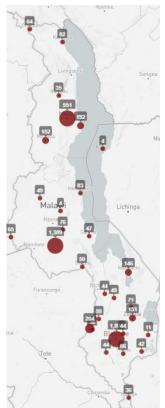


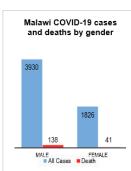
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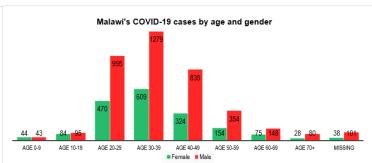
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MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group is facilitating the development of the National Contingency Plan and the Food Insecurity Response Plan
- New supplies valued at \$992,547.78 were received this week into the Bollore Warehouse representing 81% of required procurements
- 77,900 persons were screened at points of entry this week
- Over 14,000 people in 6 districts received community-based mental health and psychosocial support by District Social Welfare Offices
- 52 out of 321 child marriages were terminated by the District Social Welfare office of Kasungu
- Ministry of Health is developing a community case definition to use in schools to identify COVID-19 suspected cases among learners
- 53% of households surveyed in the 9th Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System are relying on food purchases as the main source of food





MALAW SUMMARY

- **5,764** cases (**1,407** active 17 new)
- 1,147 imported, 4,617 local transmission
- 4,178 (17 new) recovered
- 179 deaths
- **52,121** (348 new) tests done
- All 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- **32,345,456** cases
- 984,590 confirmed deaths
- 22,275,745 recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- 1,437,297 cases
- 34,696 confirmed deaths
- * 1,182,282 recovered
- All 54 countries affected

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW (financial tracking tool)

Funding Required \$ 345M

Reported Funding \$ 261.3M

% Funded 75.6

No of Donors 81 **No of Operational Partners**

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COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)

Coordination information:

calendar of meetings; information repository; 5W interactive dashboard; financial tracking tool

- The UN and humanitarian partners continue to support the government in ensuring the **smooth reception of returnees**. Cumulatively, 7,189 people have returned to Malawi since the beginning of the pandemic.
- The Inter-Cluster Coordination Group is facilitating the development of the National Contingency Plan and the Food Insecurity Response Plan.
- In line with the decline in cases and COVID-19 response activities, this Sitrep will become a fortnightly publication. The next edition will be issued on 10 October

Needs and gaps

- Irregular supply of personal protective equipment at points of entry
- There is no clear process or policy to support the integration of returnees into communities



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

- Over one million people were reached with COVID-19 messages through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions and social media supported by UNICEF
- Out of 3,167 radio listeners interviewed, 2,904 listeners (92%) were able to recall messages on COVID-19 prevention and response



HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

77,900 persons screened at points of entry this week

158 health care workers oriented in screening and triage

- This week, health workers screened over 77,500 road travellers at Karonga, Mwanza, Chitipa border crossing and 400 airline passengers entering at Kamuzu international airport, supported by MRCS, UNICEF and the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office
 - An online training on the COVID-19 Health Management Information System (HMIS) Platform, was conducted targeting 28 data personnel from 12 districts to improve on web-based reporting, supported by UNICEF through Luke International.
 - A live pitch of the final top 10 solutions in the COVID-19 Youth Innovation Challenge was hosted with support from UNICEF. Top 5 solutions were selected in partnership with the Segal Family Foundation and will receive funding and coaching to support scaling up of the ideas.
- 158 health care workers were oriented in screening and triage for clinical case management in two districts was supported by USAID ONSE



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

District health offices and emergency treatment units in

9 districts received new WASH supplies

- Supplies valued at \$992,547.78 were received into the Bollore Warehouse representing 81% of required procurements, with support from DFID
- Supplies worth \$315,000 including sprayers, facemasks, buckets and printed materials which will be dispatched to health facilities in the next few weeks, procured locally by UNICEF.
- Assorted WASH supplies including 2,750 bacteriological testing kits, garbage bags, brooms and buckets were delivered to various district health offices and selected emergency treatment units in 9 districts supported by UNICEF
- Transportation of over 12 MT of Last Mile Health-PPEs from Blantyre to health centres in two districts was colled by the logistics cluster and WFP
- The cluster also supported MOH with the reception and storage of 94 boxes of PPEs donated by Direct Relief.



WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

19,173 people were reached with WASH related messages

- 19,173 people were reached with WASH related messages through mobile van promotions and another 10,642 people through demonstrations on proper handwashing. This brings the total number of people reached with WASH related messages since the onset of COVID-19 to 4.2 million, supported by UNICEF through United Purpose
- 12 new latrines were installed at Mwanza border post in response to the large number of returnees. Cumulatively, a total of 112 emergency latrines have been installed in nine districts supported by UNICEF with funding from FCDO

Needs and gaps

Inadequate WASH rooms and hand wash facilities



PROTECTION

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

52 out of **321** child marriages were terminated by the District Social Welfare office of Kasungu

- 106 callers to the national child helpline and GBV crisis line were provided with Psychological First Aid, including 71 cases referred to relevant service provides relating to gender-based violence and child protection, 34 child marriage cases and 20 "defilement"/ statutory rape cases
- 10,000 people have received messages through SMS on how to ensure support for children at home, including creating opportunities for children to play and ease their anxiety and stress, supported by UNICEF
- Over 14,000 people in 6 districts received community-based mental health and psychosocial support by District Social Welfare Offices, supported by UNICEF.
- Over 520 children without parental or family care, were provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements and support, supported by UNICEF
- 52 out of 321 child marriages were terminated by the District Social Welfare office of Kasungu
- Covid-19 response materials were distributed to vulnerable groups including 157 adolescent girls and young women in Dzaleka refugee camp, supported by Plan International Malawi



FOOD SECURITY

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

- * The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) Round 10 bulletin will be published this week by WFP. Round 11 data collection has been completed, while Round 12 data collection will begin this week.
- The Round 3 bulletin of WFP's COVID-19 Household-Level Food Security Monitoring will be published this week while data analysis for Round 4 is currently ongoing.
- The MVAC Market Assessment process is scheduled to take place from 5-25th October, 2020, with funding from USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance (BHA). The results and recommendations on the most-appropriate modality for response will be available in late October/early-November.



EDUCATION

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

- Over 14,500 adolescents from 65 schools, 687 traditional leaders and 185 extension workers in three districts were reached with key messages on elimination of child marriages, the back to school campaign, gender equality and child rights, supported by UNICEF
- Technical support was provided to the Ministry of Health in the development of community case definition that will be used by schools to identify COVID-19 suspected cases among learners supported by UNICEF



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

COVID-19 messaging in schools across three districts included education on the importance of good adolescent nutrition including dietary diversification, uptake of iron rich and nutrient dense foods and uptake of iron-folic acid supplements, hygiene, deworming and COVID-19 prevention, supported by UNICEF. In the schools visited close to 5,100 girls received iron tablets within the reporting period



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO

53% of households surveyed in the EmA-FSS are relying on food purchases as the main source of food

- The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) released the **ninth bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS)** with support from FAO. Key highlights from the bulletin show indicate that, currently: 53 percent of the households interviewed are relying on food purchases as the main source of food; households have slowly been resorting to adopting some negative coping mechanisms, especially households in the southern region;
- Department of Fisheries recorded and disseminated COVID-19 radio jingles targeting the fishing communities in three districts, supported by FAO

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