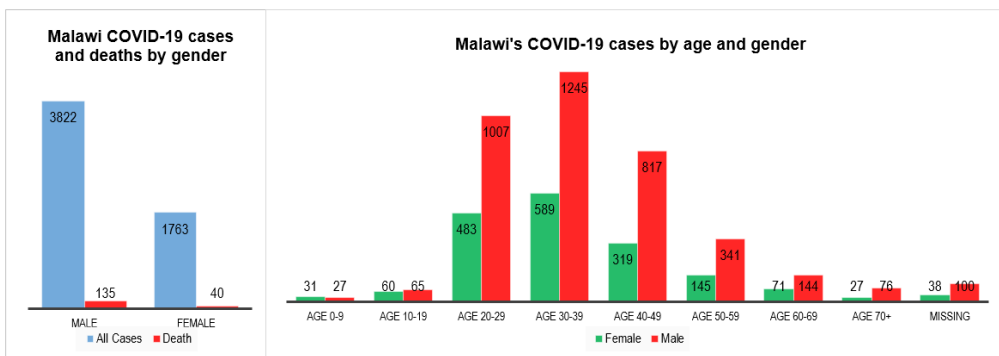


## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The Presidential Task Force met with Traditional Authority leaders to discuss enforcement of gazetted guidelines
- ❖ HCT established a task team to recommend action on coordination challenges
- ❖ 11,124 persons screened at points of entry in Mwanza and Dedza Districts;
- ❖ 1000 girls and child marriage survivors received bicycles to strengthen safe spaces
- ❖ ECAM report highlights significant current and future job losses due to the pandemic
- ❖ A phased re-opening of schools to start next week; education cluster reports inadequate funding to facilitate safe school reopening
- ❖ 184 farmers trained in adapting farming to the COVID-19 crisis
- ❖ 77% of the agriculture cluster requirements remain unfunded



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 5 593 cases (1 902 active - 14 are new)
- ❖ 1 129 imported, 4 464 local transmission
- ❖ 3,516 (16 are new) recovered
- ❖ 175 deaths
- ❖ 46 036 (247 are new) tests done
- ❖ All 28 districts affected

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 26 324 219 cases
- ❖ 869 076 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 17 536 875 recovered
- ❖ Cases in 216 countries and places

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 1 267 781 cases
- ❖ 30 317 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 1 009 433 recovered
- ❖ All 54 countries affected

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

Funding Required \$	Reported Funding \$	% Funded	No of Donors	No of Operational Partners
345M	261.3M	75.6	81	26

### COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



#### COORDINATION





Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)

- ❖ The **Presidential task force met with leaders of Traditional Authorities** on enforcement of gazetted guidelines on COVID-19, re-opening of schools, the burial of persons deceased from COVID-19 and standard operating procedures for the reception of returnees.
- ❖ A Humanitarian Country Team task force comprising DoDMA, UN Agencies, and NGOs will recommend **concrete actions on coordination challenges** in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), group mailing lists, a [repository](#) to store and share information and a [5W](#) interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response and a [financial tracking tool](#) for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools

#### Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Humanitarian partners continue to face challenges associated with the lack of disaggregated data on the reception of returnees. The data is crucial for proper planning on rations and other supplies.

 <p><b>INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>1,800,000 people</b> were reached with <b>COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages</b> using local communication channels such as community and national radio stations, van publicity, mobile cinema, billboards, hygiene campaigns and megaphone covering 19 districts supported by MRCS and movement partners, UNICEF, GIZ and MoH</li> <li>❖ <b>3,000 radio listeners were surveyed to test knowledge of COVID-19 after hearing radio messages</b> in 12 districts. Around 2,900 (over 90 percent) were able to recall messages broadcasted in 5,800 radio and TV spots supported by UNICEF</li> </ul>
 <p><b>HEALTH</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) &amp; WHO</p> <p><b>11,124</b> persons screened at points of entry in Mwanza and Dedza Districts;</p> <p><b>195</b> health care staff care oriented in COVID-19 management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Point of Entry screening</b> was conducted for 11.124 people in Mwanza and Dedza Districts, supported by MRCS, MoH and UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>83 support staff and 112 clinicians</b> oriented in case management, screening, triage, infection prevention and control and PPE, supported by USAID ONSE</li> <li>❖ <b>Data bundles were provided to support virtual meetings, trainings and coordination</b> at national and district levels to increase frequency of District Rapid Response Team meetings from none to at least one meeting per week in the 12 focus districts, supported by UNICEF, Luke International and MRCS with funding from UKaid and Irish Embassy</li> <li>❖ <b>Guidelines on health service continuity during COVID-19</b> at the districts level were developed by UNICEF through CHAI with funding from UKaid</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The country continues to receive returnees from different countries as such there is need for more resources to support Point of Entry testing facilities.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) &amp; WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Approximately <b>100 m2 of storage space for COVID-19 supplies</b> was provided to partners including Last Mile Health and UNICEF in Lilongwe by WFP</li> <li>❖ <b>Locally procured PPEs</b> were purchased and distributed by DFID, Health sector Joint Funds (HSJF), CMST and coordinated by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>The COVID-19 supply chain portal</b> coordinated by UNICEF, continues to facilitate requests by national authorities and humanitarian partners</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Currently, only 8% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded with a <b>gap of \$1.3m for critical response interventions</b>. Without immediate support, WFP will not be able to continue supporting the national COVID-19 response</li> </ul>
 <p><b>WASH</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation &amp; Water Development &amp; UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Over <b>10,209 people</b> were supported with <b>hand washing and COVID-19 sensitization</b> in 22 strategic points over 19 districts, supported by Red Cross Movement Partners, UNICEF and GIZ</li> <li>❖ Over <b>107,600 people</b> reached with mobile van promotions and demonstrations on proper handwashing, supported by UNICEF through United Purpose</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ There is need for more hygiene promotion and WASH supplies in schools</li> <li>❖ Online meetings in the districts are difficult to convene as partners are often committed in the field</li> </ul>
 <p><b>PROTECTION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDWSW), UNICEF, UN Women</p> <p><b>1000</b> girls and child marriage survivors received bicycles to strengthen safe spaces during COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>1,000 girls and child marriage survivors received a donation of bicycles and scholarships</b> to strengthen safe spaces amidst COVID-19, supported by UN Women with funding from India-Brazil-South Africa Facility for Poverty &amp; Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund) and the Scottish Government</li> <li>❖ <b>2000 sanitary pads, 2000 buckets, 40,000 toilet paper rolls &amp; 4000 bars of soap</b> were donated by UN Women to support Malawi Government in responding to critical needs of returnees especially women and girls from different countries</li> <li>❖ The national child helpline/gender-based violence crisis line, gave <b>psychological first aid to 150 callers</b> during this reporting period, supported by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>8,500 people</b> provided with <b>community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support</b> in 6 districts by District Social Welfare Offices, supported by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ An <b>SGBV child-friendly booklet</b> was finalized setting out basic knowledge about SGBV and referral pathways for COVID-19, supported by UNCHR</li> <li>❖ The Employers Consultative Association of Malawi launched the <a href="#">Assessment of the Impact of Coronavirus Disease on the Economy and Labour Market in Malawi</a> on 31 August 2020, supported by the ILO, reporting an <b>expected loss of between 270,000 to 680,000 current and future jobs</b> due to the pandemic.</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Continued reports of <b>increased teen pregnancies and early marriages</b>.</li> <li>❖ <b>Inadequate information</b> to support planning for returnees</li> </ul>

 <p><b>FOOD SECURITY</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) &amp; WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Round 8 of the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Market Monitoring bulletin</b> was <a href="#">published</a> while data collection for Round 9 was completed and analysis is now underway</li> <li>❖ Meanwhile the second round bulletin on <b>COVID-19 Household-Level Food Security Monitoring</b> was <a href="#">published</a>, with data analysis is underway for the Round 3 household-level food security monitoring bulletin</li> </ul>
 <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children &amp; UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Ministry has adopted a <b>phased approach for the re-opening of schools</b>, prioritizing examination classes. The schools will reopen on Monday 7 September 2020 starting with Standard 8, Form 4 and all final year students at college</li> <li>❖ <b>The first batch of funds amounting to 6.9 million USD</b> was disbursed to the MoEST through Education Sector Joint Funds to implement teaching and learning activities, with special focus on preparing for school re-opening and administering remedial interventions to minimize loss of learning, supported by UNICEF</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The cluster has <b>inadequate funding to facilitate safe re-opening of schools</b></li> </ul>
 <p><b>NUTRITION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) &amp; UNICEF</p> <p><b>420</b> care group leaders reached nutrition related COVID-19 messages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>272,000 caregivers with children 0 to 59 months old</b> were reached with <b>key nutrition messages in the context of COVID-19</b> in four districts. This brings the total number of people reached with various key nutrition messages on COVID-19 with UNICEF support to more than four million people in 18 UNICEF focus districts</li> <li>❖ <b>420 care group cluster leaders</b> were reached with <b>nutrition related COVID-19 messages</b> in four districts increasing the number of care group cluster leaders reached so far reached with UNICEF support in collaboration with World Relief to more than 71,000</li> </ul>
 <p><b>AGRICULTURE</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) &amp; FAO</p> <p><b>184</b> farmers trained in adapting farming to the COVID-19 crisis</p> <p><b>77%</b> of the agriculture cluster requirements remain unfunded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Preparations for recording <b>COVID-19 radio messages and programmes for the fishing communities</b> were completed by FAO and the Department of Fisheries. The programmes will be aired on various community radios with funding from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation</li> <li>❖ Dissemination of messages to orient households on how to <b>manage COVID-19 risk and continue with farming and caregiving activities</b> has continued in an additional 10 districts with support of Department of Agriculture Extension Services (DAES), Department of Nutrition, HIV &amp; AIDS (DNHA), FAO and UNICEF through KULIMA and Afikepo projects</li> <li>❖ <b>184 farmers</b> took part in greenhouse horticulture production training in Mzimba, Lilongwe and Salima. Adapting to the COVID-19 crisis, women farmers are learning how to make money through tomato production in greenhouses, supported by UN Women with funding from the Korean Government (KOICA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Agriculture Cluster has reviewed its response plan and reduced urgent requirements of funds to US 22.75 million as per guidelines of the COVID-19 presidential task force</li> <li>❖ Only 23% of the cluster requirements are confirmed</li> <li>❖ Funding for the provision of Personal Protective items for Extension Workers continues as one of the main gaps of the response plan, particularly to ensure that extension staff will be able to support farmers effectively during the coming rain-fed agriculture season.</li> </ul>

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