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COVID-19 Update

Situation Update No. 24 at 28 August 2020

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MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- A phased re-opening of schools from 7 in September was announced. Facility audits and developing response plans at school level are currently underway
- Govt urgently requires more than US\$6.76 million for safe re-opening of schools
- Staff from all COVID-19 51 testing sites trained on new testing protocols
- 6 health care facilities and 4 emergency treatment units assessed for operational effectiveness
- 21 mobile storage units erected in 9 districts for storage, screening and isolation
- 617 returnees at Nalikule, Domasi and Machinga TTC were provided with WASH services
- 1 813 000 people reached with protection, gender and inclusion messages
- 15 radio stations aired agriculture extension messages covering COVID-19 issues



MALAW SUMMARY

- 5 496 cases (2 202 active 22 are new)
- 1 098 imported, 4 398 local transmission
- **3 121** (36 are new) recovered
- 173 deaths
- 43 798 (295 are new) tests done
- All 28 districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- 24 271 466 cases
- * 827 670 confirmed deaths
- 15 848 667 recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- 1 212 359 cases
- 28 619 confirmed deaths
- 942 491 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	261.3M	75.6	81	26

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

COORDINATION Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)	 DoDMA is finalizing the revised National Preparedness and Response Plan for July to December 2020 including a new cluster on local governance and a monitoring and evaluation framework. Cross-cluster engagement to ensure the safe re-opening of schools. The Emergency Operation Centre is engaging the Department of Civil Aviation to ensure that all requirements are in place for safe re-opening of airports. A <u>calendar of meetings</u>, group mailing lists, a <u>repository</u> to store and share information and a <u>5W</u> interactive dashboard on the COVID-19 response and a <u>financial tracking tool</u> for the emergency appeal are available as resource tools
	 Needs and Gaps Government urgently requires more US\$6.76 million for safe re-opening of schools

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)	 A total of 1,813,000 people were reached with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages through local communication channels such as community and national radio stations, van publicity and megaphone covering 19 districts supported by MRCS and partners, UNICEF, GIZ and MoH Communication and community engagement activities reached 180,006 people in 12 districts conducted by USAID ONSE
HEALTH	 Laboratory staff from all 51 testing sites in the country were trained on new approved testing protocols, discuss technical challenges and how to resolve errors and reduce wastage, supported by UNICEF with funding from DFID Contact tracing for 131 people and testing for 509 people conducted in 14 districts
Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO	 supported by USAID ONSE 930,520 people were reached with COVID-19 messages through door-to-door campaigns in 19 districts supported by MRCS
Staff from all 51 testing sites trained on new testing protocols	Assessments on infection prevention and control undertaken in six health care facilities and four emergency treatment units which identified issues of inadequate supervision, erratic availability of soap, and staff working on extended times supported by UNICEF.
6 health care facilities and 4 emergency treatment units assessed	 COVID-19 death audits were conducted to identify issues related to the increasing number of COVID-19 related deaths and to inform future response, supported by UNICEF through CHAI
03363360	Needs and Gaps
	 Need for more resources due to increase coverage and needs
	 1.3 million cloth face masks purchased for distribution to communities with high burden disease, supported by UNICEF 21 mobile storage units erected in 9 districts for storage, screening and isolation by the cluster
Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) & WFP	 MOH has requested that the Logistics Cluster provide support to store an incoming PPE donation from Direct Relief later this week (approx. 200 m3) MoH has requested WFP support to deploy four mobile logistics bases (container labs) in four districts; both organisations are currently reviewing the design, specifications and other requirements
21 mobile storage units	
erected in 9 districts	 Needs and Gaps Currently only 8% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded, leaving a gap of \$1.4million for critical response interventions Limited information on pipeline requirements from Ministry of Health and partners
WASH	Close to 4.2 million people were reached with WASH-related messages through community radios, hand washing demonstrations at markets, communities and townships, mobile van messaging, IEC materials and newspapers, supported by United Purpose, UNICEF and UK Aid
Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF	 WASH Supplies were distributed to community and Health Care Facilities in 8 districts supported by CARE Malawi, World Vision, Oxfam and Water Mission 617 returnees at Nalikule, Domasi and Machinga TTC were provided with WASH services with support from United Purpose.
617 returnees provided with WASH supplies	 Needs and Gaps The government has announced reopening of schools, hence the need for more hygiene promotion and WASH supplies in schools. The cluster is facing challenges in obtaining WASH data for schools and health
	facilities
PROTECTION Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children,	 About 1,813,000 people were reached with protection, gender and inclusion messages through door to door campaigns and strategic hand washing facilities in 19 districts supported by MRCS and UNICEF 127 callers were provided with psychological first aid during the reporting period, which brings the total number of callers supported to around 3,500, provided by UNICEF and the national child helpline and gender-based violence crisis line
Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UN Women 1,813,000 people	 Collating evidence on the impact of COVID-19 in Malawi, to inform triggers to the COVID-19 response supported by UNICEF and ILO on behalf of the Social Protection Development Partner Group Needs and Gaps
reached with protection, gender and inclusion messages	 Limited coordination on protection issues at the district level. Inadequate security (police) at returnees holding centres Coordination challenges for partners at the returnees holding centres

FOOD SECURITY Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) & WFP	 The Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) and Market Monitoring, data collection for Round 9 was completed and data analysis is underway Meanwhile the second round bulletin on COVID-19 Household-Level Food Security Monitoring was published, with data analysis and report writing for the Round Three bulletin currently underway The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report was submitted to Government and is currently with the President's Office for approval. The report was analysed and co-drafted by WFP and the Government
EDUCATION Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the Children & UNICEF	 A road map for a phased re-opening of schools from 7 September was developed by MoEST with support from UNICEF and the education Cluster, with detailed schedules and the examination dates still under discussion. Using the reopening guidelines, schools are undertaking facility audits and developing response plans at school level Needs and gaps The cluster has inadequate funding to facilitate safe re-opening of schools
NUTRITIONCoordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF271,400 caregivers reached with COVID relevant infant and young child feeding messages	 More than one million people were reached with key nutrition messages through jingles on community radios and mobile vans in three districts supported by UNICEF in collaboration with World Relief and district councils About 271,400 caregivers of children 0 to 59 months were reached with infant and young child feeding messages in the context of COVID-19 in four districts. This brings the overall total number of people reached with various key nutrition messages on COVID-19 with UNICEF support to more than four million people in the 18 UNICEF focus districts 12 megaphones and 6 boxes of batteries were procured to be used in the communities for sensitization on nutrition and covid-19 response activities by Emmanuel International with support from WFP
AGRICULTURE Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO 15 districts broadcasted agriculture extension messages inclusive of COVID-19 awareness	 The Eighth Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) was released by the Ministry of Agriculture with technical support from FAO Preparations for the rain-fed agriculture season are ongoing across the country. Targeting of participants for the government-funded programmes will take place in the coming weeks 15 districts broadcasted agriculture extension messages inclusive of COVID-19 awareness and adherence to preventive measures supported by FAO The Agriculture Cluster has reviewed its response plan and reduced urgent requirements of funds to US25.5 million as per guidelines of the COVID-19 presidential task force Meeds and gaps Additional funding is required to prepare for the rain-fed agriculture season. The Agriculture Cluster has managed to source only 21% of total needs, as confirmed and pledged contributions Funding for the provision of Personal Protective is required, particularly to ensure that extension staff will be able to support farmers effectively in the coming months as activities for rain-fed crop production intensify
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