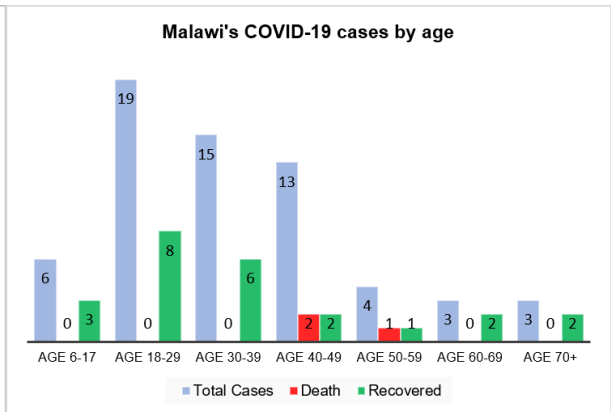
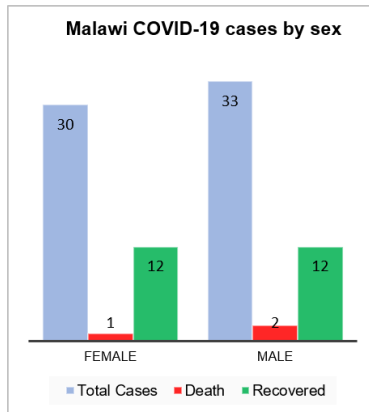


1. MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **Malawi in a declared State of Disaster**
- ❖ **Injunction against 21-day lockdown still stands pending review Supreme Court**
- ❖ **Prevention and response measures are being implemented**
- ❖ **Government, UN, NGO and Partner coordination structures in place**
- ❖ **[COVID 19 National Information Dashboard](#) run by Ministry of Health**



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **63 cases (36 active)**
- ❖ **3 confirmed deaths**
- ❖ **24 recovered**
- ❖ **1 621 tests done**
- ❖ **1 675 suspected**
- ❖ **11 out of 28 districts affected**

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **4 258 666 cases**
- ❖ **294 190 confirmed deaths**
- ❖ **Cases in 216 countries and places**
- ❖ **Over 1.5 million recovered**

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **51 752 cases in 47 countries**
- ❖ **1 553 confirmed deaths**
- ❖ **17 653 recovered**

2. COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

2.1 COORDINATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Disaster Management Affairs and Public Events (MoDMAPE) and UN Resident Coordinator

- ❖ The **Presidential Task Force on COVID-19**, co-chaired by Dr. John Phuka from the University of Malawi (College of Medicine) and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development met this week.
- ❖ A **UN Task Force on COVID-19** is directing the UN response, with WHO as the technical lead and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) ensuring coordination and coherence.
- ❖ The **Humanitarian Country Team (HCT)** and Clusters are holding weekly meetings to ensure better coordination and track progress in the COVID-19 response.
- ❖ The HCT has tasked the **Inter-Cluster Coordination team** to explore better ways of strengthening coordination structures at the district level.
- ❖ The Government through the **National Preparedness and Relief Committee** has tasked the Inter-Cluster Coordination team to incorporate Agriculture; Nutrition; and Shelter and Management clusters into the revised National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan and recommended that the Economic Empowerment cluster be embedded into the Labour Force and Participation cluster.
- ❖ The **Emergency Appeal** to support UN and NGO contributions towards the national COVID-19 response, launched on 4 May, has been revised upwards to **US\$140 million** from US\$139.2 million.
- ❖ A **letter requesting that access to the humanitarian corridor remains open** was sent by the UN Secretary-General to His Excellency President Mutharika. The Government gazetted guidelines on universal humanitarian access in the event of lockdown which mandates Ministry of Disaster Management Affairs and Public

	<p>Events (MoDMAPE) and District Council authorities to issue clearances free of charge to those individuals and organizations providing essential services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A calendar of meetings, group mailing lists, a repository to store and share information and a 5W interactive dashboard providing information on all actors responding to the COVID-19 response is available and supported by the RCO and MoDMAPE
<p>2.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SUB-CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Moi)</p> <p>Supported by: UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, UNESCO, UN Women, FAO, UNHCR, Malawi Red Cross Society, GIZ</p>	<p>Production of communication materials and media content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Seven interpersonal communication videos were produced by UNICEF and began airing on three national TV broadcasters and community radios <p>Radio and television messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Over 8 million people continued to receive messages on COVID-19 prevention through radio, television and other mass media this week. ❖ A COVID-19 animated video showing on social media platforms has registered 1 207 views and 30 shares on Malawi Institute of Journalism (MIJ) and UNICEF Facebook pages in addition to continuous circulation on other social media, WhatsApp and twitter; a Chichewa language version is being produced <p>Local community messaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ So far, 46 552 people have been reached with COVID-19 social and behaviour change communication activities including community engagement sessions, community radio dialogues and edutainment by UNICEF partner SWET <p>Risk communication and community engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Government deployed a national team to the northern region to strengthen district engagement in community engagement and case management ❖ Daily press briefings on the evolving outbreak situation ❖ Daily updates through ZODIAK radio ❖ Interactive COVID-19 messages on Airtel *929# ❖ Push messages on Airtel and TNM in both English and Chichewa are ongoing ❖ Mobile van units for the distribution of information, education and communication materials in Lilongwe, Blantyre, and Mangochi
<p>2.3 HEALTH CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO</p> <p>Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS), GIZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Rehabilitation of isolation centres in Karonga, Mzuzu, Mchinji, Dedza, Blantyre and Mwanza is underway by the MoH with support from the Global Alliance for Vaccination and Immunization (GAVI) ❖ Rehabilitation of the Emergency Treatment Centre at Kamuzu Central Hospital, including construction of a septic tank, fitting of telephone extension lines and site clearing, was completed by MRCS and GIZ ❖ Continued accessibility to maternal, new-born and sexual reproductive health services to women and girls is being verified through spot-checks on family planning products in districts and selected health centres by UNFPA ❖ Visits delivering COVID-19 messages to a culminative 26 358 households occurred in Mzimba, Ntcheu, Chikwawa, Dedza, Lilongwe, Zomba, Mangochi, Salima, Nkhotakota, Nsanje & Neno by MRCS and government health workers, supported by GIZ and MoH ❖ A total of 10 031 people were screened through borders and health facilities by MRCS and government health workers in Chitipa, Karonga, Rumphi, Mchinji, Dedza, Lilongwe, Mwanza, Blantyre and Mchinji, supported by UNICEF ❖ A Ministry of Health team conducted supervision visits to seven health facilities: Mzuzu central hospital, Karonga hospital, Mzimba north hospital, Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, Zomba Central Hospital, Chikwawa District hospital and Nkhotakota district hospital. The team also met the councils, community and other opinion leaders to orient them on COVID-19 and encourage them to be part of the response to overcome community resistance
<p>2.4 TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) and WFP</p> <p>Supported by: UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The UN continues to provide logistics support to the humanitarian stakeholders on a cost recovery basis through WFP ❖ The WFP Aviation Global humanitarian passenger air services is now operational to provide critical air transport services to humanitarian staff, the UN, NGOs, the broader humanitarian community and medical personnel involved in the COVID-19 pandemic response. Flights to Malawi are pending approval from the Government; the Johannesburg humanitarian hub is expected to be established over the coming week

<p>2.5 WASH CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development and UNICEF Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Following tests on 13 water sources in Mzuzu, Mchinji and Blantyre, as well as six boreholes around the Mwanza Emergency Treatment Unit, several were treated with flush chlorine to ensure the availability of safe drinking water during the COVID-19 response period ❖ Around 350 000 people have been reached to date with WASH-related messages through hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships, mobile vans, and community radios, by UNICEF, MRCS and other WASH partners ❖ 732 soap tablets were supplied to Malawi Prison Service in Ntcheu and Nsanje and 1 530 Hand Washing materials were distributed in Mwanza by the MRCS
<p>2.6 PROTECTION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDS, IOM, ILO,</p>	<p>Special Groups and Protection Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Cluster currently has 21 Partners covering 25 districts and 13 response areas, with ongoing assessment of capacity gaps in district coordination and service delivery ❖ A Child Helpline and Gender Based Violence Crisis Line is being operated by YONECO, with support from several partners ❖ 14 partners are undertaking awareness-raising on protection issues and reporting mechanisms while 12 partners are working on GBV prevention and response ❖ The Protection Cluster issued a statement calling on all partners to prevent gender-based violence during the COVID-19 emergency; UNFPA provided resource materials to support cluster members in this endeavour ❖ The results of last week's UNICEF's U-report poll on myths related to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and violence against children show limited understanding of services available for women or children during the COVID response amongst registered U-Reporters indicating the need for increased awareness-raising in this area ❖ Special communication programmes targeting the refugee community in Dzaleka camp and host villages were produced and disseminated this week by Plan International Malawi, including through radio and SMS messaging and the Girls Get Equal movement in the camp, supported by UNHCR ❖ Community representatives began a weekly one-hour live programme on Yetu Community Radio this week to sensitize Dzaleka Camp residents on set referral pathways on COVID-19 ❖ Protective materials including reusable masks were issued to refugee volunteers by Plan International Malawi, but insufficient funds are available to support the ongoing protective material needed in Dzaleka camp ❖ 220 visually impaired persons received COVID-19 awareness booklets in Braille, produced by NGO CAHESH. The 120 people reached in Ntcheu will act as awareness raisers for the remaining 180 visually impaired persons in the area who are unable to use Braille books. ❖ UNFPA is leading UN implementation of the Protocol against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and strengthened outreach to partners on ensuring compliance in the COVID-19 context ❖ An action plan to guide clusters to mainstream gender in their interventions was developed by the gender-based violence sub-cluster ❖ Information, education and communication materials such as banners on where to access services on gender-based violence were distributed to districts of Nkhata Bay, Mzimba, Dowa, Ntchisi, Machinga and Nsanje by the Spotlight Project <p>Social Protection (WFP, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO, FAO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The first bi-weekly Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) bulletin was released on Monday May 11th providing data on current survival MEB for the rural areas (based on regions) and urban areas within Malawi, measuring the overall impact of COVID-19 on household well-being ❖ A targeting mechanism was designed by Government for urban cash transfers to some 185,000 households in urban and peri-urban areas, planned to start this week, supported by WFP and UNICEF ❖ From 18 May, all vendors and buyers in Lilongwe City markets are required to wear face masks while in the markets, ordered by Lilongwe City Council

<p>2.7 FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) and WFP Supported by: UNICEF, WFP, FAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A Joint taskforce between the Social Support and Food Security Cluster for implementation of Covid 19 interventions was established ❖ Four interventions targeting 850,718 poor and vulnerable households have been designed, requiring US\$152.6 million to implement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ urban emergency cash transfer; ○ horizontal expansion of the social cash transfer programme in Bomas; ○ horizontal expansion of the social cash transfer programme in rural areas; and ○ vertical expansion of the social cash transfer programme
<p>2.8 EDUCATION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Education; Save the Children and UNICEF</p> <p>Supported by: WFP, UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Distribution of Corn Soya Blend plus remaining stocks already in schools as take-home rations began this week in Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe, Zomba and Dzaleka refugee camp, targeting 15,000 children ❖ Online learning for lower secondary classes has begun, accessible to learners on the Ministry of Education website (Link) via no-cost access through TMN and Airtel bundles. A tool to monitor quality of access and impact of distant learning is being developed by the Department of Information and Communication Technology, the Ministry of Education and UNICEF ❖ 28 District Education Managers and District Information Officers were oriented on COVID-19 prevention to support social mobilization at district level by the Ministry of Education with support from UNICEF
<p>2.9 NUTRITION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health and UNICEF</p> <p>Supported by: WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 130 district and facility level health workers were briefed by MoH senior management on the amended Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) guidelines and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) key messages in the context of COVID-19 in six districts (Phalombe, Mulanje, Zomba, Mwanza, Neno and Likoma), supported by UNICEF ❖ 377 community health workers were briefed on COVID-19 in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Neno, Mulanje and Mangochi districts with support from UNICEF ❖ 80 village water committee members and 28 village development committees were oriented on COVID 19 in Nsanje and Phalombe by Hunger Project with support from UNICEF ❖ District health workers were oriented on district nutrition coordination in the context of COVID-19 with support from WFP and the Ministry of Health

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