Project were produced by FAO in collaboration with Department of Fisheries, through MoAFS for distribution to fishing communities in Salima, Mangochi and Dedza districts <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Urgent funding is required to support personal protection equipment for Agriculture Extension Workers to ensure that food production activities are not affected in the medium term ❖ Support is required for the rain-fed season including massive communication for COVID-19 prevention during this process

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