

2.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SUB-CLUSTER

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

Supported by: UNICEF, WHO, UNFPA, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO, UN Women, UNHCR, Malawi Red Cross Society, GIZ



Radio, television and other media messaging

- ❖ Over **8 million people continue to receive messages on COVID-19 prevention** through mass communication channels, including television channels, U-report, print, 3 National Radios, and 12 community radios, supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **85,935 people have cumulatively accessed messages through social media coverage** by SWET, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **Radio programmes themed 'Zimachitika'** were produced and began broadcasting on 1 national radio and two community radio stations to increase participation of children in alternative learning modalities provided by the government and other learning institutions, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ The public can access the **COVID-19 information** by dialing *929#, 321 (Airtel), 54747, or by sending "hi" through WhatsApp to 0990 800 000.
- ❖ **Faith leaders** have been disseminating messages on COVID-19 using different platforms through the Public Affairs Committee (PAC).

Local community messaging

- ❖ A **COVID-19 design challenge** was launched by UNICEF to strengthen risk communication and community engagement, encouraging youth to identify **solutions to counter the social and economic impact** of COVID-19
- ❖ COVID-19 orientation and coordination meetings for **Community Health Coordinators, District Information Officers and Health Promotion Officers** in all the three regions were supported by ONSE, LGAP and HC4L
- ❖ **Orientation of journalists** on COVID-19 in all the three regions included discussion on the prevailing myths, misconceptions and miscommunication to COVID-19.
- ❖ An **operational guide for community health workers** on COVID-19 measures in Malawi was being distributed to districts councils and HSAs during trainings
- ❖ **Interface meetings with communities** using mobile van units in all the districts are ongoing. Community engagement at national and district levels is ongoing through different platforms.

2.3 HEALTH CLUSTER

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO
Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCs), GIZ

- ❖ So far, **5746 COVID-19 tests have been conducted in 14 laboratories** across Malawi using the PCR methodology. Testing is being expanded to other district hospitals using GeneXpert machines, so far Mwanza, Neno, Dedza, Mchinji, Chitipa and Karonga District hospitals are ready to start testing using this technique
- ❖ **Door to door messaging** by the MRCS reached 42,058 HH (231,319 people) in the last week of May with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages, and simultaneously collected data of **district level feedback/ rumour tracking**, supported by UNICEF and GIZ
- ❖ **Allowances for laboratory staff to work overnight** on the overwhelming number of samples from returnees was supported by UNICEF, UK Aid and MRCS
- ❖ **The Trace, Test, Treat (3Ts) approach** was rolled out to nine districts of Lilongwe, Blantyre, Karonga, Chitipa, Mchinji, Ntcheu, Dedza, Mwanza, Mulanje and Mangochi to facilitate overall testing and follow up efforts, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **Surveillance and screening was strengthened** through engagement of two disease surveillance consultants in Blantyre and Lilongwe, supported by WHO and capacity strengthening in Blantyre, Lilongwe, Karonga, Chitipa, Dowa, Mchinji, Dedza, Mwanza and Ntcheu by MRCS, UNICEF and WHO
- ❖ A **standard operating procedure for managing returnees** from abroad was developed and implemented including ensuring adequate PPEs for health, immigration and police officials, sanitary products and hygiene packs for deported returnees (bucket, blanket, soap, tissues), supported by WHO
- ❖ **Training of medical personnel** throughout the country continued with the support of MoH, MRCS, GIZ and WHO

2.4 TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CLUSTER

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

- ❖ **The Government of Malawi** granted access to the humanitarian access corridor without restriction, which will facilitate a WFP operated a regional cargo and passenger aviation service to transport members of the humanitarian community (UN, I/NGO, embassies and donor community) to/from Malawi
- ❖ **The Supply Portal continues** to facilitate requests by national authorities and humanitarian partners to critical supplies, managed by UNICEF Malawi
- ❖ In support of the District Health Office and Ministry of Health COVID-19 response, WFP erected **5 Mobile Storage Units** to serve as temporary isolation centres in Blantyre
- ❖ To assist with the arrival of returnees from South Africa to Malawi, WFP transported **300 welcome packets** (including food and water) from Blantyre to Mwanza border post, on behalf of Catholic Relief Services and the Blantyre District Health Office
- ❖ 4500 N95 face masks, 32,770 safety boots and 1650 gumboots were procured locally through Central Medical Stores Trust; 63000 surgical face masks and 4000

	<p>isolation gowns were procured through Project Hope; 7119 Lab Test kits, 74 Detection kits, 71 Swabs, 148 Detection kits, 1 PAP ventilator, 28 Infrared thermometers, 8547 N95 Facemasks, 56943 surgical face masks, 2705 face shields, 132 goggles, 14236 gloves, 2837 protective clothing and 1 infrared thermal detection machine were received from Jack Ma; 1000 1litre hand sanitizers received from Ethanol company; and 1344 face shields, 1350 N95 Facemasks, 2000 Gloves, exam latex in a box of 100, 4480 gowns and 25 thermometers were imported by UNICEF</p>
<p>2.5 WASH CLUSTER Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development and UNICEF Supported by: WHO UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Strategic hand washing and sensitization took place in 119 crowded places, supported by MRCS, while WASH-related messages conveyed through community radios, hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships, and mobile vans reached 1,410,000 people including 395,005 children under 18 years (191,510 girls and 203,495 boys), supported by UNICEF ❖ Four water sources were tested this week, making a total of 34 water sources with the capacity to serve 8,500 people that have been made safe, supported by UNICEF ❖ Distribution of WASH supplies (3000 tabs of soap, 10 buckets (60 litres), 20 water testing kits, 32 garbage bins, 600 hygiene posters and 1,200 Menstrual Hygiene pads) was supported by UNICEF at six emergency treatment units (Kamuzu Stadium, Blantyre, Mwanza, Mchinji, Mzuzu and Lilongwe) ❖ To ensure availability of WASH services for recent returnees, UNICEF provided essential WASH supplies to its partner United Purpose in preparation for response to the returnee Malawians in and around Blantyre.
<p>2.6 PROTECTION CLUSTER Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF Supported by: UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDS, IOM, ILO, Malawi Red Cross Society, Tithetse Nkhanza!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To provide basic psychological first aid to callers and appropriate referral/ follow up for cases of child protection and gender-based violence, UNICEF is supporting Youth Net and Counselling (YONECO) to deliver the Child Helpline, and Gender-Based Violence Crisis Line ❖ Capacity to respond to handling gender based violence cases during the COVID-19 pandemic was strengthened through development of specific guidelines with the Malawi Judiciary; a radio drama on gender based violence aired on 3 June via the YONECO platform; and supporting frontline partners to help women establish safety plans, through by <i>Tithetse Nkhanza!</i> and Dfid <p>Support to returnees and deportees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A joint rapid need's assessment was undertaken at Mwanza border by government authorities and the UN, which proposed reception sites in the southern region and led to an improved reception process that was adopted ❖ 1855 face shields, 150 N95 face masks and 20 medical gowns were donated to the Department of Immigration for use by all officials at ports of entry, supported by IOM and UNFPA ❖ Blankets, sleeping bags, soap and transport was provided to 440 deportees/returnees by MRCS and UNICEF; while PPEs and alcohol-based hand sanitizers were provided to 1150 returnees; 91 returnees from Zimbabwe were provided with onward transportation to their various home villages/districts, and Mwanza border officials were provided with PPEs, by IOM ❖ A quarantine site was established in Chilipa and screening at borders is currently underway, those with high temperatures are referred to nearest hospital for further examination <p>Dzaleka Refugee Camp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A radio-based education programme for 233 form 4 learners covering all ten subjects was launched by UNHCR's education partner Jesuit Refugee Services in conjunction Yetu Community Radio in Dzaleka Refugee Camp ❖ Dzaleka camp service providers in SGBV, community mobilization and child protection took part in a radio program at Yetu Community Radio in Dzaleka camp to share what they do in the community and special preventive measures in the COVID-19 context ❖ Essential medication was supplied to the Ministry of Health and the Population Refugee project on 1 June, to be used in Dzaleka Health Centre, supported by Health Partners International of Canada through 'There is Hope'
<p>2.7 FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) and WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The third round of Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) analysis will be available this week (Bulletin #3) and WFP has just begun Round 4 of data collection. Results of the second round analysis are available here ❖ Round 1 of the household-level survey of some 2,500 households is progressing well with over 50% completed and will continue for the next two weeks, supported by WFP. Meanwhile, Malawi was featured in last week's Global

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<p>2.8 EDUCATION CLUSTER</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children and UNICEF</p> <p>Supported by: WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Three subcommittees were established to determine the modalities for the reopening of schools, composed of representatives of private and public universities and colleges, primary and secondary schools, civil society organizations and development partners ❖ WFP Malawi finalized cooperation arrangements with Malawi Red Cross Society to distribute take-home-rations to the 600,000 learners in conformity with measures prescribed by the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19 ❖ A monitoring and evaluation framework for the recently launched Emergency Radio Education Programme for primary students is being developed by UNICEF and the Ministry of Education. The Programme, which targets six million primary school learners, started broadcasting from Monday 18 May 2020 on Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) Radios 1 and 2.
<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"> ❖ An assessment of the effects of COVID-19 on the implementation of community nutrition interventions is being undertaken by the MoH Department of Nutrition, HIV/AIDs with the support of UNICEF; the findings will determine standard operating procedures for community nutrition interventions to minimise infection transmission among community health workers and beneficiaries. ❖ Counselling cards on maternal, infant and young child feeding in the context of COVID-19 are being developed by the MoH Department of Nutrition, HIV/AIDs, with UNICEF support ❖ 8,521 District Nutrition Officers and community leaders, promoters and nutrition cluster members were oriented on COVID-19 preventive measures in 10 districts (Karonga, Chitipa, Mzimba, Nkhata-Bay, NkhotaKota, Kasungu, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Mulanje and Salima) by UNICEF ❖ 200,000 people reached with key messages on nutrition promotion and prevention of COVID-19 through radio jingles in the same 10 districts

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