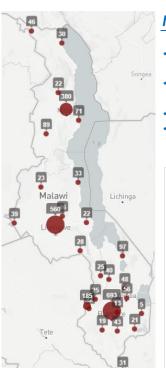


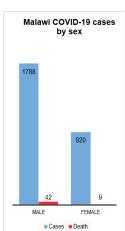
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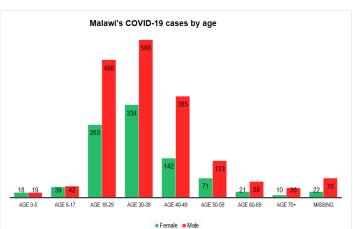
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MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- A national task force set up by MoH to review all requests for submission through the global supply portal to ensure accountability
- Personnel from four laboratories supported with overnight allowances to reduce turnaround time for testing of samples from 48 hours to 24 hours
- WFP Aviation supported 16 humanitarian passengers to move in and out of Malawi
- The Agriculture Cluster has insufficient funds to prepare for the upcoming rainy season





MALAWI SUMMARY

- 1 984 cases (1 588 active)
- 717 imported, 1 196 local transmission
- **29** confirmed deaths
- 369 recovered
- 18 814 tests done, 73 under investigation
- 27 out of 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- 13 378 853 cases
- 580 045 confirmed deaths
- About 7.8 million recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- **642.981** cases
- * 14 015 confirmed deaths
- * **333 976** recovered
- Cases in 54 countries

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW (financial tracking tool)

Funding Required \$

No of Operational Partners

27

Reported Funding \$ % Funded No of Donors

345M

150.1M

43.4

41

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

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

- A <u>calendar of meetings</u>, group mailing lists, a <u>repository</u> to store and share information and a 5W interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response and a <u>financial tracking tool</u> for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools
- Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation information (RM and 5ws) was collected from the different Clusters and updated



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

- 308,000 people were reached with COVID-19 messages through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions by UNICEF with funding from UKAid
- A total of 169,200 people were reached through social media pages with COVID-19 messages by UNICEF

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

- Reprograming some of the mobile activities towards more community engagement is underway by UNICEF with support from its partners
- 2371 people were reached with RCCE activities in the districts of Balaka, Chitipa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mchinji, Mulanje, Nkhotakota, Salima and Zomba supported by USAID ONSE



HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

507 returnees from South Africa supported by national and district response teams

6 treatment centres are being renovated

712,450 people reached with prevention and management messages

235,250 people were reached with COVID-19 infection prevention and case management messages in the districts of: Mzimba North, Mzimba South, Nkhatabay, Rumphi, Karonga, Chitipa, Likoma, Blantyre, Mwanza, Chiradzulu, Zomba, Kasungu, Neno, Lilongwe, Phalombe, Dedza, Machinga, Ntchisi and Thyolo by USAID

- 60 truck drivers from central and northern regions were oriented on COVID-19 infection prevention and how to deepen the reach of COVID-19 prevention measures for truck driver and their catchment communities by USAID
- 6 treatment centres are currently under renovation: Kameza, Mwanza, Karonga, Mzuzu, Mchinji and Dedza
- Building works at the oxygen plant are almost completed, awaiting a memorandum of understanding between UNICEF and the MoH
- 23 National and district rapid response teams from Mwanza, Blantyre and Lilongwe were provided with financial and technical support to manage the arrival of 507 Malawian returnees from South Africa by UNICEF and UKAid
- Personnel from four laboratories (Mwanza, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kamuzu Central hospital and College of medicine) were supported with overnight allowances to ensure that the turnaround time for testing of samples is reduced from 48 hours to 24 hours
- Messages on continued sexual and reproductive health services in health facilities and simultaneous COVID-19 prevention, focusing on youth, are being aired as jingles on community radio in Nkhata bay, developed by FPAM and UNFPA through 2gether 4 SRHR program
- 15 MoH support staff in Balaka were oriented on priority aspects of COVID-19 such as screening and triage, infection prevention and control, and PPE for COVID-19, supported by USAID ONSE
- Contact tracing for 263 persons of whom 257 were traced and testing for 835 people that identified 161 cases took place in the districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Chitipa, Dowa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mangochi, Mchinji, Nkhata Bay, Ntcheu, Salima and Zomba supported by USAID ONSE
- Emergency distribution of PPE and other COVID-19 supplies to Likoma Island to support the district health office's COVID-19 response activities was conducted by USAID GHSC-PSM

Needs and Gaps

- There is need for more information and skills on case management beyond calling the national hotline
- There is need to empowering people on how to make their own cloth masks
- The oxygen plant has a funding gap of 250000



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

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- 10,300 GeneXpert cartridges and 3000 Abbott reagents were received from CHAI
- * The Supply Portal, managed by UNICEF, continues to facilitate requests by national authorities and humanitarian partners for strategic and critical supplies
- The MoH has formed a national task force to review all requests for submission through the global supply portal. The first request for personnel protective equipment valued at USD923,000 with funding from the World Bank Pandemic Emergency Financing has been submitted
- The Procurement Working Group updated the Business Operations Strategy platform as part of the procurement opportunity analysis for UN Agencies
- The national electronic LMIS system (OpenLMIS) added two modules to track COVID-19-related product usage in all service delivery points, to ensure accountability of COVID-19 commodities, supported by USAID GHSC-PSM
- A quantification of COVID-19 commodity needs for the next 9 months, conducted by USAID GHSC-PSM and partner organisations, was shared with development partners for resource mobilisation
- In the past week, WFP Aviation supported 16 humanitarian passengers to move in and out of Malawi

Needs and Gaps

Limited funding for logistics is hampering implementation of activities



WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

5 water boards are being audited for water quality

12,334 people received demonstrations on proper handwashing

- More than 64,000 people were reached with WASH related COVID-19 prevention messages through mobile van messaging while another 12,334 people were reached with demonstrations on proper handwashing by UNICEF with funding from UKAid, through United Purpose
- Surgical masks, gloves and foot operated handwashing facilities were distributed with COVID-19 messaging in Salima, Mchinji and Machinga by World Vison
- Returnees were supported with WASH supplies by United Purpose and UNICEF
- Rapid water quality tests and hygiene promotions were conducted with support from United Purpose and UNICEF
- Support to the Lilongwe Urban Cluster in waste management was provided by WaterAid
- Emergency treatment units, hospitals, returnee holding centres and border posts in Blantyre, Mangochi, Mzuzu, Karonga, Mchinji, Mwanza, and Machinga were supported with infection prevention and control measures enhancement having had temporary latrines installed at their facilities supported by UNICEF
- Water quality audits of the five water boards are being undertaken by Water Services Association of Malawi to ensure they supply good quality water and reduce COVID-19 risk and as part of water safety planning

Needs and Gaps

Lilongwe city council is looking for partners to support their waste management. There is a need to support the city councils with low cost incinerators so that waste management is ably handled



PROTECTION

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

452 returnees received sanitisers and masks

664 persons received mental health support and child protection services

54 child victim support units were assessed for their needs

- YONECO Helpline counsellors were provided with on-going training on gender based violence legal frameworks and referral pathways to increase their capacity to respond to helpline calls with support from Tithetse Nkhanza!
- The district level protection clusters in Mangochi, Lilongwe and Karonga were oriented on referral pathways mechanisms by Tithetse Nkhanza!
- 452 returnees were supplied with alcohol-based hand sanitizer (70mls bottle each) and 7 medical face masks each, supported by IOM
- 263 survey questionnaires were administered to returnees by IOM (available on line here) to help predict regional and national migration dynamics; trends and patterns in the SADC region to inform future migration programming, evidencebased policy and advice to governments
- 198 children (113 girls, 85 boys), 380 parents, and 86 caregivers were reached by district social welfare offices with mental health and psychosocial support and child protection services using a case management approach in Blantyre and Mangochi, supported by UNICEF
- 292 returnees from South Africa staying at Machinga Teachers Training College returnee holding centre benefited from psychological first aid from 9-10 July with support from UNICEF
- Personal protection equipment was distributed in the gender based violence service provision points in six Spotlight districts of Nsanje, Machinga, Dowa, Ntchisi, Mzimba and Nkhatabay, supported by UNFPA
- Adolescent girls, young women and youth were targeted with activities to sustain community level support for prevention of COVID-19, as well as addressing gender based violence and other protection issues exacerbated by the pandemic in Mangochi, Balaka, Machinga, Phalombe and Chikwawa and Nsanje, conducted by UNFPA
- A needs assessment of 54 child victim support units (CVSUs) in Mzimba, Nkhatabay, Ntchisi, Dowa, Machinga, and Nsanje and an infrastructure assessment of 12 CVSUs in four districts of Mzimba, Nkhatabay, Ntchisi, and Machinga was finalized by Save the Children
- Personal protection equipment, refugee housing units, computers and other related materials were provided to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship Services at the regional Immigration Office in Lilongwe by UNHCR
- Total confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Dzaleka refugee camp stands at 11 with 3 recoveries



FOOD SECURITY

The round 5 Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) bulletin was officially <u>published</u> this week. Data collection for round 7 of MEB is ongoing, and WFP is currently conducting analysis of the round 6 data to be released next week

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

- 203 water canes, 94 treadle pumps and 8000 Irish potato vines were distributed to 98 clubs reaching 2551 males, and 2655 females through the Pathway for Resilience project by Save the Children
- Local markets continue to have abundant supplies of grains and other staple foods including rice, cassava, and sweet potatoes, which are keeping prices low. Even though the 2019/2020 maize grain harvest exceeded the five-year average for the second consecutive year, informal inflows of maize significantly outweighed informal outflows.

Needs and Gaps

WFP currently requires USD 150,000 to continue remote monitoring in Malawi



EDUCATION

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

- Interactive radio instruction programmes are broadcasting in Dedza through Bembeke Community Radio, Nsanje through Nyanthepa Community Radio, Mulanje through Mzati radio and in the north through Tigawane, supported by Save the Children
- As of 10 July, 499,924 learners (over 600,000 targeted) had received food and cash distributions for take-home rations of school meals in seven districts Dedza, Chikwawa, Mangochi, Nsanje, Phalombe, Salima and Zomba from WFP with support from the Malawi Red Cross Society



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

- A total of 2,248,981 people (approximately 499,774 households) were reached with key nutrition preventive messages on COVID-19 supported by UNICEF
- Interpersonal and community awareness on COVID-19 prevention and good nutrition continued in 5 districts (Balaka, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba) supported by WFP. Partners are using community radios (targeting about 1.2 million) and mobile van for mass awareness and care groups for interpersonal awareness



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Ministry of Agriculture & FAO

16 radio stations ae delivering CVOID-19 awareness raising messages to the agricultural sector

- 16 radio stations are delivering COVID-19 awareness raising messages to the agricultural sector, coordinated by the Department of Agriculture Extension Services, with support from FAO and EU-funded KULIMA programme KULIMA
- The EU funded Afikepo nutrition-sensitive agriculture programme has integrated COVID-19 messages with food diversification, hygiene maternal, and infant and young children nutrition (MIYCN) messages. The messages have been handed over to districts where Afikepo programme is being implemented with technical support from FAO and UNICEF

Needs and Gaps

- More supplies of personal protection equipment are needed for agriculture extension staff
- The Agriculture Cluster has received only 10% of its initial funding request as at end June 2020. Additional funds are required to help the Cluster prepare for the upcoming rainy season in the CVOID-19 context

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