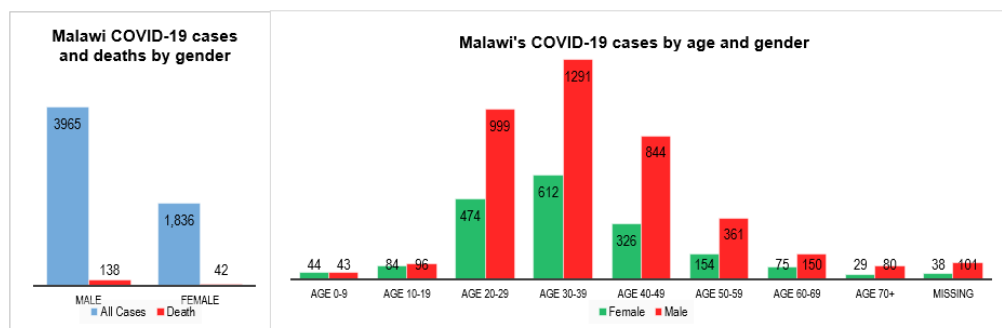


MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ A rapid assessment showed that 13,000 cases of child marriage and 40,000 cases of teen pregnancies have been registered since the onset of COVID-19
- ❖ 6,521 persons screened at points of entry this week
- ❖ 100m³ of PPEs distributed to MoH by the Logistics cluster
- ❖ 132 toilets installed at emergency treatment units, border posts and health centres
- ❖ 10 plastic water tanks were distributed to schools in two districts to ensure safe water for drinking and hand washing
- ❖ 105 programme officers trained on Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- ❖ The Minimum Expenditure Basket round 10 shows maize grain prices continue to trend below 2019 levels but above the five-year average
- ❖ 55% of learners indicate that they will return to school once it reopens
- ❖ 280,000 people were reached through the back to school campaign
- ❖ \$300,000 has been approved by FAO to support safeguarding the fish food source curing COVID-19, amidst the outbreak of the Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome



MALAW SUMMARY

- ❖ **5,809** cases (1,003 active - 6 new)
- ❖ **1,157** imported, **4,652** local transmission
- ❖ **4,626** (51 new) recovered
- ❖ **180** deaths
- ❖ **55,488** (761 new) tests done
- ❖ All **28** districts affected

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **36,445,067** cases
- ❖ **1,060,913** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **25,377,776** recovered
- ❖ Cases in **216** countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **1,538,985** cases
- ❖ **37,103** confirmed deaths
- ❖ **1,267,136** 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)




- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#); information [repository](#); [5W](#) interactive dashboard; [financial tracking tool](#) is available to support coordination of the COVID-19 response



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Moi)

- ❖ **Over one million people were reached with COVID-19 messages** through door to door campaigns, mobile van messaging, community drama sessions and social media supported by UNICEF
- ❖ **29,615 persons were reached with RCCE activities** in 14 districts conducted by USAID ONSE.
- ❖ Out of 3,100 radio listeners interviewed, **2,904 listeners (92%) were able to recall messages on COVID-19** prevention and response supported by UNICEF through Malawi Institute of Journalism

 <p>HEALTH</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO</p> <p>6,521 persons screened at points of entry this week</p> <p>197 health care workers oriented in screening and triage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Electronic integrated disease surveillance and reporting is being scaled up to improve reporting of suspected and confirmed cases from districts to the national level by Clinton Health Access Initiative, Luke International and UNICEF. ❖ PPE and other COVID-19 supplies (N95 face masks, gowns, head caps, surgical face masks, coveralls) was distributed to all Central Hospitals, District Hospitals and health centres of the country by GHSC-PSM ❖ 5,900 road travellers who entered through Karonga Chitipa and 621 air travellers that entered through Kamuzu international airport were screened by health workers with support from MRCS volunteers. ❖ 197 support staff were oriented on priority aspects of COVID-19 such as screening and triage, infection prevention and control and PPE for COVID-19 in four districts supported by USAID ONSE
 <p>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works (MTW) & WFP</p> <p>100m³ of PPEs distributed to MoH by the Logistics cluster for distribution in all districts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Logistics Cluster released over 100m³ of PPEs from common storage to MOH for distribution in all districts ❖ COVID-19 supplies worth US\$ 8.1 million comprising of various PPEs, medicines, medical consumables, medical equipment and WASH supplies have been procured by UNICEF since the onset of COVID-19 ❖ The cluster supported the Ministry of Health with the transportation and storage of 94 cartons of PPE with support from Direct relief. ❖ Non-Food Items and PPEs (basins, hand sanitisers, tapped buckets, liquid hand washing soap, reusable face masks, gloves and wipes) were procured and distributed in the health centres and communities within Balaka, Chikwawa and Phalombe Districts. <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Only 8% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded with a gap of approximately \$1.3m for critical response interventions. Without immediate support, WFP will not be able to continue supporting the national COVID-19 response
 <p>WASH</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Irrigation & Water Development & UNICEF</p> <p>132 toilets were installed at emergency treatment units, border posts and health centres</p> <p>10 plastic water tanks distributed to schools in two districts to ensure safe water for drinking and hand washing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Over 4.2 million people were reached with WASH related messages using different approaches, supported by UNICEF ❖ 112 emergency latrines were installed at emergency treatment units (82), border posts (22) and Machinga teachers training centre returnee reception centre (8). In addition, 20 permanent toilets were constructed at Mchinji emergency treatment unit (4) and at two Health Centres in Mzuzu (16). Similar work is ongoing in Blantyre and Mwanza supported by UNICEF ❖ Water quality testing and treatment of contaminated waterpoints at and around hospitals and the emergency treatment units supported by UNICEF ❖ Distribution of 10 plastic water tanks (10,000 litre capacity each) to ensure availability of safe water for drinking and hand washing to selected schools in two districts through the respective district environmental health officers was supported by UNICEF ❖ Construction and rehabilitation of solar water schemes and sanitation facilities in emergency treatment units is currently being facilitated by the cluster. ❖ WASH supplies and water quality monitoring kits for the Water Users Associations were procured by the cluster. <p>Needs and gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Limited financial resources and consequently limited impact activities ❖ There is a funding gap of US\$ 11.95 million which has an enormous effect on WASH in schools and health facilities
 <p>PROTECTION</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UN Women</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 15,700 people including community members and local leaders were reached with adolescent nutrition, protection, hygiene and COVID-19 prevention messages supported by UNICEF's partner Story Workshop Education Trust (SWET) ❖ 90 callers to the national child helpline and GBV crisis line were provided with Psychological First Aid, including 61 cases that were referred to relevant service providers on gender-based violence and child protection, 23 child marriage cases and 15 "defilement"/ statutory rape cases ❖ 15,000 people accessed community-based mental health and psychosocial support by district social welfare officers in 6 districts supported by UNICEF ❖ 40 hotline nurses and technicians from the National Health hotline, <i>Chipatala cha pa Foni</i>, were oriented on gender-based violence and health (Maternal, Neonatal and Sexual Reproductive Health) in light of COVID-19, supported by UN Women with funding from UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF). ❖ The Ministry of Gender Community Development and Social Welfare commissioned a rapid assessment Child Marriage and Teen Pregnancies. The

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105 programme officers trained on Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

assessment established that Teen Pregnancies and Child Marriages have increased during the covid-19 period with over 13,000 cases of Child Marriages and 40,000 cases of Teen Pregnancies registered

- ❖ **105 programme officers** were trained on **Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation** by UNICEF

Needs and gaps

- ❖ There is need for better mechanisms for collecting data to avoid duplication and at the same time ensuring each sector has the required data.
- ❖ Malawi has a National Strategy for ending Child Marriages 2018-2023 but it lacks budgetary support
- ❖ Need to provide economic support to girls withdrawn from child marriages and those at risk through a special fund



FOOD SECURITY

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

Maize grain prices continue to trend below 2019 levels but **above the five-year average**

- ❖ **Data collection to identify the beneficiaries of the Urban Social cash transfer** programme is in progress until 16 October. The program targeting 185,000 households is planned to run from November 2020 to January 2021. Cash disbursement is planned for K35,000 per households
- ❖ The **Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee** shared the validated traditional authority-level population allocations for the upcoming 2020/2021 lean season response. The ongoing market assessment is collecting data in various areas of the country simultaneously up until 10 October.
- ❖ **Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB)** and Market Monitoring: key findings from Round 10 bulletin show the overall value of the Survival MEBs across all regions marginally increased for both the food and non-food components. In addition, maize grain prices continue to trend below 2019 levels but above the five-year average.



EDUCATION

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

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280,000 people were reached through the back to school campaign

- ❖ The next round of **take-home support for school meals for the remainder of 2020** to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within schools is planned to start in early November with support from WFP
- ❖ Based on results from U-report poll on school reopening, **55 per cent of learners indicate that they will return to school once it reopens** while 41 percent indicate that they will go back only when safety is guaranteed and 4 per cent say that they are not going back due to several reasons. The reasons given by those not going back to school include unaffordability of school fees, fear of catching the virus, pregnancy, because they got married or preoccupied with other chores.
- ❖ Approximately **280,000 people** were reached through the **back to school campaign** led by the Ministry of Information using multimedia channels including mobile van messaging and radio in 13 districts supported by UNICEF
- ❖ All teacher training colleges were **evacuated and the schools were disinfected** by Health Surveillance Assistants.
- ❖ **Guidelines on safe reopening** were shared with all the schools and orientation was done in almost all the primary schools and partly in secondary schools. The education cluster is collaborating with other clusters such as WASH, Health and protection Preparations are underway to undertake a follow up assessment to ensure compliance.

Needs and gaps

- ❖ There is a lack of water supply in some schools especially in rural areas.



NUTRITION

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & UNICEF

- ❖ **Building capacity of care givers to screen for malnutrition at household level** using MUAC (middle-upper arm circumference) and Oedema (Swelling in the ankles, feet and legs is often caused by a build-up of fluid in these areas); and seeking appropriate services at health facility for the children identified with acute malnutrition was supported by WFP and Government



AGRICULTURE

Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO

- ❖ **Services to disseminate the downscaled district seasonal forecast** are being done by the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological services with support from FAO, WFP and UNDP
- ❖ The Ministry of Agriculture has finalized the strategy for the **response to the Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome fish disease outbreak** in Malawi, particularly looking for scientific and technical support to tackle the situation and strengthen surveillance capacity at national level. FAO has approved USD300,000 to support research and surveillance to address the situation and safeguard fish food source during COVID-19.
- ❖ Key highlights from Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System

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(EmA-FSS) released by the MoA with support from FAO show that: The southern region continues to record the highest proportion of households relying on food purchase as the main source of food followed by the central region. Although access to livestock veterinary extension services remains low in the target districts, there was a 5% increase in the month of August compared with July. In August, 21% of households owning livestock had access to veterinary extension services

Needs and gaps

- ❖ The Agriculture Cluster so far has confirmed 23% of the requirements for its COVID-19 response plan.
- ❖ Funding for the provision of Personal Protective items for Extension Workers continues as one of the main gaps of the response plan, particularly to ensure that extension staff will be able to support farmers effectively in the coming months

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