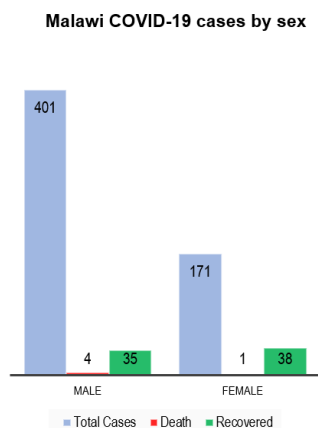


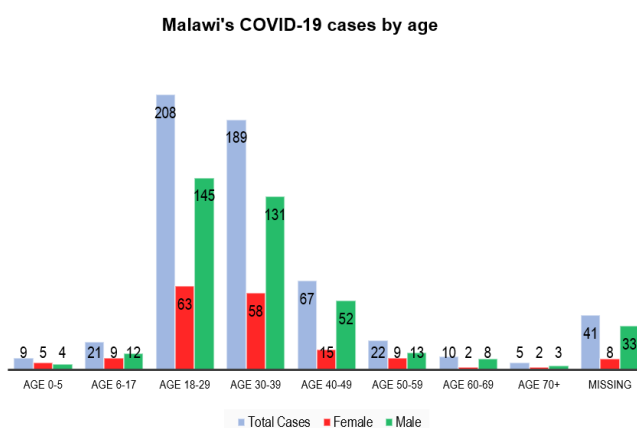
## 1. MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The first COVID-19 WFP Aviation humanitarian flight for Malawi took place
- ❖ Guidelines for reopening schools are being developed
- ❖ Significant support provided to returnees and deportees
- ❖ The second phase take-home rations distribution to 600,000 learners out of school began

Malawi COVID-19 cases by sex



Malawi's COVID-19 cases by age



The above graphs do not include 20 new cases reported on 18<sup>th</sup> June as their disaggregated data was not immediately available.

### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 592 cases (510 active)
- ❖ 456 imported, 118 local transmission
- ❖ 8 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 74 recovered
- ❖ 9 022 tests done, 17 being investigated
- ❖ 24 out of 28 districts affected

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 8 242 999 cases
- ❖ 445 535 confirmed deaths
- ❖ About 4.3 million recovered
- ❖ Cases in 216 countries and places

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 198 594 cases
- ❖ 4 565 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 95 023 recovered
- ❖ Cases in 54 countries

## 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 **Humanitarian Country Team**, the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group and Clusters continue to hold weekly meetings for better response coordination
- ❖ **Shelter and camp management cluster** was included in the revised National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan with a sector requirement of approximately US\$35K
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), group mailing lists, a [repository](#) to store and share information and a [5W](#) interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response.
- ❖ **All district councils are enforcing directives on COVID-19 prevention** including social distancing measures, reducing overcrowding in various public places and central level guidelines on management of COVID-19 funds

### 2.2 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION SUB-CLUSTER

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)  
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 television, U-report, print media and other forms of mass communication, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **COVID-19 prevention messages** continue to be disseminated through local radio stations in all regions, including through a MOH approved **radio jingle**

#### Local community messaging

- ❖ Continued implementation of **risk communication and community engagement** strategies through various platforms including radio broadcasts, supported by Malawi Institute of Journalism, UKAid and UNICEF. Last week's radio monitoring showed that **86% of the people interviewed were able to recall the messages** they heard through the radio broadcasts on issues of COVID-19
- ❖ **176,800 people were reached with COVID-19 messages** through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions in nine districts; Communication support was also provided to returnees at different holding facilities

<p><b>2.3 HEALTH CLUSTER</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) and WHO Supported by: WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS), GIZ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Public health measures</b> to prevent and respond to COVID 19 in educational facilities once they open (currently scheduled 13th July 2020) were developed, supported by Save the Children</li> <li>❖ <b>The refurbishment of the Pirimit isolation centre</b> at Pirimiti hospital is ongoing, supported by Save the Children</li> <li>❖ <b>Training of 60 Health Services Assistants (HSAs)</b> from TA Mwambo and Mulumbe in Zomba in <b>COVID-19 contact tracing and preventive messages</b> was supported by Save the Children</li> <li>❖ <b>Around 2,500 Malawians participated in the UNICEF COVID-19 Youth Challenge</b> launched on 3 June 2020, including 43% participants 18 -24 years old and 40% female, supported by the Segal Family Foundation, CARTEDO, Foundation Botnar and the UK Department for International Development (DFID)</li> <li>❖ <b>Over 8,000 facemasks were procured</b> and will be distributed to early infant diagnosis testing facilities for health workers and to people living with HIV, supported by UNICEF</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.4 TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS CLUSTER</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) and WFP Supported by: UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The <b>first COVID-19 WFP Aviation humanitarian flight for Malawi took place</b> on Tuesday, 16 June transporting two passengers from Malawi to Johannesburg</li> <li>❖ <b>WFP logistics support</b> was provided to UNHCR to store shelter items for Malawian returnees.</li> <li>❖ <b>15,000 facemasks and 4000 gowns were received</b> by Central Medical Stores Trust</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.5 WASH CLUSTER</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation &amp; Water Development and UNICEF Supported by: WHO UNICEF, UNAIDS, UN Women, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Additional supplies were delivered</b> in preparation for the third set of returnees from South Africa, to be hosted in Blantyre and Lilongwe before being released</li> <li>❖ <b>Ten additional latrines were installed</b> at Kamuzu College of Nursing, Blantyre to serve returnees during screening. To date, a total of <b>45 emergency latrines have been installed</b> at emergency treatment units in Blantyre, Mwanza, Mchinji, Mzuzu and KCH and at border posts in Mwanza and Mchinji, supported by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>38,400 people were reached with WASH-related messages</b> through mobile van messaging and <b>9,183 people with proper handwashing demonstrations</b>, bringing to a total of <b>1,410,000 people reached with WASH-related messages</b> by UNICEF</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.6 PROTECTION CLUSTER</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF</p> <p>Supported by: UNFPA, UN Women, UNAIDS, IOM, ILO, Malawi Red Cross Society, <i>Tithetse Nkhanza!</i>, Save the Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Rapid orientation for Community Victim Support Units (CVSUs) on COVID-19</b> and their roles, cumulatively reaching out to 514 CVSU members (<b>308 Males, 206 Females</b>) in the <b>6 targeted districts</b> (Nkhata Bay, Mzimba, Dowa, Ntchisi, Machinga, Nsanje) was completed by Save the Children with support from EU-funded Spotlight initiative through UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>177 community level program staff and 1136 community volunteers</b> were trained on <b>prevention and household case management</b> by One Community</li> <li>❖ <b>27 children living with HIV</b> were given an <b>emergency food basket and transport money</b> for health care services by One Community</li> <li>❖ <b>The Child Helpline and Gender Based Violence (GBV) Crisis Line</b> were operated by YONECO, with support from Trocaire, UNFPA and UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>Programmes on GBV and COVID-19</b> were broadcasted through YONECO, community radio programmes and SMS with support from UNFPA</li> <li>❖ <b>GBV, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and COVID-19 awareness</b> messaging were mainstreamed into trainings for mentors, who will coach adolescent girls and young women, supported by UNFPA.</li> <li>❖ <b>Case management training for health front line staff</b> was conducted by USAID-CARE Titukulane</li> </ul> <p><b>Support to returnees and deportees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Government social workers and gender officers conducted a <b>rapid vulnerability and psychological first aid assessment for 400 returnees</b> (300 returnees from India and 100 deportees from South Africa) who arrived over the weekend by air, supported by Save the Children</li> <li>❖ In Mwanza, 934 returnees were tested and 144 tested positive for COVID-19; 101 deportees were tested and 12 tested positive for COVID-19. At Kamuzu International Airport 110 returnees were tested and 7 tested positive for COVID19; 292 deportees were tested and 2 tested positive for COVID-19.</li> <li>❖ In 8 districts, health facilities underwent an <b>Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)</b> Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assessment with support from the Organized Network of Services for Everyone's health</li> <li>❖ <b>159 Malawian Nationals (67 self-sponsored from UK and 92 deportees from South Africa)</b> who came through Kamuzu International Airport in Lilongwe were provided with face masks and hand sanitizer</li> <li>❖ A <a href="#">survey questionnaire</a> was administered to returnees/migrants on arrival and at the reception centres by IOM in consultation with MoDMAPE, aiming to predict regional and national Migration dynamics</li> <li>❖ The security and enforcement cluster is <b>conducting joint patrols in border posts</b> at all points of entry</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Dzaleka Refugee Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ As of Monday, 15 June 2020, there are 20 asylum seekers at the reception centre <b>quarantine and isolation facility</b> of which 3 are COVID-19 positive cases while the remainder have tested negative and are under quarantine and monitoring by the MoH Surveillance/Medical Team</li> <li>❖ <b>Supplementary food and dignity kits</b> were distributed to vulnerable children and families by UNCHR and its implementing partner Plan International Malawi, targeting 60 children with sickle cell, 15 child headed households, 70 teen mothers and 200 children living with disability</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.7 FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER</b></p> <p><b>Coordinated by:</b> Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) and WFP</p> <p><b>Supported by:</b> UNICEF, WFP, FAO, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The fourth round of <b>Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)</b> data collection ended on 12 June and the 3rd Bulletin was released on June 16 by WFP (<a href="#">click here to download</a>).</li> <li>❖ The first round of <b>household-level food security data collection with GeoPoll</b> will end this week and results will be shared via a series of monthly bulletins by WFP</li> <li>❖ <b>The hotspot verification exercise for the urban cash response</b> by the Government to respond to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in urban/peri-urban areas of Lilongwe, Blantyre, Zomba, and Mzuzu was recently completed by WFP</li> <li>❖ The process of acquiring more resources for the <b>district urban response</b> in Balaka, Mangochi, Machinga, Salima, Nsanje is currently underway by WFP</li> <li>❖ Returnees were supported with <b>food items at the isolation centres</b> by the cluster</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.8 EDUCATION CLUSTER</b></p> <p><b>Coordinated by:</b> Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children and UNICEF</p> <p><b>Supported by:</b> WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ On June 15 a second phase <b>take-home rations distribution to 600,000 learners</b> out of school began; cash/in-kind distributions are also being done in the seven districts in which WFP provides school meals in Malawi</li> <li>❖ <b>Space for returnees was provided</b> in teacher training colleges.</li> <li>❖ <b>Self-study materials</b> on English, Mathematics, Chichewa, Agriculture and Biology are being developed, targeting community day secondary school learners in hard-to-reach areas, supported by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>District councils and district education cluster members</b> from Mzimba, Rumphi, Karonga, Dedza, Ntcheu, Salima, Nkhotakota, Blantyre urban and rural and Zomba urban and rural were oriented to activate district education clusters and will now <b>develop action plans based on the national response plan</b>, supported by UNICEF and Save the Children</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.9 NUTRITION CLUSTER</b></p> <p><b>Coordinated by:</b> Ministry of Health and UNICEF</p> <p><b>Supported by:</b> WFP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Radio jingles and posters to disseminate <b>maternal infant and young child nutrition COVID-19 messages</b> were finalized and shared with partners</li> <li>❖ An assessment on the <b>impact of COVID-19 on community nutrition interventions</b> was conducted by the MoH to support development of SOPs for implementing community nutrition interventions to prevent COVID-19 infections</li> <li>❖ <b>Modification of school health and nutrition interventions</b> including food and cash transfers from school platforms to household level currently underway</li> <li>❖ <b>Nutrition education and advocacy</b> for people living with HIV/TB patients in the context of COVID-19 was strengthened</li> <li>❖ <b>2,780 area development committee members</b> and care group volunteers were sensitized on COVID-19 preventive measures in Lilongwe, Dowa and Nkhata-Bay districts. Also, <b>800 health surveillance assistants and 26,000 care group volunteers</b> in Lilongwe, Dowa, Nkhata Bay and Karonga were trained on maternal, infant and young child nutrition, supported by UNICEF and the World Bank</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.10 AGRICULTURE CLUSTER</b></p> <p><b>Coordinated by:</b> Ministry of Ministry of Agriculture (MoAFS) and Food Security and FAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>A resource handbook for running farmer field schools</b> in Times of COVID-19 was developed by FAO; MoAFS will <b>orient extension workers</b> on using the handbook, with support from FAO</li> <li>❖ <b>Key stakeholders involved in agricultural assessments, data collection</b> and dissemination of messages related to COVID-19 in Malawi were convened by FAO to facilitate coordination and reduce duplication, a follow up exercise to map all stakeholders was initiated</li> </ul>

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