

# UNITED NATIONS COVID-19 Update

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## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- 18 units of oxygen concentrators were procured
- 4 Mobile Storage Units erected in Lilongwe and Mzuzu
- Over 40 000 refugees and asylum seekers received food support
- Government scheduled to audit schools' readiness to re-opening
- 1.3 million PPEs distributed to health centres in all districts of Malawi
- Assessment of Emergency Treatment Units (ETUs) in 12 districts was supported
- WFP Aviation supported 10 humanitarian passengers to move in and out of Malawi



#### MALAWI SUMMARY

- **3 981** cases (2 065 active 123 are new)
- 983 imported, 2 998 local transmission
- 1 807 (47 are new) recovered
- 109 (2 are new) deaths
- ✤ 29 599 (911 are new) tests done
- ✤ 30 052 suspected nationally
- All 28 districts affected

### **GLOBAL SUMMARY**

- 17 132 653 cases
- 669 256 confirmed deaths
- About 10 million recovered
- Cases in 216 countries and places

#### **REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)**

- \* 890 897 cases
- 18 859 confirmed deaths
- 540 798 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**



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

- The reconstituted Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19 met for the first time on 14th and 15th July and agreed: 1) to finalize the revised response plan by 7th August;2) to boost communications for behaviour change in the communities; 3) to boost management of returnees.
- During this reporting period, the COVID-19 resource envelope had additional U\$\$66.9 million from the Africa Development Bank Group (U\$\$45.7 million), the Government of Germany (£13.25 Million) and European Union (£5.7 million).
- The UN in Malawi in collaboration with the World Bank, Africa Development Bank and International Monetary Fund developed the draft Socio-Economic discussion paper which is aligned with the five pillars of the <u>global framework</u>. The UN team is completing courtesy calls and has invited the government, academia, NGOs and private sector to join the discussions.
- 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
- Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) was collected from different Clusters and updated.



<ul> <li>INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATION</li> <li>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)</li> <li>UNICEF, MRCS and Red Cross Movement Partners, Malawi Government, LGAP, GIZ, USAID</li> <li>million people reached with COVID-19 messages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Over 2 million people, including persons living with disabilities, were reached with COVID-19 preparedness and prevention messages in 18 districts by using local communication channels like community drama sessions, radio stations, van publicities, mobile cinema, billboards, hygiene campaigns, megaphone messaging and social media supported. The messages also included hygiene promotion. They also reached.</li> <li>RCCE activities reaching 19 466 people in the districts of Balaka, Chitipa, Chikwawa, Dowa, Karonga, Kasungu, Lilongwe, Machinga, Mchinji, Mulanje, Nkhata Bay, Nkhotakota, Ntcheu, Salima and Zomba were conducted by USAID ONSE.</li> <li>Orientation exercise of Faith Based Leaders on COVID-19 was completed by the National Social Mobilization Committee (NSMC) with support from UNICEF where 31 leaders were oriented and COVID-19 messages have been recorded for circulation</li> <li>Needs and Gaps</li> <li>People are still reluctant to adopt COVID-19 preventive measures hence need to intensify awareness campaigns</li> <li>Parallel communication channels</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>HEALTH</li> <li>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) &amp; WHO</li> <li>Unicef, Save the Children, GHSC-PSM, USAID ONSE</li> <li>1.3 million PPEs distributed to health centres across Malawi</li> <li>450 workers oriented on COVID-19 related areas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>About 1.3 million PPEs distributed to health centres in all districts of Malawi. They included surgical masks (1 147 760), N95 face masks (25 220), face shields (24 566), isolation gowns (22 731), hand sanitizers (2 000 litres) and disposable caps (38 000. This was supported by USAID ONSE.</li> <li>Additional PPEs and other COVID-19 supplies (N95 face masks, gowns, head caps, surgical face masks, coveralls) were also distributed in Nkhotakota, Likoma, Nkhata Bay, Dowa, Ntchisi and Kasungu.</li> <li>About 450 community health volunteers, frontline health workers, clinicians and MoH support staff were oriented on areas relating to COVID-19 prevention and control, case management, screening and triage, and PPEs in Lilongwe, Phalombe, Zomba, Karonga, Chitipa, Lilongwe and Zomba. Save the Children, USAID ONSE and other partners supported the orientations.</li> <li>A comprehensive assessment of Emergency Treatment Units (ETUs) in 12 of the 28 districts of the country was supported. Based on the findings, UNICEF through Clinton Health Access Initiative will support the establishment of ETUs in 8 districts</li> <li>Refurbishment work and borehole drilling at Pirimiti Hospital COVID-19 isolation centre in Zomba completed with Save the Children support.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</li> <li>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) &amp; WFP</li> <li>Mobile Storage Units erected in Lilongwe and Mzuzu.</li> <li>Oxygen concentrators procured</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>18 units of oxygen concentrators worth USD 65 970 were procured by WHO.</li> <li>4 Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) were erected: one at Mzuzu Central Hospital for isolation of patients, and three at Kamuzu International Airport to be used as a waiting area, testing site and office for Ministry of Health staff. WFP erected the units at the request of the COVID-19 Emergency Operations Centre and Health Cluster.</li> <li>32 humanitarians were transported in and out of Malawi by WFP-managed humanitarian flights last week. This week, WFP flights were scheduled for Tuesday, 28 July and Thursday transporting 10 passengers in and out of Malawi.</li> <li>An assessment of the National and District Supply Chain System was done using the maturity scorecard assessment which allows a country to see where they are in supply chain areas, and where they should prioritize efforts with support from UNICEF.</li> <li>COVID 19 supplies (offshore and local) were procured through Procurement Services Modality with funding from HSJF, GAVI, DFID and World Bank</li> <li>Needs and Gaps</li> <li>There is limited information on pipeline requirements and priorities from Ministry of Health and its partners for efficient planning</li> <li>There is a gap of US\$ 1.614 million</li> </ul>

WASH Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF 55 strategic points were targeted for hand washing sensitisation 30 health workers oriented on water testing and treatment	<ul> <li>Hand washing sensitisation in 55 strategic points (big shops, mobile markets, churches, hospitals and fish markets), reaching over 52,854 people in 18 districts, supported by Malawi Government, Red Cross and Partners, UNICEF, and GIZ</li> <li>30 health workers were oriented on water quality testing using chlorine pool tester and microbiological testing kits, and water treatment using water purifier and chlorine in Karonga, with support from UNICEF partner United Purpose.</li> <li>Needs and Gaps</li> <li>Funding from many partners supporting MRCS WASH activities is ending this month hence a big gap to continue with WASH related activities</li> <li>The need of clear communications on returnees</li> <li>Some major funds for the clusters are ending in Aug and need additional resources to ensure continuity</li> </ul>
PROTECTIONCoordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UN Women56 returnees supported with PPEs11 Covid-19 active cases at Dzaleka being monitored8 active COVID-19 cases at Dzaleka receiving care	<ul> <li>56 self-sponsored returnees (55 men and 1 woman) were supported with hand sanitizers and medical face masks by IOM</li> <li>36 survey questionnaires were administered to returnees by IOM. The survey which is also available online here will help to predict the regional and national migration dynamics; trends and patterns in the SADC region to guide and inform future migration programming, evidence-based policy and advice to governments</li> <li>Conducted Psychological First Aid training in Mwanza and Ntcheu districts reaching out to a multi-sectoral team of 48 participants (34 men and 14 women) at district level supported by Save the Children</li> <li>The Judiciary has developed and approved guidelines for handling of GBV cases during the pandemic, with support from <i>Tithetse Nkhanza</i></li> <li>19 COVID-19 cases were registered in Dzaleka Refugee Camp, with 8 recoveries and 11 active cases. The 11 active cases are all asymptomatic and are currently in isolation unit for care and monitoring</li> <li>84 vulnerable people (9 women and 75 men) received supplementary food items as a response to COVID-19 and a further 271 people (145 boy and 126 girls) were reached with hygiene kits by Plan International Malawi at Dzaleka.</li> </ul>
Every FOOD SECURITY Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) & WFP 40,785 refugees received food	<ul> <li>Inadequate funding is still an issue despite several partners working on protection</li> <li>There is a gap of US\$ 4.8 million</li> <li>Round 2 of the Household-Level Food Security Monitoring data collection would be concluded this week, after which the bulletin will be drafted with WFP support.</li> <li>Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) is being supported by WFP to conduct the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis which is expected to be completed by 9<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>Take Home Ration distribution was finalised in the reporting week in all 7 districts of Zomba, Mangochi, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Dedza and Salima districts supported by WFP in collaboration with MRCS</li> <li>Conducted registration of 3 400 beneficiaries in Karonga, Mangochi Machinga and Ntcheu, for cash transfers supported by MRCS and its Movement Partners.</li> <li>A total of 40,785 refugees and asylum seekers were provided with general food distribution out of the total population of 45,592 individuals, by UNHRC</li> <li>Needs and Gaps</li> <li>About 14,605 (3%) were not served with WFP THR because they were missed on registration by school authorities hence a need for a mop-up distribution to reach those that were left out.</li> </ul>
EDUCATION Coordinated by: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST); Save the	<ul> <li>Government is scheduled to audit schools' readiness to ascertain compliance with the school re-opening guidelines and then determine a possible date to reopen schools and other educational institutions.</li> <li>Ministry of Education is disseminating and adapting the school re-opening guidelines. School orientations on the guidelines are underway.</li> </ul>

Children & UNICEF	<ul> <li>Meanwhile, technical support to the Ministry of Education on the provision of distance learning through radio, online and self-learning materials is being provided by UNICEF. Consideration is being taken to extend the broadcasting of current Emergency Radio Education Programme to community radios to cover learners in hard-to-reach areas.</li> <li>Preparations for the Interactive Radio Instruction (IRI) inductions for radio anchors and District Early Childhood Development (ECD) Coordinators, including development of a monitoring tool which is to be used for initial data collection, were finalised by Save the Children. Data collection will take place concurrently with the inductions.</li> <li>Updates on COVID 19 education response and expenditure to the national Education in Emergency (EiE) cluster to facilitate whole cluster response review demanded by DODMA were provided by Save the Children</li> </ul>
<b>NUTRITION</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF	<ul> <li>73 743 caregivers of 6 to 59 months aged children were reached with key messages on prevention of COVID-19 in Mzimba South, Lilongwe, Dowa and Karonga districts. This brings the total of people reached with key nutrition messages on COVID-19 to 2 551 398 (about 566 977 households) in 18 focus districts.</li> <li>8 662 care group volunteers were oriented on COVID-19 preventive measures in Mzimba South and Lilongwe districts. This brings the total to 67,484 care group volunteers who have been oriented in nutrition related COVID-19 preventive measures in the 18 UNICEF focus districts</li> <li>Needs and Gaps</li> <li>There is a gap of US\$ 23.494 million</li> </ul>
AGRICULTURE Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture & FAO	<ul> <li>The Department of Agriculture Extension Services has been supported to review and adapt messages to enhance extension advisory services to contribute to promotion of COVID-19 awareness and safety practices, supported by FAO.</li> <li>Around 260 District Agriculture Extension Support System (DAESS) structures and Care Group Promoters supporting Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture interventions were mobilized to support COVID-19 message dissemination in 10 districts by FAO</li> <li>Community radios were supported to enhance COVID-19 and agriculture production information dissemination in Chitipa, Karonga, Mzimba, Nkhata Bay, Kasungu, Nkhotakota, Salima, Chiradzulu, Thyolo and Mulanje by FAO</li> <li>Sixth Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) is under review 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</li> <li>Needs and gaps</li> <li>More funding required to prepare for the rain-fed agriculture season. The Agriculture Cluster has managed to source only USD 3 200 000 as confirmed contributions, which represents only 10% of total needs</li> <li>Provision of inputs for the forthcoming rain-fed season in the face of COVID-19 required</li> <li>Need to support national extension systems to embrace e-extension initiatives and alternative means to help reach out households with advisory services</li> </ul>

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