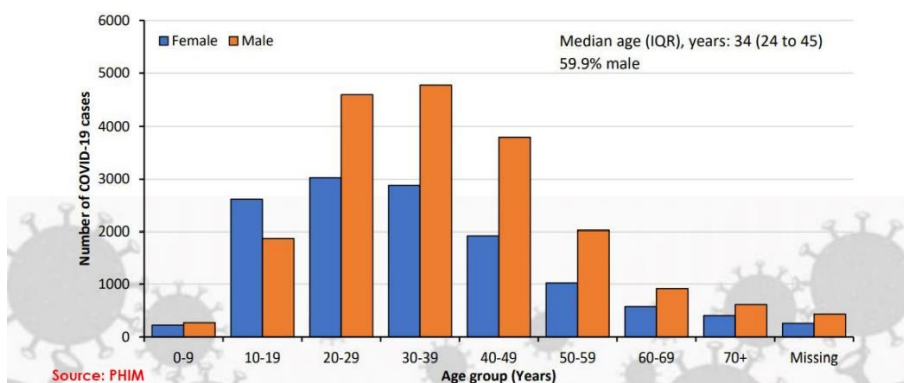


MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 251,368 people vaccinated against COVID-19 to-date since 11 March 2021
- ❖ 4 PCR laboratories successfully participated in quality assurance programme
- ❖ 228,000 households received lean season cash and in-kind food assistance
- ❖ Local leaders and faith leaders engaged on COVID-19 vaccine

Number of COVID-19 cases and 7-day moving average by date of reporting in Malawi as of 11 April 2021



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 33,919 cases; 932 active
- ❖ 31,717 recovered
- ❖ 1,136 deaths
- ❖ 226,302 tests done

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 138,688,383 cases
- ❖ 2,978,935 confirmed deaths
- ❖ Cases in 223 territories

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 4,396,653 cases
- ❖ 117,056 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 3,948,099 recovered
- ❖ All 54 countries affected

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW ([financial tracking tool](#)). This is based on an Appeal made in 2020.

Funding Required (US\$)	Reported Funding (US\$)	% Funded	No. of Donors	No. of Operational Partners
212M	110.8M	51	31	51

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

Coordinated by: DoDMA

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



HEALTH









Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

246,916 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered

4 PCR laboratories successfully participated in quality assurance programme

5,806 travellers screened

- ❖ **251,368 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered** in Malawi as of 16th April, now targeting all people aged 18 years and above.
- ❖ **Four PCR laboratories participated in the External Quality Assurance** programme and all of them had a successful performance of 100%
- ❖ **COVID -19 case management guidelines are being reviewed**
- ❖ **5,806 travellers who entered Malawi in the past two weeks were screened**
- ❖ **Soap, buckets, posters and leaflets (quantities below) valued at \$700,000** were distributed as part of the COVID-19 emergency response, supported by FAO in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Health (MoH). The items have been supported by the EU-funded KULIMA and Afikepo programmes:
 - 799,820 metric tons of soap distributed to 558,455 households in 14 districts. The distribution was done during the first quarter of 2021 to support prevention measures for COVID-19 at household level.
 - 52,931 buckets distributed to 5,264 Farmer Field Schools, Care Group Promoters and Care Cluster Leaders in 14 districts.
 - 26,090 posters with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to complement the hygiene items provided to farmers and extension staff. The posters have been distributed to cluster leaders in 5 districts.

	<p>Additional posters will be distributed to districts in the southern region as well as to Nkhonkhotakota and Kasungu in the central region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 293,000 leaflets with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to equal number of households in 6 districts. Distribution is yet to be done to districts in the southern region and Kasungu in the central region.
 <p>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works & WFP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ One more Mobile Storage Unit (MSU) was deployed to be erected at Mzuzu Central Hospital, adding to over 40 MSUs deployed by WFP to facilitate COVID-19 screening and isolation since the start of the COVID-19 response. <p>Needs and Gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Only 10% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded with a gap of about \$1.6 million for critical response interventions.
 <p>FOOD SECURITY</p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) & WFP</p> <p>2.6 million people facing acute food insecurity</p> <p>108,000 households reached with cash assistance as part of the Rural Lean Season Cash Response</p> <p>120,000 households were reached by the government supported in-kind distribution</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ As part of the rural lean season cash response, 108,000 households in 7 districts have been reached with cash assistance by WFP as of 8th April 2021. About 2.6 million people were identified as facing high levels of acute food insecurity during the current lean season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WFP response also reached people through the expansion of the Social Cash Transfer Programme where the Unified Beneficiary Registry was used for the targeting of the Horizontal Expansion beneficiaries for the first time in a coordinated manner with those on the Social Cash Transfer Programme (SCTP). ❖ A further 120,000 households were reached by the government-supported in-kind distribution in 5 districts with technical support from WFP. ❖ 11,000 households have received the last cycle of cash distributions in response to COVID-19 economic effects in 7 bomas (district towns) supported by WFP. ❖ Mobile Vulnerability Analysis and Mapping (mVAM) on the effects of COVID-19 in Malawi – Malawi Household Food Security Bulletin Round 10 was released. Some of the key findings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food security improved in Round 10 compared to the previous three rounds, as shown by an increase in the proportion of households classified as having acceptable food consumption. This is linked to the ongoing consumption of the green harvest coupled with the influx of humanitarian assistance that is targeting a large portion of the food insecure. • The proportion of households who are employing the most severe consumption-based coping strategies has decreased significantly in the current round of monitoring compared to the previous three rounds. ❖ Efforts to increase oxygen provision in health facilities continue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phalombe hospital oxygen plant is completed and awaiting handover • Oxygen plants at Mzuzu Central, Neno, Nkhoma Mission, and Karonga hospitals are being set up by MoH
 <p>INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Engagement with local leaders and faith leaders on COVID-19 vaccine done. ❖ “Tidziwe za COVID-19” programme on MBC and Zodiak radios giving out messages on COVID-19 vaccine ❖ MoH engagement with the media continued to address questions on COVID-19.
 <p>EDUCATION</p>	No recent updates
 <p>PROTECTION</p>	No recent updates
 <p>AGRICULTURE</p>	No recent updates
 <p>WASH</p>	No recent updates
 <p>NUTRITION</p>	No recent updates

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