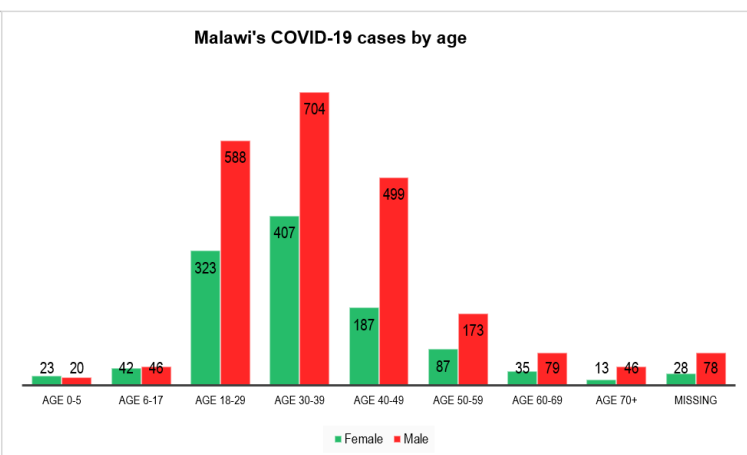
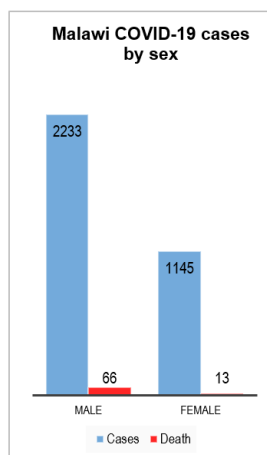


MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ One Oxygen plant was completed, and 4 more Oxygen plants are needed
- ❖ Over 18 000 testing swabs and 15 000 sample collection kits received
- ❖ Over 86% of 600,000 learners targeted for take-home rations reached
- ❖ Over 600 survivors of violence reached with protection services
- ❖ WFP Aviation supported 32 humanitarian passengers to move in and out of Malawi
- ❖ Funding to cover salaries for 7 months for secondary and primary school teachers at Dzaleka Refugee Camp was confirmed to sustain teaching and learning
- ❖ New contributions to the response have been confirmed as: (i) US \$45.07M from the African Development Fund; (ii) US \$20.4M from the Global Fund.



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **3 386** cases (1 979 active - 84 are new)
- ❖ **916** imported, **2 470** local transmission
- ❖ **1 328** (46 are new) recovered
- ❖ **79** (3 are new) deaths
- ❖ **25 756** (475 are new) tests done
- ❖ **24 902** suspected nationally
- ❖ All **28** districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **15 446 800** cases
- ❖ **632,178** confirmed deaths
- ❖ About **8.76 million** recovered
- ❖ Cases in **216** countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **769,608** cases
- ❖ **16 435** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **435 476** recovered
- ❖ All **54** countries affected

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

Funding Required \$	Reported Funding \$	% Funded	No of Donors	No of Operational Partners
345M	175.7M	50.9	54	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 (RM and 5Ws) was collected from different Clusters and updated.



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

- ❖ About **1 million people (51 percent women)** were reached with **COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages** using local communication channels like community and national radio stations, van publicities, mobile cinema, billboards,

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)

100 000 OSAYIDELERA COVID-19 posters produced and ready for MoH's use

hygiene campaigns and megaphone messaging in 19 districts supported by UNICEF, Malawi Red Cross Society and Red Cross partners.

- ❖ **100,000 OSAYIDELERA COVID-19 posters** have been produced with support from USAID (Health Communication for Life) HC4L. The posters are ready for dissemination through MoH, districts and community structures across Malawi to reinforce ongoing RCCE activities.
- ❖ Through the *Moyo ndi Mpamba* Facebook page, **19 166 people were reached with COVID-19 infection prevention messages** and working with Youth Wave Malawi and other youth organizations to popularize COVID-19 campaign messages on various social media platforms under the hashtag **#OsayideleraCOVID_19** supported by USAID HC4L
- ❖ **Community leaders in all districts have been oriented on COVID-19.** They are continuously undertaking community surveillance and promoting preventive measures in their communities.
- ❖ **Key information brochure** which provides information on monitored Frequently Asked Questions for community structures and the general public on managing information and misinformation management, rumour management, supporting case-finding, contact tracing and case-referral was produced and distributed by Ministry of Health-Health Education Services

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ RCCE is not fully rolled out in all the districts to be able to continue sensitizing the rural masses



HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

18 000 Testing swabs,
17 500 GeneXpert cartridges
3 000 Abbott reagents
15 000 Sample kits received

1 oxygen plant completed at QECH but

4 oxygen plants still needed

- ❖ **Over 18 000 swabs for testing** have been procured and received, with support from WHO at the value of USD 18 240
- ❖ **17 500 GenXpert cartridges, 3 000 Abbott reagents and 15 000 sample collection kits** were received with support from Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI)
- ❖ **One oxygen plant was completed** at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH).
- ❖ **Screening of over 24 000 travellers** at Mwanza, Karonga and Kamuzu International Airport. Cumulatively, more than 44,000 travellers and people visiting district hospitals and institutions were screened with UNICEF support
- ❖ **Resources worth US\$67 828 130 in commitments were mobilized** representing 98% of Health Cluster costs in the National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Shortages of Personal Protective Equipment
- ❖ A **funding gap of US\$1 383 000** remains, representing 2% of the total Health Cluster costs in the National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.
- ❖ **4 more Oxygen plants** are needed in the country.
- ❖ Pledges of donations are many but difficult to base on for distribution planning since they are not fulfilled yet.
- ❖ Some donations are bypassing Ministry of Health resulting in inequitable distribution and compromises on accountability.



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

1 Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) erected, but

3 MSUs are needed at airport

- ❖ The process of **emergency commodity redistribution in support of the COVID-19 items** is underway. This involves relocation of commodities from various district health offices to their specific health centres supported by GHSC-PSM Regional Commodity Logistics Officers in collaboration with District Health Offices in the North, Central and Southern regions.
- ❖ **The WFP humanitarian flights resumed operating** according to the plan this week with 17 outbound passengers to Johannesburg on 21 July and 15 inbound passengers to Lilongwe expected on 23 July.
- ❖ **1 Mobile Storage Unit (MSU)** was erected last week at Partners in Hope Clinic in Lilongwe to be used for isolation purposes. A **request to erect 3 MSUs** at the airport has been to be used as a waiting area, testing site and MoH office has been received. Installation works for these MSUs commenced on 21 July.



WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

- ❖ **Hand washing and sensitisation in 55 strategic points** such as big shops, mobile markets, churches, hospitals and fish markets has been done, reaching **36 042 people (52% women)** in 18 districts supported by MRCS, UNICEF, MoH and GIZ.
- ❖ **WASH supplies worth US\$1 250 were provided to Nalikule TTC returnee holding centre** as part of COVID-19 response to returnees from South Africa. The supplies consist of 750 tablets of soap, 30 plastic buckets, 20 plastic basins and ten 25kgs drums of chlorine bleaching powder supported by UNICEF through Water Aid.

55 strategic points were targeted for hand washing sensitisation

267 given emergency WASH supplies

❖ **267 returnees were provided with emergency WASH supplies** at Machinga TTC returnee holding facility supported by UNICEF partner United Purpose (UP)

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Resources to support volunteers' outreach activities. There is need for increased resources on volunteer upkeep and travel costs.
- ❖ Department of Water is yet to get its US\$ 80,000 for activity implementation.
- ❖ Coordination in some districts lacks support from partners. They are also requiring physical presence due to lack of good connectivity.
- ❖ Water points functionality data is not always available, affecting implementation.



PROTECTION

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Gender, Children,
Disability and Social Welfare
(MGCDWS), UNICEF, UN Women

60 chiefs oriented on COVID-19 and gender issues

600 survivors of violence received protection services

6 300 persons received mental health support and child protection services

8 active COVID-19 cases at Dzaleka receiving care

285 face masks distributed to Dzaleka secondary students

- ❖ **20 women farmers** from 5 cooperatives with **728 members** participated in **COVID-19 awareness learning labs** in Mangochi organised by mHub with support from UN Women support.
- ❖ **60 traditional leaders** (14 women) from Machinga, Mulanje, Zomba and Blantyre, were **oriented on COVID-19 prevention and gender equality** with UN Women support. This also covered GBV prevention and positive social norms in COVID-19.
- ❖ **Referral Pathways for Violence against Women and Girls Service Providers** was launched on 23rd July by the Gender Ministry with support from *Tithetse Nkhanza* who are also supporting initial orientation of users.
- ❖ **About 6 300** children, parents and primary caregivers received community based **mental health and psycho-social support** and **child protection services** using a case management approach in Blantyre and Machinga supported by UNICEF.
- ❖ **Basic psychosocial support** was also provided to **580 Child helpline/ GBV helpline callers** (108 women, 472 men/ 198 children, 382 adults) through conversations with counsellors, supported by UNICEF. 49 of the calls directly related to COVID-19.
- ❖ **Over 600 survivors of violence** were reached with protection services including psycho-social support and referrals to other necessary services in July 2020 through the **50 Community Victim Support Units** revamped with UNICEF support.
- ❖ **166 returnees received hand sanitizers** (70mls bottle each) and 7 medical face masks each, supported by IOM
- ❖ **120 survey questionnaires were administered** to returnees in Malawi by IOM. The [survey](#) will help predict the regional and national migration dynamics; and trends and patterns in the SADC region to inform future migration programming, evidence-based policy and advice to governments.
- ❖ **5 of the 13 COVID-19 positive cases** in Dzaleka Refugee Camp have recovered. The 8 who are still positive and asymptomatic are in isolation unit, receiving care.
- ❖ Dzaleka Refugee Camp **isolation facility's construction has been completed**. Service provision at the facility has started.
- ❖ **DFID confirmed funding to cover teachers' salaries for seven months** for Dzaleka refugee camp secondary and primary schools (August 2020 to February 2021) to sustain teaching and learning amid COVID-19. 78 teachers will benefit.
- ❖ **PPEs, 3 Refugee Housing Units, 2 computers, 2 printers** and other related materials such as gumboots, face masks and gloves for frontline workers were donated to the Immigration Department by UNHCR.
- ❖ Rwandan refugees distributed PPEs worth MWK1.8 million to Kamuzu Central Hospital as part of their solidarity with the host country.
- ❖ **285 face masks were distributed to Dzaleka secondary school students** by beneficiaries of DAFI, a German education scholarship for refugee students.

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Lack of refugees' commitment to wear masks calls for more awareness.
- ❖ Lack of hope and motivation among teachers due to school closures.






FOOD SECURITY

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

- ❖ **Round 6 Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) Bulletin** was [published](#) on 23rd July by WFP. Key highlights include:
 - Increased maize supplies, dampened demand from private traders, and low market dependency during the current post-harvest period are keeping prices on a relatively stable trend.
 - For the first time this year, current maize grain prices are slightly lower than during this same period last year.

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ WFP currently requires USD 150,000 to continue remote monitoring in Malawi

 <p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children & UNICEF</p> <p>519 842 learners received take-home rations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ So far, 304 radio education programmes out of 400 have been broadcasted for primary learners. A discussion is underway to extend the radio programme with Malawi Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) beyond the end of July. ❖ Meanwhile, UNICEF and partners provided technical support towards the development of school reopening guidelines so that Malawi can open back better whenever it is deemed safe to do so. ❖ 519 842 learners, out of the targeted 600 000, had received food and cash distributions for take-home rations of school meals in seven districts Dedza, Chikwawa, Mangochi, Nsanje, Phalombe, Salima and Zomba from WFP in collaboration with the Malawi Red Cross Society.
 <p>NUTRITION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2 478 000 people (about 551,000 households) were reached with key COVID-19 related nutrition messages supported by UNICEF. ❖ 2 380 care group cluster leaders, 1 975 promoters and 170 local leaders were oriented on nutrition related COVID-19 preventive measures in Mzimba South. This brings the total to over 58,820 care group volunteers who have been oriented on nutrition related COVID-19 preventive measures in the 18 UNICEF districts.
 <p>AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture & FAO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fifth Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) was released by MoA with support from FAO. The bulletin contains real time information on the status of food availability/security, performance of agricultural produce markets, prevalence of animal diseases and access to veterinary services, as well as post-harvest losses in the time of COVID-19 ❖ COVID-19 awareness activities are on-going in rural areas, with increased coverage to ensure that farmers are adhering to preventive measures while engaging in food production and other productive activities <p>Needs and gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ More funding required to prepare for the rain-fed agriculture season. The Agriculture Cluster has managed to source only for USD 630,000 as confirmed contributions, which represents only 2.1% of total needs ❖ Provision of inputs for the forthcoming rain-fed season in the face of COVID-19 required ❖ Need to support national extension systems to embrace e-extension initiatives and alternative means to help reach out households with advisory services

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