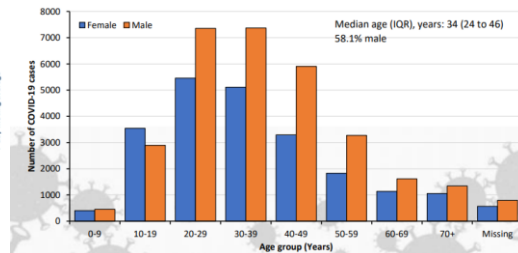
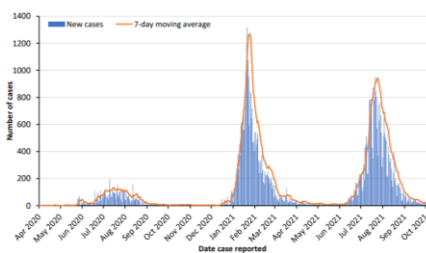


## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 1,128,402 vaccine doses administered.
- ❖ 1,575,840 vaccine doses received via COVAX.
- ❖ Outreach clinics increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake.
- ❖ Container labs being constructed at border entry points.
- ❖ COVID-19 preventive measures revised from Level 2 to 1.
- ❖ Entry into Malawi is now open to all countries, as long as travellers produce a negative PCR-based COVID test Certificate that is no older than 72 hours.
- ❖ 322 Health Care Workers reached on awareness to raise COVID vaccine demand.



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 61,699 cases; 2,611 active cases
- ❖ 56,564 recovered, 2,292 deaths
- ❖ 416,889 tests conducted
- ❖ 513,680 fully vaccinated
- ❖ 351,372 more got at least first dose

Source: Malawi Ministry of Health

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 238,521,855 cases
- ❖ 4,863,818 deaths
- ❖ Over 6.6 billion vaccines given

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 8,404,534 cases
- ❖ 214,435 deaths
- ❖ 7,832,540 recovered

Source: WHO

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

Funding Required (US\$)	Reported Funding (US\$)	% Funded	No. of Donors	No. of Operational Partners
421M	111.8M	26.6	33	52

NB: Above figures are based on the Government of Malawi's recently published [National Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan](#) (July 2021 – June 2022).

## COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



### COORDINATION

Coordinated by:  
Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)

- ❖ The revised [National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan](#) covering the period July 2021 – June 2022 is being implemented and coordinated.
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), information [repository](#), [5W](#) interactive dashboard and a [financial tracking tool](#) are available to support coordination of COVID-19 response.
- ❖ Activated clusters meet to coordinate response activities and share updates.
- ❖ Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) is updated regularly.
- ❖ **The Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 announced revised preventive measures from Level 2 to Level 1** on 8 October, lifting/ relaxing restrictions on international travel, workplaces, public transport, public gatherings, and curfew.
- ❖ **Entry into Malawi is now open to all countries, as long as travellers produce a negative PCR-based COVID test Certificate that is no older than 72 hours.**



### HEALTH









Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

#### SITUATION

- ❖ Downward trend in new COVID-19 cases, admissions and deaths continues since end August, with only 4 cases recorded on 10 October 2021.

#### RESPONSE

- ❖ **1,115,091 vaccine doses have been administered in Malawi.** 606,724 and 260,867 people have received the first and second doses of AstraZeneca vaccine, respectively, while 247,500 people have received a full dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, bringing the total number of fully vaccinated people to 508,367.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>COVAX has delivered to Malawi 1,575,840 doses of COVID-19 vaccines</b> (AstraZeneca and Johnson &amp; Johnson) since March this year.</li> <li>❖ <b>COVID-19 vaccine stocks are available in all vaccination sites.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>More vaccines expected to arrive in Malawi in the coming weeks via COVAX.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>With overall funding of about \$4 million from Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund</b>, under auspices of Canada, 8 UN agencies are supporting the response in (i) effective roll-out of the National Deployment Vaccination Plan; (ii) continuity of education; (iii) Protection (GBV, Child Marriage, Maternal Health).</li> <li>❖ <b>9 INGOs are supporting national and district health authorities to implement the National COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment Plan under an NGO Coalition</b> funded by EU/ECHO. The project is supporting the rollout of COVID-19 national vaccination campaign and runs from 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2022 in seven high risk districts. The INGOs involved include Save the Children, GOAL, CARE, Trócaire, United Purpose, COOPI, CRS, Concern Worldwide and Oxfam.</li> <li>❖ <b>35 COVID-19 vaccine outreach clinics in hard-to-reach areas brought COVID-19 vaccines closer to communities</b> - supported Save the Children.</li> <li>❖ <b>Orientation sessions were conducted with 53 District Executive Committee (DEC) members and 98 Area Development Committee (ADC) members.</b> The orientation focused on introduction of new vaccine (Johnson and Johnson) and the roles of these structures in demand creation for the vaccine - Save the Children support.</li> <li>❖ <b>541 local leaders and 160 religious leaders were engaged on their roles and responsibilities in creating demand for COVID-19 vaccine</b> and how they can dispel some myths and misconceptions about the vaccine – Save the Children support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Community engagement field guide for COVID-19 was developed/updated by MOH</b> - Save the Children support. MoH will be using the tool when conducting community engagement meetings in the districts.</li> <li>❖ <b>42 District Health Promotion Officers and Community Health Coordinators</b> were trained on use of the community engagement field guide.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION &amp; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Moi)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>COVID-19 vaccine awareness raising campaigns conducted through mobile van</b> which was moving around the communities informing people about availability of COVID-19 vaccine and where they can access them - Save the Children support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Awareness raising meetings were conducted reaching 322 Health Care Workers</b> in order to understand their fears and misinformation about COVID-19 vaccine and how they can create demand for COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>❖ <b>Focus Group Discussions (FGD) were conducted with different groups of people including youth, community leaders, health workers and other influential members.</b> The FGDs aimed at understanding knowledge levels and perceptions of community members on COVID-19 vaccine. Findings revealed a lack of COVID-19 vaccine information among community members, and that some community members are still reluctant to get vaccinated because of myths and misconceptions.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education; Save the Children &amp; UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>The resumption of in-school school meals is now effective with over 500,000 children</b> receiving a daily hot breakfast before class and smallholder farmers accessing a stable market for their produce.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>FOOD SECURITY</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: DoDMA &amp; WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Over 51,000 refugees are registered with UNHCR in Malawi as of August 2021. Food needs have been increasing since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic due to limited access to livelihood activities.</b> Due to funding constraints, WFP Malawi has only been providing reduced food rations (in the form of cash) and additional funding to support refugees to meet their basic needs is urgently required.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport &amp; WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>MoH being supported with construction of container labs at several border entry points.</b> Construction work in three districts is ongoing – WFP support.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>PROTECTION</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>
 <p><b>AGRICULTURE</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>
 <p><b>NUTRITION</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>
 <p><b>WASH</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>

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