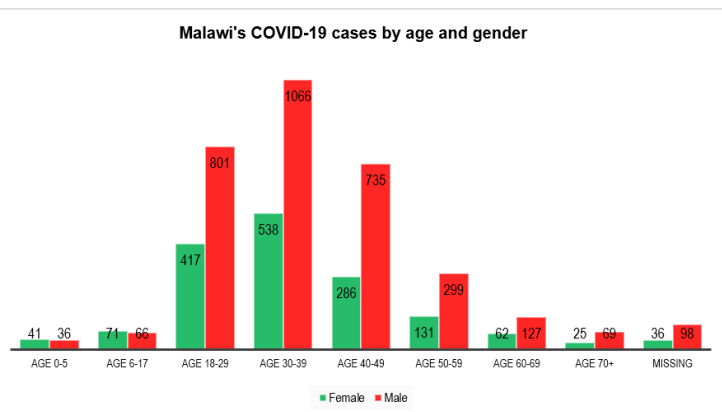
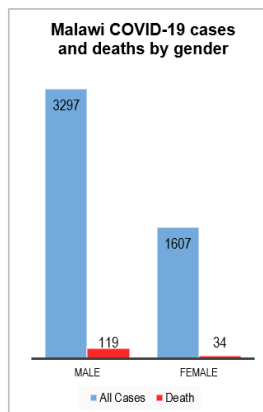


MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ **New COVID-19 guidelines gazetted on 7 August**
- ❖ **4,818,599 people reached with COVID-19 messages this week**
- ❖ **3,215 travellers screened at points of entry**
- ❖ **225 MoH support staff oriented on screening, triage, prevention and control**
- ❖ **Labs are running out of GeneXpert cartridges**
- ❖ **Urgent support needed to install over 40 tents for storage, screening and isolation**
- ❖ **20% of surveyed households reported using emergency livelihood coping strategies over the past month, an increase of 16%**



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **4 912 cases** (2,207 active - 160 new)
- ❖ **1 071 imported, 3 841 local transmission**
- ❖ **2 550 (21 new) recovered**
- ❖ **153 (1 new) deaths**
- ❖ **37 746 (1 995 new) tests done**
- ❖ **37 879 suspected nationally**
- ❖ All **28** districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **20 952 811 cases**
- ❖ **760 235 confirmed deaths**
- ❖ **13 015 397 recovered**
- ❖ Cases in **216** countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **1 074 486 cases**
- ❖ **24 276 confirmed deaths**
- ❖ **769 999 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	242.9M	70.3	63	26

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

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

- ❖ **New [guidelines to prevent and respond to COVID-19](#) were gazetted** by the Government on 7 August; consultations underway to build greater acceptance and ownership of the guidelines.
- ❖ MoDMAPE is finalizing the **successor National COVID-19 Response Plan**, expected to be ready by 21 August, with support from the UN cluster coordination structure
- ❖ 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 & COMMUNICATION

- ❖ **A total of 644,025 people were reached with COVID-19 messages** through door to door, mobile van and community drama sessions and social media supported by UNICEF

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (MoI)

818,599 people reached with COVID-19 messages this week

- ❖ **3,661 persons** were reached with **risk communication and community engagement activities** in 10 districts, supported by USAID ONSE
- ❖ Over **147,500 people** were reached with **COVID-19 infection prevention and case management messages** in 18 districts through mobile vans, village cries/announcements and community dialogues, youth clubs, radio listeners' clubs and community theatre groups, supported by USAID HC4L
- ❖ **23,413 people** were reached with **COVID-19 infection prevention messages** through the Moyo ndi Mpamba Facebook page and collaboration with Youth Wave Malawi (Facebook and WhatsApp)

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ Not enough resources to implement RCCE activities in all the districts
- ❖ There is a need for information on home care for COVID-19 to combat speculations and self-medication



HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

3,215 travellers screened at points of entry

12 clinicians received case management training

225 MoH support staff oriented on screening, triage, infection prevention and control

- ❖ **Surveillance, epidemiologic investigation, rapid-response, and case investigation** conducted by MoH to address reported underutilization of the 51 testing sites and concerns around limited contact tracing, shortage of test kits and lack of adherence to testing protocols, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **Mentorship of all laboratory staff on the usage of RT-PCR and GeneXpert** provided by MoH through the Clinton Health Access initiative (CHAI), supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **Orientation of 225 MoH support staff** in Karonga, Chitipa, Salima, Chikwawa, and Mulanje on COVID-19 screening and triage, infection prevention and control, and PPE, supported by USAID ONSE
- ❖ **Case management training for 12 clinicians** in Chitipa and Mulanje, supported by USAID ONSE
- ❖ **Testing for 874 persons and contact tracing for 272 persons** in 14 districts supported by USAID ONSE
- ❖ **3,215 travellers screened at points of entry** at Kamuzu International Airport, Karonga, Mwanza and Mangochi over the past week by Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS), supported by UNICEF and UKAid Irish government
- ❖ **PPE distributed** to the Departments of Gender and Social Welfare, Police Victim Support Units and One Stop Centres in Mangochi and Lilongwe districts by Tithetse Nkhanza

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ **Labs are running out of GeneXpert cartridges** and there are none in stock at the central warehouse
- ❖ Expert deployment required to guide health workers as they manage patients



TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

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

11,200 surgical gowns procured for MoH frontline workers

15 passengers transported on international WFP flights this week

- ❖ **MoH Regional Commodity Logistics Officers** conducted follow up activities with pharmacy personnel to ensure improved reporting rates for the upcoming week, supported by the GHSC-PSM project
- ❖ **11,200 surgical gowns procured** with funds from the Health Sector Joint Fund (HSJF) for use by the Ministry of Health (MoH) frontline workers were received into the UNICEF warehouse
- ❖ **15 passengers supported with flights in and out of Malawi** by WFP
- ❖ UNICEF supported with **temporary storage (approximately 75m²) of COVID-19 supplies** by the Logistics Cluster

Needs and Gaps

- ❖ The **Logistics Cluster is severely underfunded with only 7% of required funding received**, leaving a funding gap of \$1.6m for critical response interventions
- ❖ Urgent support needed to install over 40 tents for storage needs, screening and temporary isolation across the country requested by the Ministry of Health.



WASH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF

4 million people reached with WASH related messages

- ❖ **465 Malawian returnees** at Machinga returnee screening centre **received emergency WASH supplies and services** supported by United Purpose and UNICEF
- ❖ **Eleven additional latrines** installed at Thyolo emergency treatment unit bringing the number of emergency latrines installed to date to a total of 90 at 72 emergency treatment units, 10 border points and 8 at Machinga returnee screening centre, supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **Over four million people** were reached with **WASH-related messages** through radios, hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships, mobile van messaging, IEC materials and newspapers supported by UNICEF through United Purpose with funding from UKAid.

 <p>PROTECTION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UN Women</p> <p>1040 people reached with community based mental health & psychological support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 1,040 people reached with community based mental health and psychosocial support in Blantyre and Machinga districts supported by UNICEF ❖ Distribution of face mask at Dzaleka refugee camp is ongoing as well as education on social distance, jointly supported by UNHCR, MoH and MoHS ❖ Protection services provided to vulnerable groups including children living and/or working on the streets and girls that have entered marriage or become pregnant during school closure by District Social Welfare Offices with support from UNICEF ❖ About 50 GBV and child protection related cases were registered through the Child Helpline/ Gender Based Violence (GBV) helpline supported by UNICEF <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ COVID-19 messages need to better target people living with vulnerabilities ❖ Inadequate funding is still an issue; the protection cluster has a funding gap of US\$ 4.8 million
 <p>FOOD SECURITY</p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) & WFP</p> <p>20% of surveyed households reported using emergency livelihood coping strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Market Monitoring: Key findings from the Round 7 bulletin show that current maize grain prices are trending below 2019 levels for the second consecutive week this year. ❖ COVID-19 Household-Level Food Security Monitoring: Round 2 bulletin key findings illustrate that 91% of household are currently classified as having <i>acceptable</i> food consumption. However, some 20% of surveyed households around the country reported that they had employed emergency livelihood-based coping strategies (such as selling female animals, selling land, migrating to a new location, begging/illegal activity, etc.) within the last 30 days to access food, an increase of 16% from Round 1. ❖ Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) and Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) analysis: The IPC analysis process—both urban and rural—concluded on Sunday, August 9th. The Government/MVAC report—with technical support from WFP—is being drafted and slated to be submitted for Government approval by Monday, August 15th.
 <p>EDUCATION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children & UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Supporting MoEST to develop self-study materials to strengthen distance learning during the school closure through radio and online. Six modules are ready for printing and 14 additional modules are being finalized with support from UNICEF ❖ A MoEST internal committee established to lead preparation of school reopening using the recently launched school re-opening guidelines. Internal and external consultations are underway with wide range of stakeholders including the teachers union, parents, Malawi National Examination Board, private schools, etc. ❖ Distribution of school reopening guidelines by MoEST to stakeholders at zonal and school level
 <p>NUTRITION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 297,823 people reached with nutrition key messages on prevention of COVID-19 in 3 districts supported by UNICEF and WFP ❖ 37 Care Group Promoters trained on nutrition related COVID-19 preventive measures supported by UNICEF in collaboration with the Hunger Project and Nsanje District Council ❖ 1.2 million people reached with Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition jingles in the context of COVID-19 on local radio stations 4 districts supported by WFP
 <p>AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO</p> <p>\$500,000 required to continue Emergency Food Security and Agriculture Surveillance System</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Technical support to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis received technical support by FAO and the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) team will extend the analysis to include data from the 4 major cities Lilongwe, Blantyre, Mzuzu and Zomba ❖ Protocols on best practices to engage farmers in extension services/support are being revised to integrate new COVID-19 preventive measures issued by MoA <p>Needs and gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Data collection efforts started by MoA with support from FAO requires additional funding to cover all districts across the country, currently 18 districts are covered. ❖ At least US 500,000 is required to ensure the Emergency Food Security and Agriculture Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) continues to operate until July 2021.

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