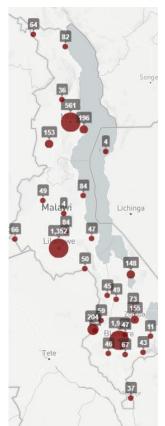


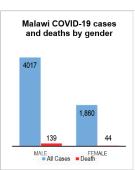
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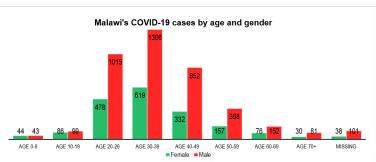
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MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- Chileka International Airport authorities supported to set up Mobile Support Units for receiving and screening passengers
- 5 clinical infra-red handheld thermometers provided to MoH Epidemiology Unit for screening returnees at Mwanza border
- 25,785 people reached with COVID-19 educational messaging, including 257 persons living with disabilities
- Procurement of more than \$8 million of supplies was supported by UNICEF on behalf of World Bank, Health Sector Joint Fund (HSJF) and GAVI
- 750 children living or working on the streets in four districts provided with psychosocial and material support since the beginning of the response
- 19,900 people reached with community-based mental health and psychosocial support in six districts by District Social Welfare Offices
- The Minimum Expenditure Basket and Market Monitoring Round 11 found increases in food prices in all four regions





MALAW SUMMARY

- 5,885 cases (415 active)
- 1,170 imported, 4,715 local transmission
- **❖ 5.287** recovered
- 183 deaths
- 59,402 tests done
- All 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- 46,688,370 cases
- 1,202,605 confirmed deaths
- * 31,165,697 recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- 1,795,017 cases
- 43,162 confirmed deaths
- 1,463,835 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)

❖ A <u>calendar of meetings</u>; information <u>repository</u>; <u>5W</u> interactive dashboard; <u>financial tracking tool</u> is available to support coordination of the COVID-19 response



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

- About 10,000 people, including 267 persons living with disabilities, were reached with COVID-19 messages through door to door, mobile van, community drama sessions and social media. This brings the total number of people so far reached with support from UNICEF to approximately 1.24 million.
- A total for 5,785 COVID-19 related radio and TV spots were broadcasted supported by UNICEF through the partnership with Malawi Institute of Journalism.
- About 10 000 people were reached with RCCE activities in 13 districts supported by USAID ONSE.



HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

5 clinical infra-red handheld thermometers provided to MoH Epidemiology Unit

- 25 support staff were oriented on priority aspects of COVID-19 such as screening and triage, infection prevention and control, and PPE for COVID-19 in Chikwawa supported by USAID ONSE.
- Contact tracing for 13 persons and testing for 191 persons where 4 cases were identified in 5 districts was supported by USAID ONSE.
- Community sensitization for the COVID-19 prevalence survey in three districts was supported by USAID ONSE.
- Distribution of five clinical infra-red handheld thermometers to MoH Epidemiology Unit for screening returnees at Mwanza border was supported by UNICEF



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

\$8 million of supplies for COVID-19 prevention and treatment procured

- Chileka International Airport authorities received support to set up Mobile Support Units for receiving and screening passengers, from WFP
- Procurement of more than \$8 million of supplies, including infection prevention and control supplies, personal protection equipment, medical consumables, test kits, screening supplies and Intensive Care Unit equipment (oxygen concentrators, ventilators) was supported by UNICEF on behalf of World Bank, Health Sector Joint Fund (HSJF) and GAVI.
- Distribution of 500 face shields, 300 gloves of various sizes, 100 surgical masks, 2,000 tablets of 175g soap and 60 500ml-bottles of hand sanitizer valued at \$9,141 to Nsanje and Phalombe DHOs for a COVID prevention compliant Oral Cholera Vaccine campaign, supported by UNICEF.



WASH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Irrigation & Water
Development & UNICEF

609 families (more than 2,700 people) received buckets and basins and were reached with COVID-19 messages in a clean village campaign in two villages of Mangochi district, supported by UNICEF and MRCS.

Needs and gaps

- Limited financial resources and consequently limited impact of activities
- There is a funding gap of US\$ 11.95 million which has an enormous effect on WASH in schools and health facilities



PROTECTION

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

750 children living or working on the streets in four districts, have been provided with psychosocial and material support since the beginning of the response

19,900 people reached with community-based mental health and psychosocial support in six districts by District Social Welfare Offices

- To ensure minimal disruption to essential health services to adolescents and young people, **3,244 girls have received iron-folic acid supplementation** within the reporting period, supported by UNICEF.
- 204 callers were assisted through the national child helpline and gender-based violence crisis line with psychological first aid, supported by UNICEF.
- Over 600 children without parental or family care, including children in Child Care Institutions and children reintegrated from the institutions to their families, were provided with appropriate alternative care arrangements and support by DSWOs and UNICEF's partner, YONECO.
- Around 750 children living or working on the streets in four districts, have been provided with psychosocial support and necessary material support since the beginning of the response, including eight children supported during the reporting period in Blantyre district supported by UNICEF.
- Over 19,900 people were reached with community-based mental health and psychosocial support in six districts by District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs). During the period, over 1,100 people, including around 770 children, were provided with this support in Blantyre district supported by UNICEF.

Needs and gaps

 There is an urgent need to invest in both prevention of the risks of early pregnancy and child marriage and provision of support to those that have experienced teenage pregnancy and child marriage.



FOOD SECURITY

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

42,000 refugees received food distributions for October to December

- Food distributions for over 42,000 refugees for the October to December cycle was finalised and cash distributions are being finalized next week. The ration size has been maintained at 75%. A 3-months distribution was maintained to limit exposure to COVID-19 for beneficiaries and staff, supported by WFP.
- In preparation for the 2020/2021 Lean Season Response, data collection for MVAC's market assessment was finalized, with results slated to be disseminated this week. The report will advise on the most appropriate intervention modality (cash, food, mixed) per district.
- Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Market Monitoring: The MEB Round 11 bulletin was published. Key findings include:

The Minimum Expenditure Basket and

Market Monitoring Round 11 found increases in food prices in all four regions

- The price of the Survival Minimum Expenditure Baskets increased for all regions, as food prices are gradually increasing.
- An increase in maize grain and pulse prices was observed as households are beginning to turn to markets for supplies.
- Grain price levels in the coming months may be influenced by the magnitude and type of possible climatic hazards as well as market interventions emanating from the state grain bodies.



EDUCATION

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

50,329 learners benefitted from 25 classroom size tents as part of efforts to decongest schools

- The next round of take-home support for school meals for the remainder of 2020 is planned to start in early November. The adaptation of the school meals programme to take-home is in line with the Ministry of Education's guidance and supported by WFP.
- 1,000 bottles of 400ml sanitizers and 100 boxes of gloves were distributed to Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources supported by UNICEF.
- 25 classroom-sized tents were distributed to seven schools in two districts benefitting 50,329 learners as part of efforts to decongest schools and maintain social distancing, supported by UNICEF.

Needs and gaps

There is a lack of water supply in some schools especially in rural areas.



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

2.7 million people reached with messages on maternal and infant and young child nutrition in the context of

- An estimated 2.7 million people were reached with messages on maternal and infant and young child nutrition in the context of COVID-19 using various media channels such as radio programmes and jingles, social and behaviour change communication (SBCC) talking walls, drama sessions, mobile vans, and public address systems in seven districts supported by WFP.
- Over 6 million people were reached with key nutrition messages in the context of COVID-19 in the 18 UNICEF focus districts supported by FAO and MRCS.
- 612 care group cluster leaders and promoters and 171 local leaders were reached with COVID messages in Mzimba district during the reporting period increasing the number of care group cluster leaders reached so far with COVID-19 prevention messages to about 75,000 supported by UNICEF.



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AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO

- Data collection for the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) continues in 18 districts across the country. Key highlights show that majority of markets are operating and commodities such as cereals, legumes, animal-source food protein and vegetable are available. Households are increasingly relying on food purchases as their main source of food, particularly in the southern region.
- Preparations for the implementation of the Affordable Input Programme (AIP) are almost completed. The MoA officially launched AIP activities 17 October 2020 and the programme is expected to reach 4.2 million households with subsidized basal and foliar fertilizers as well as a package of cereal seeds.
- Dissemination of seasonal downscaled forecast to all districts in the country has started supported by MoA in partnership with DCCMs and DoDMA.

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will benefit from subsidized fertilizers and seeds through the government Affordable Input Programme

Needs and gaps

- The Agriculture Cluster has so far confirmed 25% of the requirements for its COVID-19 response plan.
- Distribution of personal protective equipment for Agriculture Extension Workers will be done to cover partially some needs of the Agriculture sector; with support from the European Union, Africa Development Bank, and other donors.

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