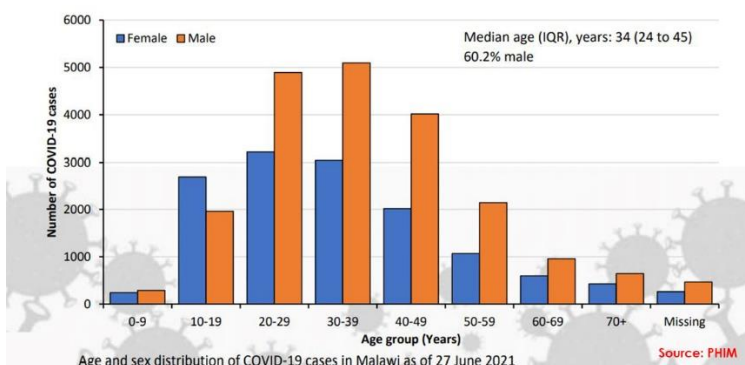


## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ More than 385,000 people have received COVID-19 vaccines against a population of about 10.2 million people aged 18 and above, representing (3.8%).
- ❖ Malawi has paused COVID-19 vaccinations due to shortage of vaccines.
- ❖ World Bank approved \$30 million for COVID-19 vaccines in Malawi.
- ❖ Sharp increase in COVID-19 cases, with new cases registered in June (1,788) being more than seven times the new cases registered in May 2021 (248).
- ❖ 9,400 testing kits distributed to all central and district hospitals to boost testing.
- ❖ Online system to authenticate travellers' COVID-19 certificates rolled out in Malawi.
- ❖ \$491,000 worth of surgical masks dispatched to Malawi



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **36,573** cases; **1,897** active
- ❖ **33,242** recovered, **1,202** deaths
- ❖ **271,193** tests done
- ❖ **428,407** vaccines administered

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **179,241,734** cases
- ❖ **3,889,723** confirmed deaths

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **5,284,253** cases
- ❖ **139,102** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **4,673,157** recovered

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

Funding Required (US\$)	Reported Funding (US\$)	% Funded	No. of Donors	No. of Operational Partners
<b>212M</b>	<b>110.8M</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>51</b>

NB: Malawi Government is reviewing the 2021 COVID-19 Response Plan. Above figures are based on 2020 Appeal.

## COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



### COORDINATION

Coordinated by:  
**Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)**

- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), information [repository](#), [5W](#) interactive dashboard and a [financial tracking tool](#) are available to support coordination of COVID-19 response.
- ❖ The Humanitarian Country Team meets to support coordination.
- ❖ Activated clusters are meeting to coordinate response activities and share updates.
- ❖ Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) is regularly being updated.



### HEALTH

Coordinated by:  
**Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO**

**233** new COVID-19 on 1<sup>st</sup> July is the highest number of new cases since March 2021.

### COVID-19 SITUATION

- ❖ **COVID-19 cases have risen in the last three weeks**, with new cases registered in June (1,788) being more than seven times the new cases registered in May 2021 (248).
- ❖ **18.3% of COVID-19 tests done on 30 June turned positive** compared to 1.5% on 31<sup>st</sup> May. This is feared to be a third wave of the spread of COVID-19 in Malawi.
- ❖ **233 new COVID-19 cases were reported on 1<sup>st</sup> July, the highest number of new cases since March 2021.** Currently, Malawi has a total of 36,573 confirmed cases compared to 34,338 cases at the end of May and about 34,090 at the end of April.
- ❖ **The recent surge in COVID-19 cases is due to local transmission and imported cases**, coupled with general public relaxation on preventive measures.

**9,400** testing kits distributed to hospitals.

**45** rapid response team members trained in tracking and investigating COVID-19 cases.

**7** oxygen plants active out of 12.

**428,407** COVID-19 vaccine doses administered.

**\$30** million from World Bank for COVID-19 vaccines in Malawi approved.

## HEALTH RESPONSE

- ❖ **To reduce transmissions, MoH has intensified** screening of travellers, testing and contact-tracing, and continues to promote prevention measures.
- ❖ **Mass testing of people in some prisons as well as communities** around Shayona cement and Salima sugar factories was conducted.
- ❖ **To boost testing, 9,400 testing kits (Xpert cartridges) were distributed** to all central and district hospitals, while GeneXpert platforms were installed in Mwanza, Mchinji, and Dedza.
- ❖ **Baseline assessment for sample repository capacity done** with support from I-TECH.
- ❖ **To enhance laboratory staff capacity, a training of trainers on Antigen RDT (Ag-RDT) testing** - a new technology for faster COVID-19 diagnosis - was conducted, while capacity building for genotyping is underway
- ❖ **45 rapid response team members (27 male and 18 female) have been supported** to undergo a COVID-19 refresher training to enhance their skills to investigate, track contacts and COVID-19 related cases in real time. They comprise surveillance, case management, risk communication, laboratory, mental health, and psychosocial support workers from three districts. This is supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **Infection prevention and control (IPC) training for 26 medical and nursing staff** (18 males and 8 female) to train other staff in health facilities has been supported.
- ❖ Piloting of IPC comprehensive assessment tools done in Zomba, Thyolo and Mulanje.
- ❖ **To improve case management, 30 MoH technical officers (23 male and 7 female) were supported** to review the COVID-19 case management manual to include the new evidence related to treatment of COVID-19 cases, with support from UNICEF.
- ❖ **Oxygen: out of 12 designated facilities with oxygen plants, only 7 are active.**

## COVID-19 VACCINES

- ❖ **428,407 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered**, with 385,242 and 43,165 people receiving their first and second doses as of 30<sup>th</sup> June, respectively.
- ❖ **A shortage of COVID-19 vaccines in Malawi has been reported.**
- ❖ **Malawi awaits delivery of the remaining 900 000 vaccine doses** from COVAX facility, having received the first batch of 360,000 doses from the facility in March.
- ❖ Malawi also received 102,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses from the African Union and 50,000 doses from the Indian Government, bringing the total of vaccines received to 512,000. Some 19,610 expired vaccines were incinerated in May.
- ❖ **World Bank has approved \$30 million for acquisition and deployment COVID-19 vaccines in Malawi.** This additional financing brings the bank's total contribution to Malawi's health sector COVID-19 response and vaccinations to \$37 million.
- ❖ **Vaccine uptake significantly increased in June** due to high risk perception on a possible third wave and the decline in vaccine fears and mistrust, compared to March - May when vaccine uptake was slow due to information gaps, hesitancy and change in some rollout schedules that caused confusion.
- ❖ Malawi plans to immunize 3.8 million people by the end of 2021.

## DIGITAL VERIFICATION OF TRAVELLERS' COVID-19 TEST CERTIFICATES

- ❖ **Malawi has rolled out an online system to verify COVID-19 certificates** of travellers at all entry points in line with the Trusted Travel (TT) framework to ensure integrity of COVID-19 test certificates and prevent cross-border spread of the disease.
- ❖ The system is being implemented in collaboration with African Union and Africa CDC, and with technical support from PanaBIOS Consortium.
- ❖ Five laboratories at Community Health Sciences Unit (CHSU), and Kamuzu, Queen Elizabeth, Mzuzu and Zomba Central Hospitals are issuing COVID-19 test results with special TT codes that can be verified by airline and port health authorities.
- ❖ No traveller will be allowed to depart Malawi without verifying their COVID-19 test certificate from 1<sup>st</sup> July, and those coming to Malawi must also show similar codes for their certificates, according to MoH.



## TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

Coordinated by:  
Ministry of Transport and Works & WFP.

- ❖ **48,961 cloth masks were delivered to Blantyre, Dowa and Lilongwe** for further distribution to nutrition care group promoters, supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **Surgical masks valued at \$491,000 (29,000 x 50 packs) were dispatched to Malawi** for handover to the Ministry of Health, supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **5 mobile storage units (MSUs) were deployed** for use by the Malawi Blood Transfusion Services (MBTS) in Blantyre, Mzuzu and Lilongwe.
- ❖ **Transportation of MSUs from Dzaleka Refugee Camp** was supported.
- ❖ The National Logistics Cluster had received \$395,000 from Iceland and \$500,000 from Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund as of end of May 2021, leaving a shortfall of \$800,000 required for the cluster to continue providing its services to the beneficiaries.

 **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**

Coordinated by:  
Ministry of Information  
(Moi)

**142** peer leaders engaged to integrate COVID-19 communication in sexual reproductive health interventions.

- ❖ **Vaccine Deployment Plan was reviewed to integrate a Publicity and Demand Creation strategy** focusing on motivating people to accept vaccines.
- ❖ **Multimedia materials with key messages on positive testimonies** from people who were vaccinated are being developed by UNICEF to encourage vaccine uptake.
- ❖ **Public announcements promoting general COVID-19 vaccine uptake** and encouraging people to receive the second dose were aired in May and June.
- ❖ **Public engagement efforts on COVID-19 prevention and vaccines** through digital media platforms reached over 100,000 people.
- ❖ **Message development session to address emerging issues** on COVID-19 and to increase uptake of the vaccine was conducted.
- ❖ **CSOs were lobbied to support COVID-19 vaccine demand creation efforts.**
- ❖ The public continued to access COVID-19 information through multiple platforms, including by dialling 929, \*929# for USSD services or by sending "hi" through WhatsApp to 0990 800 000.
- ❖ **COVID-19 vaccination messages are being integrated in existing interventions** supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ District councils in Kasungu, Mzimba and Neno engaged with Area Development Committees to mobilise community facilitators and mainstream risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) within ongoing interventions with a focus on improving maternal new-born child and adolescent health, and motivating communities to get vaccinated against COVID-19 – supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **142 peer leaders were engaged on integration of COVID-19 communication** in Sexual Reproductive Health interventions in Mangochi and Mulanje districts.
- ❖ The peer leaders and social mobilizers (205 in total) have so far reached over 31,000 people, encouraging them to take vaccines.
- ❖ **Dissemination of COVID-19 prevention messages among young people** within faith communities is being done by Public Affairs Committee (PAC), Malawi Interfaith AIDS Association (MIAA) and Youth Wave in Blantyre, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Mwanza and Mulanje, supported by UNICEF.

 **EDUCATION**

Coordinated by:  
Ministry of Education;  
Save the Children &  
UNICEF

- ❖ **Ministries of Education and Health trained 25 national level facilitators** as trainer of trainers with UNICEF support to enhance efforts for addressing COVID-19 in schools.
- ❖ The facilitators, drawn from national and division education levels, are expected to train district-level health and education personnel to enhance care and support in schools for COVID-19 positive learners, as well as encourage sustenance of COVID-19 preventive measures in schools.

 **PROTECTION**

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

**420** children without parental care reintegrated in their homes.

**106,413** people reached with cash transfers under COVID-19 Urban Cash Intervention in four cities.

- ❖ **8,200 people have benefited from the community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** provided through the District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) across the country this year with UNICEF support as of end of May.
- ❖ **Machinga DSWO trained 150 service providers on Psychological First Aid (PFA)**, including the members of Community Victim Support Units (CVSUs) to strengthen the capacity in MHPSS.
- ❖ **420 children without parental or family care safely reintegrated** from Child Care Institutions (CCIs) to their homes, bringing the number of children that have received this support in 2021 to 1,200 as of end of May – supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **A new community victim support unit constructed in Dowa**, bringing the total number of CVSUs either rehabilitated or constructed by Save the Children in Dowa and Machinga district to 12 – supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **COVID-19 Urban Cash Intervention (CUCI) plans to reach 199,413 people** of which 106,413 are so far receiving the transfers in Malawi's four main cities.
- ❖ The target has not been met because some beneficiaries have expired IDs, thus the programme period was extended to June 2021.
- ❖ **8,500 households for vulnerable people** such as persons with disabilities, the elderly and street children have also been reached under the CUCI programme.
- ❖ **CUCI call centre has registered over 2,300 enquiries** on CUCI payments from both beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries.
- ❖ **The application of categorical targeting approaches for a caseload of 7,000** in the cities of Lilongwe, Mzuzu and Zomba is being explored with UNICEF support. The beneficiaries will include street children, child-headed households, and elderly-headed households.
- ❖ **The Police have committed to urgently respond on gender-based violence** issues affecting women and girls with disabilities, and raise more awareness on GBV prevention and response within the police service, as well as collaborate with DIWA/ stakeholders to orient women with disabilities on GBV prevention and reporting.

**90** rapid response members trained in GBV.

- ❖ **90 members of rapid response teams trained in GBV in emergencies** and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse – supported by the Umoyo Wathu project on Health Systems Strengthening (MoH, UNFPA, UNICEF, WHO, PHIM and Red Cross).
- ❖ **Over 200 people trained in case management and social emotional learning** in Mwanza, Neno and Mzimba by Save the Children as part of its response to a call from the Gender Ministry for Psychological First Aid training for volunteers to provide the service through Chipatala cha pa Phone.
- ❖ **The Gender Ministry has revised One Stop Centre guidelines**, with the final validation of the guidelines expected in July 2021.

 **AGRICULTURE**

Coordinated by:  
Ministry of Agriculture  
(MoA) & FAO

**5.7%** drop in average price of maize

- ❖ **The 26th Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS)** has been released by the Ministry of Agriculture, with technical support from FAO. The surveillance system documents real time information from 18 districts on the status of food availability/security, performance of the agricultural produce markets, prevalence of animal diseases and access to veterinary services, as well as crop production in the time of COVID-19.
- ❖ Key highlights from the bulletin are:
  - ◆ **Proportion of households relying on food purchase dropped by 1.3 percentage points from 14.4% in the first half of May 2021 to 13.1%.** The proportion of households relying on own food production as a main source of food increased by 1.4 percentage points from 84.3% to 85.7%.
  - ◆ **In households owning any type of livestock, the proportion of households reporting suspected livestock diseases dropped by 2.3 percentage points** from 17.5% in the first half of May 2021 to 15.2%.
  - ◆ **The proportion of households involved in fishing related livelihoods activities rose by 0.1 percentage points** from 2.3% in the first half of May 2021 to 2.4%. Households involved in fishing related activities reporting some suspected fish diseases rose by 11.8 percentage points from 6.2% to 18%.
  - ◆ **The average price of maize per kg dropped by 5.7% from MK133.29 in the first half of May 2021 to MK125.67.** Average crop prices per kg for selected crops were MK656.03 down from MK673.40 for rice, MK808.57 up from MK806.65 for beans, MK713.27 slightly down from MK714.19 for groundnuts, MK490.61 down from MK504.97 for Irish potatoes, and MK311.69 down from MK325.59 for sweet potatoes compared to the first half of May 2021.

 **NUTRITION**

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