COVID-19 Update
Situation Update No. 17
at 10 July 2020

MALAWI SUMMARY
❖ 1,984 cases (1,588 active)
❖ 717 imported, 1,196 local transmission
❖ 29 confirmed deaths
❖ 369 recovered
❖ 18,814 tests done, 73 under investigation
❖ 27 out of 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY
❖ 11,874,226 cases
❖ 545,481 confirmed deaths
❖ About 6.9 million recovered
❖ Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)
❖ 520,198 cases
❖ 12,117 confirmed deaths
❖ 253,299 recovered
❖ Cases in 54 countries

MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS
❖ 35,000 households received emergency seeds, livestock and equipment to guard livelihoods and food security during the COVID-19 response
❖ 39,600 learners received take home rations this week
❖ 16,800 testing kits were distributed
❖ 574 persons received community based mental health support

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW

Funding Required $ 345M
Reported Funding $ 150.1M
% Funded 43.4
No of Donors 41
No of Operational Partners 27

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

COORDINATION
Coordinated by: Ministry of Disaster Management Affairs and Public Events (MoDMAPE) and UN Resident Coordinator
❖ A calendar of meetings, group mailing lists, a repository to store and share information and a 5W interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response and a financial tracking tool for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools
❖ Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation information (RM and 5ws) was collected from the different Clusters and updated

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION
Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)
❖ 984,376 people were reached with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages in Chitipa, Karonga, Mzuzu, Mzimba, Salima, Nkhotakota, Lilongwe, Mchinji, Dedza, Nkhata Bay, Machinga, Mangochi, Zomba, Blantyre, Neno, Mwanza, Mulanje, Nsanje and Chikwawa supported by MRCS
❖ Risk communication and community engagement activities reached 7512 people in the districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Chitipa, Karonga, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mulanje, Nkhotakota, and Salima, conducted by USAID ONSE
### HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

- **320** persons reached through community surveillance, case reporting and tracking
- **16800** testing kits were distributed
- **3450** people were screened in public places

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<td>Inadequate infection prevention materials for volunteers and staff activities</td>
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<td>Shortage of test kits and cartridges for geneXpert testing machines</td>
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### TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

- **16 mobile storage units** erected for storage, screening and isolation

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<td>Limited information on MOH and partner core pipeline requirements and priorities inhibit efficient transport planning</td>
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### WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

- **269,979** people benefited from hand washing facilities

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<td>Increased resources to support volunteer out-reach travel costs</td>
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PROTECTION

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

- 240 traditional and community leaders (162 women and 78 men) in Dedza, Salima, Blantyre, Mangochi, Mulanje and Zomba were orientated on COVID-19 prevention including gender aspects from 30th June to 7th July supported by UN Women in collaboration with Malawi Interfaith AIDS Association and district gender and social welfare officers from the targeted districts
- 29 women councillors from the Eastern and Southern region were engaged on the role of female councillors as community leaders in the COVID-19 response between 30th June and 7th July, supported by UN Women in partnership with Women’s Councillors’ caucus, Malawi Local Government Association (MALGA), MoG, MoLG MoH
- YONECO Helpline counsellors were trained in GBV legal frameworks and referral pathways to increase their capacity to respond to helpline calls with support from Tithese Nhlanza
- 230 children (125 girls, 105 boys), 291 parents (204 women 87 men), and 53 caregivers (29 women 24 men) received community based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Machinga and Blantyre District Social Welfare Offices with support from UNICEF
- 78 couples experiencing domestic disputes due to the effects of COVID-19 received mediation and counselling services from Machinga District Social Welfare Officers
- 64 returnees (10 women, 54 men) from South Africa were provided with psychological first aid at Machinga Teachers Training College returnee holding centre (29 June – 3 July)
- 137 people (54 women, 83 men), including the returnees who were found to be COVID-19 positive and their close relatives, were provided with remote psychological first aid (1-3 July)
- In Dzaleka Refugee Camp there are currently 9 COVID-19 confirmed cases with 3 recoveries and 6 active cases amongst refugees and asylum seekers; MoH has intensified tracing of secondary contacts in the refugee camp
- Orientation and awareness raising of community leaders (18 men, 10 women), 32 women leaders’ session and youth leaders (16 men, 16 women) within the refugee camp on gender and the COVID-19 response, with a focus on GBV prevention, stigma and the enforcement of COVID-19 prevention measures supported by UNHCR and UN Women in collaboration with the MGCDSW, the National Social Mobilization Committee, and MoH

Needs and Gaps

- There is an urgent need to curb the rapid spread of the virus at community level through awareness raising but local leaders cannot access zoom facilities
- Limited resources for psychosocial support to persons affected by COVID-19 on dealing with secondary impacts (i.e. increased reports of violence, child marriage)

FOOD SECURITY

Coordinated by:
Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) & WFP

- The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) sound 5 bulletin will be published this week by WFP. Minimal fluctuations in the overall value of the basket were observed but there were slight increases for the Rural North, Rural Centre, and Rural South due to a slight increase in the price of pulses
- Take home rations distribution to learners in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba, Mangochi Dedza and Salima is underway; this week 66% of the targeted 60,000 learners were reached by MRCS in collaboration with WFP and MoEST
- The Hunger and COVID-19 Snapshot for Malawi is available here: a new weekly resource by WFP providing an overview of the food security situation, COVID-19 caseloads and trends in health and market access indicators

Needs and Gaps

- COVID-19 restrictions have affected normal household operations, limiting access to livelihood activities and increasing food insecurity. Households require support with basic needs such as food and nutrition security, for example, through multipurpose cash transfers
- WFP currently has a funding gap of USD 42.4 million to fully support the COVID-19 response plan in Malawi

EDUCATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children & UNICEF

- The Ministry of Education National Planning Taskforce on re-opening of schools, colleges and universities during COVID-19 pandemic on 4 July 2020 released guidelines for re-opening of colleges and universities Link
Nutrition prevention activities through social behaviour change communication radio jingles, incorporated COVID-19 related nutrition messages in five southern districts of Balaka, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba, undertaken by WFP.

The fourth bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System was released by MoAFS with support from FAO.

Emergency distribution of seeds, livestock and minor equipment has taken place to safeguard the livelihoods and food security of 35,000 households, farmer field schools and 2,300 care groups across the country with support of the EU (Afikepo and KULIMA programmes), DFID (PROSPER), USAID, Irish Aid and other partners.

Production of messages to assist and guide farmers to continue performing their production activities amidst COVID-19 is currently ongoing under the coordination of the Department of Agriculture Extension Services.

COVID-19 specific posters, brochures and radio programmes under the Small-Scale Fisheries Project were produced by FAO in collaboration with Department of Fisheries, through MoAFS for distribution to fishing communities in Salima, Mangochi and Dedza districts.

Needs and Gaps

Urgent funding is required to support personal protection equipment for Agriculture Extension Workers to ensure that food production activities are not affected in the medium term.

Support is required for the rain-fed season including massive communication for COVID-19 prevention during this process.

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