COVID-19 Update
Situation Update No. 22
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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 cartilages
❖ 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)

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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
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

Surveillance, epidemiologic investigation, rapid-response, and case investigation conducted by MoH to address reported underutilization of the S1 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 cartilages and there are none in stock at the central warehouse
Expert deployment required to guide health workers as they manage patients

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.

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.
PROTECTION

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

- 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

FOOD SECURITY

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

- At least US$ 500,000 is required to ensure the funding of data collection efforts started by FAO in 2020 to be revised to integrate new indicators and strategies from the 4 major cities Lilongwe, Blantyre, Mzuzu and Zomba.

EDUCATION

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

- 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.

NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

- 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.

AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO

- 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

Needs and Gaps

- 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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