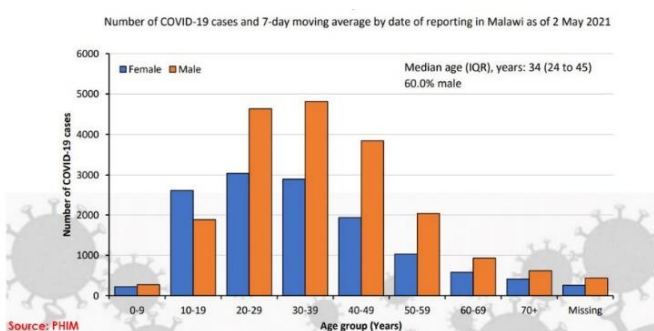


## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ 320,300 people vaccinated against COVID-19.
- ❖ 510,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine received in Malawi.
- ❖ 650 portable chalkboards provided to benefit 26,000 primary learners.
- ❖ 2 million people reached with COVID-19 protection and gender messages.
- ❖ 293,000 leaflets with COVID-19 prevention messages distributed in 6 districts.
- ❖ 57,222 households in 3 districts supported with cash amounting to MK1.3 billion.
- ❖ Court stopped gov't order for all refugees and asylum seekers outside Dzaleka Refugee Camp to return to the camp by 28 April, pending judicial review.
- ❖ UN/UNHCR is part of the Task Force in charge of reviewing the refugee situation under the leadership of the Minister of Homeland Security, and has raised the opportunity to implement the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF)



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 34,180 cases; 729 active
- ❖ 32,164 recovered, 1,153 deaths
- ❖ 236,537 tests done
- ❖ 320,300 vaccinated

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 158,551,526 cases
- ❖ 3,296,855 confirmed deaths

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 4,633,054 cases
- ❖ 124,386 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 4,185,856 recovered

### 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.
- ❖ The Humanitarian Country Team is holding bi-weekly meetings to support coordination.
- ❖ Clusters continue to meet for better response coordination. Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) is regularly being updated. Currently the clusters are finalising the development of the 2021 COVID-19 response plan.











### HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

**290,344** COVID-19 vaccine doses administered

- ❖ **320,300 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered** in Malawi as of 6<sup>th</sup> May, targeting all people aged 18 years and above.
- ❖ **An additional 100,000 doses of AstraZeneca were delivered** through the AU venture. This vaccine had short shelf life and was immediately dispatched for use, more than 80 per cent of it has been utilized. This brings the total number of doses so far received in Malawi to 510,000 (360,000 COVAX facility, 100,000 AU and 50,000 from the Government of India).
- ❖ With the purpose of strengthening the capacity of Community Victim Support Unites (CVSUs), Save the Children handed over four CVSUs that were rehabilitated in Machinga district, which brings the total number of CVSUs revamped by Save the Children in Machinga district to nine.

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<p> <b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport and Works &amp; WFP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ UNICEF has facilitated customs clearance and handling of seven containers containing 13, 000 packs of children's (MUAC) measuring tapes valued at \$50,700.00 and 2,510 sets of portable baby/ infant length-height measuring system valued at \$384,030.00 for the Ministry of Gender procured by nutrition to support the COVID-19 response. These supplies are currently stored at the Central Medical Stores Trust (CMST) Warehouse pending distribution by the Ministry in collaboration with UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ As co-lead of the Logistics cluster supported, WFP (with funding from the Government of Iceland) supported UNHCR with the deployment and installation of 3 Mobile Storage Unit(MSU) tents at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp for the COVID-19 <a href="#">vaccination campaign</a> at the camp.</li> <li>❖ The cluster also further supported Blantyre Adventist Hospital with the installation of a 16m x 10m MSU tent to be used for isolation at the facility.</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Only 10% of Logistics Cluster activities are funded with a gap of about \$1.6 million for critical response interventions.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>FOOD SECURITY</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) &amp; WFP</p> <p><b>57,222</b> households in three districts were supported with cash during the final phase of the Lean Season Response</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>57,222 households in three districts were supported with cash amounting to MWK 1,321,828,200</b> for March consumption month marking the end of the WFP funded Lean Season Response. The Response was supported for 4 months targeting 57,222 households in Machinga, Zomba and Nsanje districts with each household receiving the sum of Mk 23,100.00 per month for period of December to March, 2021.</li> <li>❖ <b>Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB): The <a href="#">MEB Round 25 bulletin</a> has been published.</b> Maize prices decreased significantly in Round 25 of data collection, with the current average national price observed at MK 154 per kilogram, which is 46 percent lower than its 2020 level and 12 percent lower than the five-year average for this same period. This price decrease has been induced by the continued offloading of trader's maize stocks from the previous season as the harvest period begins.</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Though the response has been concluded but Nsanje district had poor rains resulting some people still facing hunger</li> </ul>
<p> <b>INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p><b>2,091,350</b> people across the country were reached with COVID-19 messages</p> <p><b>26,090</b> posters with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to cluster leaders in 5 districts</p> <p><b>293,000</b> leaflets with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to equal number of households in 6 districts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>2,091,350 people across the country were reached with COVID-19 messages</b>, focusing on rectifying myths about COVID 19 vaccination, mindset change for people to internalise COVID-19 preventive and control measures into day-to-day life via radio phone in programs, Jingles, megaphones and van publicities with support from Red Cross Movement Partners, European Commission Humanitarian Office, International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent.</li> <li>❖ <b>293,000 leaflets with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to equal number of households in 6 districts.</b> Distribution is yet to be done to districts in the southern region and Kasungu in the central region.</li> <li>❖ <b>26,090 posters with COVID-19 prevention messages were distributed to complement the hygiene items provided to farmers and extension staff.</b> The posters have been distributed to cluster leaders in 5 districts. Additional posters will be distributed to districts in the southern region as well as to Nkhotakota and Kasungu in the central region.</li> <li>❖ <b>Three videos were produced and translated into Yao, Tumbuka and Chichewa.</b> The videos are targeting the youth on how they can handle COVID-19 related lockdown and its repercussions (Dealing with anxiety, studying at home, being safe after lockdown) supported by UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ <b>3 National Radios and 10 community radios were used to disseminate COVID 19 vaccination messages.</b></li> </ul>
<p> <b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p><b>650</b> portable chalkboards that will benefit 26,000 primary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>About 650 portable chalkboards that will benefit 26,000 primary learners were provided</b> to the Ministry of Education supported by UNICEF. These portable chalkboards will be distributed to disadvantaged schools that are conducting classes in the open space to help maintain COVID-19 measures regarding social distancing.</li> <li>❖ <b>Production of radio lessons for standard 6 - 8 on Life Skills Education.</b> This activity is done in partnership with the Malawi Institute of Education and the Malawi College</li> </ul>

<p>learners were provided to Ministry of Education</p>	<p>for Distance Education. The activity started in February 2021 and is ongoing. Currently, the recording of lessons is in progress. Next, they will be broadcast on Malawi Broadcasting Corporation which is expected in May. The Life Skills Education lessons will target all learners but are hoped to specifically benefit young girls in light of the COVID-19 related rise in teenage pregnancies and marriages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Distributions of the take-home support for school meals is underway</b> in seven districts and targeting 600,000 learners. The adaptation of the school meals programme to take-home rations is in line with Ministry of Education's guidance to partners implementing school feeding programme.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>PROTECTION</b></p> <p>Over <b>2,091,350</b> people were reached with protection messages</p> <p><b>525</b> frontline workers were trained as providers of Psychological First Aid (PFA).</p> <p><b>7,800</b> people were reached through nine community awareness sessions focusing on gender-based viol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Malawi Government ordered all refugees and asylum seekers who left the country's only refugee camp, Dzaleka Refugee Camp, to return to the camp by 28 April, but a court injunction</b> obtained by a representative of the affected refugees on 27 April <b>stopped the directive</b> until conclusion of a judicial review of the matter.</li> <li>❖ Established in 1994, <b>the camp</b>, which is about 40 km north of the capital, Lilongwe, <b>houses nearly 50,000 refugees and asylum seekers against a capacity of up to 12,000, making it heavily congested.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>The UN/UNHCR is part of the Task Force in charge of reviewing the situation</b> under the leadership of the Minister of Homeland Security, and has raised the opportunity to implement the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) as the relocation to the camp may worsen congestion, cause a scramble for limited water and other social services, and bring serious human rights implications for the vulnerable population.</li> <li>❖ <b>As of 7th May 2021, a total of 149 families, consisting 424 individuals, have voluntarily returned to Dzaleka Refugee Camp.</b> Those without shelter are being accommodated in the Reception Shelter designed to accommodate new arrivals at the camp.</li> <li>❖ <b>An assessment has been conducted in the camp to identify empty plots and unoccupied shelters</b> that could be allocated to the returning families to construct their own shelters.</li> <li>❖ <b>Over 2,091,350 people were reached with Protection, Gender and Inclusion (PGI) messages</b> through all MRCS activities since PGI is implemented as a crosscutting activity.</li> <li>❖ UNICEF continues to support District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) to provide community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) to people affected by COVID-19 by providing MHPSS training. Between March 2020 and 7 April 2021, <b>525 frontline workers were trained as providers of Psychological First Aid (PFA).</b></li> <li>❖ <b>More than 30,000 people have been reached with community-based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)</b> since the onset of COVID-19 through District Social Welfare Offices (DSWOs) with UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ In partnership with Malawi Police Service (MPS) and NGOs, Blantyre DSWO supported 89 street-connected children to reintegrate into their homes. This brings the total number of street-connected children supported by DSWOs for reintegration in 2021 to 348.</li> <li>❖ <b>7,800 people were reached through nine community awareness sessions focusing on gender-based violence</b> conducted by Blantyre DSWO supported by UNICEF.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>WASH</b></p> <p>Over <b>69,322</b> people were reached with hand washing facilities across the country</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Over <b>69,322 people were reached with hand washing facilities across the country</b> where proper hand washing was demonstrated by volunteers in schools, cash distribution points, churches, mobile markets and other gathering places with support from Red Cross Movement Partners, WFP, ECHO 5.5 and Phillip Morris Swiss</li> <li>❖ <b>799,820 metric tons of soap distributed to 558,455 households in 14 districts.</b> The distribution was done during the first quarter of 2021 to support prevention measures for COVID-19 at household level.</li> <li>❖ <b>52,931 buckets distributed to 5,264 Farmer Field Schools, Care Group Promoters and Care Cluster Leaders</b> in 14 districts.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>AGRICULTURE</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>
<p> <b>NUTRITION</b></p>	<p>No recent updates</p>

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