

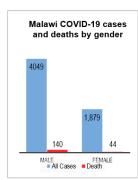
COVID-19 Update

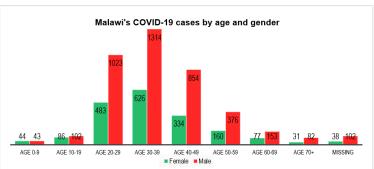
Situation Update No. 31 at 06 November 2020



MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- An oxygen plant to generate 1.15 million litres of oxygen per day installed at Kamuzu Central Hospital to support COVID-19 case management.
- 4,958 Malawian returnees from South Africa supported with PPEs, hygiene materials, food and psychological first aid
- Over 50,000 people reached with RCCE activities and social media messages
- Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) round 12 found maize grain and pulses price continue to slowly increase as market demand increases
- Health Surveillance Assistants oriented on managing Community Case Management Village Clinics





MALAW SUMMARY

- 5,942 cases (412 active, 2 new)
- 1,170 imported, 4,772 local transmission
- 5,346 recovered (8 new)
- 184 deaths
- **65,355** tests done (648 new)
- All 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- **48.885.919** cases
- 1,236,707 confirmed deaths
- 32,309,610 recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- 1,841,677 cases
- 43,901 confirmed deaths
- 1,508,217 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> are available to support coordination of the COVID-19 response.



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI), USAID ONSE, UNICEF, ILO, ECAM, MCTU, Ministry of Labour

- A girls' challenge aimed at inspiring 20,000 more girls and young women to join UNICEF's U-Report platform was launched so that they contribute information gathered on public understanding and opinions in relation to COVID-19 issues. So far, 2 024 girls have joined.
- More than 50,000 people reached with RCCE activities and social media messages on COVID-19
- TV and Radio programs on the role of employers in responding to COVID-19 in the workplace were broadcast.
- Dissemination of messages on prevention of COVID-19 in the workplace, targeting women, persons with disabilities, workers in the informal sector and people living with HIV, continued.



HEALTH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Health (MoH)
WHO, UNICEF, USAID ONSE
Save the Children, UNHCR

53 support staff oriented on priority aspects of COVID-

- An oxygen plant has been installed at Kamuzu Central Hospital to support COVID-19 case management. It has oxygen generation capacity of 1.15 million litres of oxygen per day against the hospital requirement of up to 250,000 litres per day across all its wards including the intensive care unit.
- Inter-cluster COVID-19 orientation for Health Surveillance Assistants managing Community Case Management Village Clinics was done in Ntcheu. It focused on COVID-19 prevention, case identification, care provision, referral, support and follow up in line with MoH guidelines.
- 53 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.
- Contact tracing for 52 persons and testing for 164 persons where 34 cases were identified in 9 districts.
- Medical supplies (infrared thermometers, medical masks, sharp boxes, gloves (small and large), alcohol hand sanitizers, clinical thermometers, pulse oximeters, liquid soaps and heavy-duty gloves rubber) were donated to aid the response to COVID-19 in Karonga and Chitipa.



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) & WFP As co-lead of the Logistics Cluster, WFP received a request for three small Mobile Storage Units-MSUs (52m²) to be erected to support UNHCR at Dzaleka Refugee Camp.



WASH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Irrigation & Water
Development, UNICEF and
MRCS & United Purpose

194 water samples from school, market and health centre boreholes and taps tested to prevent infections

- 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
- 64,808 people reached with WASH related messages in the last two weeks through mobile van promotions and another 47,374 people reached through handwashing demonstrations.
- To prevent infections in schools, health facilities, markets, and other public spaces, 194 water samples from boreholes and taps were collected in Chikwawa, Mwanza and Blantyre for water quality analysis. A total of 50 (27%) were of the samples were found to be contaminated and handed to authorities for action.

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, Save the Children

4,958 self-repatriating
Malawian migrant returnees
from South Africa supported
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Aid

- A total of 4,958 self-repatriating Malawian migrant returnees from South Africa were supported with hygiene materials, nutritious food for child returnees and provision of psychological first aid.
- About 5,000 units of assorted supplies, comprising PPEs, hygiene kits, children play materials, porridge packets were distributed in four districts to preposition for the reception of returnees.
- 22 health workers for Mwanza were trained in Case Management in Blantyre. They will also support children who are affected by COVID-19.
- 146 callers to the national child helpline and gender-based violence (GBV) crisis line received psychological first aid from 14 to 27 October, bringing the total of callers who have been assisted since COVID-19 started in Malawi to over 4,500.
- 22,000 people in 6 districts were reached with community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.



FOOD SECURITY

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

- Since 25th October, data collection for MVAC's IPC update (Household Economic Approach- HEA, urban IPC update and household survey) is ongoing to be completed by 26th November 2020.
- Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Market Monitoring: The MEB Round 12 bulletin has been <u>published</u>.

The Minimum Expenditure Basket and

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

* Household-level COVID-19 Monitoring: Data analysis for Round 5 of household-level monitoring was underway this week, with the bulletin slated to be published in the coming week. Data collection for Round 6 is ongoing and this will mark the final round of COVID-19 household-level monitoring unless additional financial resources are received.



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

- Broadcasting of COVID-19 Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) to ensure continuity of learning programmes across 8 radio stations continued.
- Awareness raising meetings with school community structures on tracking children that have not reported back to school in Zomba area which covers 57 primary schools was conducted.
- Ministry of Education has been supported to decongest classrooms and ensure COVID-19 preventative measures are enforced in schools, following the reopening of schools on 12 October.
- To date, 74,581 primary and 2,880 secondary teachers have been trained and received revision guidelines and remediation guidelines to alleviate learning loss.



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO

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

- Implementation of the Affordable Input Programme (AIP) is ongoing in several districts. The programme will subsidize the distribution of basal and foliar fertilizers as well as a package of cereal seeds.
- The 11th Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) was released by MoH with support from FAO. Results show that: 58 percent of the households in the 18 districts assessed relied on food purchase compared to 39.6 percent who relied on own food production by the end of August 2020. 26 percent of the households owning any type of livestock reported cases of livestock diseases, representing a 4 percent increase from the week 24-30 August 2020.

Needs and gaps

- The Agriculture Cluster has so far confirmed 27% of the requirements for its COVID-19 response plan. There is need to prioritize funding towards expanding the provision of Extension Advisory Services through alternative platforms such as the internet, video and radio programmes.
- The implementation of the sector Contingency plan might require mobilization of anticipatory funding.
- Monitoring of the food systems remains a key priority, particularly looking at the possible consequences that a surge in COVID-19 cases might have on the domestic and international commodity markets in the coming months.



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH), UNICEF, Save the Children

1,678 people reached food and nutrition reduction messages as well as COVID-19 messages

Under the Pro-Resilience Action (pro-Act) Project, 1,678 people were reached with COVID-19 messages. Pro-Act aims at reducing food and nutrition insecurity among targeted 15,384 households in Zomba District.

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