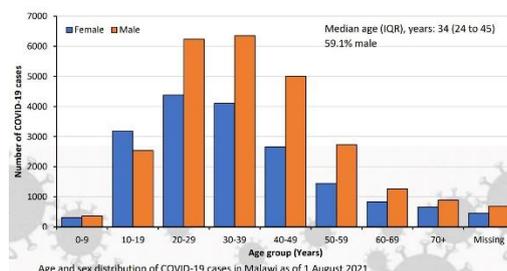
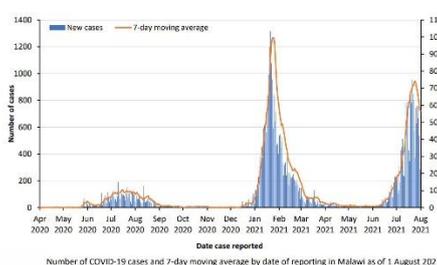




MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ COVID-19 vaccine uptake is increasing. Out of 622,218 doses administered by Malawi since March, over 190,000 have been administered in the last two weeks following the arrival of 192,000 AstraZeneca doses on 24th July via COVAX.
- ❖ Malawi plans to vaccinate 20% of its population (3.8 million) with COVAX support in the initial vaccination phase, of which over 463,000 people have already received at least the first dose, including with doses (152,000) received outside COVAX.
- ❖ 301,800 doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine are expected to be delivered in Malawi on August 7 from COVAX.
- ❖ A revised National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan for July 2020 – June 2021 has been published by Malawi Government.
- ❖ In view of the third wave, the Government of Malawi is enforcing COVID-19 Level 3 control measures, reintroduced in July 2021.



MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ 54,715 cases; 12,285 active cases
- ❖ 40,450 recovered, 1,748 deaths
- ❖ 350,292 tests conducted
- ❖ 622,218 vaccines administered

Source: Malawi Ministry of Health

GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ 200,174,883 cases
- ❖ 4,255,892 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 4 billion vaccines administered

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ 6,895,825 cases
- ❖ 174,806 confirmed deaths
- ❖ 6,043,284 recovered
- ❖ 66,951,701 vaccines administered

Source: WHO

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW ([financial tracking tool](#)).

| Funding Required (US\$) | Reported Funding (US\$) | % Funded | No. of Donors | No. of Operational Partners |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 421M | 111.3M | 26 | 33 | 51 |

NB: Above figures are based on the Government of Malawi's recently published [National Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan](#) (July 2020 – June 2021).

COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



COORDINATION

Coordinated by:
Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)

- ❖ The revised [National COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan](#) covering the period July 2020 – June 2021 has been released by government.
- ❖ The new plan aims to reduce COVID-19 spread and mortality by ensuring access to vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics. It also seeks to sustain continuity of essential social services, and addressing of COVID-19 socio-economic effects.
- ❖ With overall funding of about \$4 million from the SDG Acceleration Fund, under auspices of Canada, 8 UN agencies are supporting the response in (i) effective roll-out of the National Deployment Vaccination Plan; (ii) continuity of education; (iii) Protection (GBV, Child Marriage, Maternal Health).
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), information [repository](#), [5W](#) interactive dashboard and a [financial tracking tool](#) are available to support coordination of COVID-19 response.
- ❖ The Humanitarian Country Team meets to support coordination.
- ❖ Activated clusters meet to coordinate response activities and share updates.
- ❖ Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) is being updated regularly.
- ❖ Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is supporting the national health cluster coordination as chair of the INGOs' health forum.



HEALTH

Coordinated by:
Ministry of Health
(MoH) & WHO

Supported by: WHO,
UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS
& UN Women

SITUATION

- ❖ **Malawi is experiencing a third wave of COVID-19 infections as new cases have continued to rise sharply**, with 16,861 new cases registered in July 2021, compared to 1,788 and 248 cases registered in June and May 2021, respectively.
- ❖ **The current surge in COVID-19 cases is largely fuelled by local transmission** due to general public relaxation on preventive measures.
- ❖ **Vaccination resumed in the past week**. A total 167,128 (69,965 first dose and 97,965 second dose) doses of the COVID-19 vaccine were administered.

RESPONSE

- ❖ **On August 7, Malawi will receive 301,800 doses of Johnson and Johnson vaccine** donated by the U.S. government through the COVAX facility, bringing the total COVID-19 vaccine doses so far received through the facility to 853,800.
- ❖ **Over 190,000 of the 192,000 AstraZeneca vaccine doses donated by France** through COVAX have since been administered. These vaccines added to the 360,000 AstraZeneca doses previously received through the facility in March. The UN is closely working with partners to get more vaccine doses into Malawi.
- ❖ **119,040 doses of AstraZeneca vaccine donated by the UK government** through the COVAX facility are also expected to be delivered in Malawi within August.
- ❖ **With €1.5 million funding from European Union (EU), 2 consortia of 9 INGOs have started a project to support the effective roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines** until May 2022. The project targets 7 districts, supporting risk communication and community engagement, healthcare workers' trainings, vaccine outreach clinics and procurement of essential commodities.
- ❖ **To reduce transmissions, MoH continues to intensify** screening of travellers, testing, contact-tracing, and promotion of preventive measures.
- ❖ **Malawi Government activated COVID-19 Level 3 control measures** effective 9 July, restricting travel and public gatherings to reduce the spread of the virus. The declaration of the L3 control measures is available [here](#).
- ❖ **145 oxygen concentrators of 8 litres capacity**, costing around \$150,000, have been received in Malawi by WHO from WHO Regional Office for Africa.
- ❖ **35 oxygen cylinders have been transported to Mchinji, Ntchisi and Balaka districts** with support from MRCS and UNICEF.
- ❖ **2 operating theatres, refurbished with \$150,000** from UN Secretary General's COVID-19 Fund, were handed over to Dedza District Hospital, under a project by UNFPA, UN Women and WHO.
- ❖ **53,369 adolescents and youth aged 10 to 24 years were reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including contraceptives, through static outreach, mobile and door-to-door activities supported by UNFPA, and implemented together with partners like Family Planning Association of Malawi (FPAM).
- ❖ **160 teachers in Salima, Dedza and Mangochi were oriented** on the nature of the COVID-19 disease, referral systems and psychosocial support so that they can ably provide psychological first aid to affected learners or fellow teachers and also refer them to appropriate service providers – UNFPA support.
- ❖ **20 district management team members were trained** in adolescents' reproductive health in Mulanje, Nkhata Bay, and Mangochi under the 2ther4SRHR programme.
- ❖ **Bwaila Fistula Centre has resumed surgeries after it was temporarily closed** for surgical repairs and admissions for 2 weeks in July to allow for disinfection and testing of all staff following a COVID-19 case recorded at the facility. All admissions at the centre are now being tested for COVID-19 – UNFPA support from the EU-funded Spotlight Initiative and the UNSG COVID19 Fund.
- ❖ **To improve COVID-19 case management, weekly virtual webinars** targeting staff at district health offices and health facilities are being facilitated by the Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- ❖ **Contact tracing for 6,050 contacts was done by MoH in 9 districts** with support from UNICEF, Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS), Danish Red Cross and IFRC.
- ❖ **Screening of some 18,775 people who entered Malawi through five points of entry** in 3 months was done by MoH with support from MRCS and UNICEF.
- ❖ **Save the Children has deployed members of its Global Emergency Health Unit (EHU) to Malawi** to support MoH on COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols; training of healthcare workers in infection prevention; and critical care training and mentorship for clinical staff who are supporting critically unwell COVID-19 patients.

Gaps and Needs

- ❖ There is a great need to support Mulanje District Hospital to sustainably continue screening services at Muloza boarder. There is also need to support inter-border COVID 19 meetings between Muloza and the Mozambique boarder officials.
- ❖ There is still high demand for PPEs and soap for handwashing in communities.

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|  <p>INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Mol)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The SDG Acceleration Fund is supporting risk communication and community engagement through National Deployment Vaccination Plan (NDVP). ❖ Radio programs about COVID-19, youth engagement, sexual reproductive health and rights, climate change, and environment were aired in Salima, Dedza and Mangochi with UNFPA support. Over 100 listeners joined the phone-in programmes. The programmes provide a platform for adolescent girls and boys to access reliable SRH information regarding sexual life and COVID-19. ❖ 75 political and local leaders engaged in dialogues on value clarification and attitude transformation on COVID-19 and other issues – UNFPA support. ❖ 12,566 adolescent boys and girls participated in community engagement related to COVID-19 prevention, treatment and building back better, which were integrated in SRHR/HIV and SGBV programmes in Nkhata Bay, Mangochi and Mulanje, supported by UNFPA. This awareness campaign also targeted two public universities (Mzuni and Luanar). ❖ Messages to prevent COVID-19 infections and boost vaccine uptake are being disseminated in Mzimba by CRS with support from EU/ECHO. ❖ 338,097 people were reached with COVID 19 vaccine messages in 12 districts with support from UNICEF, Danish Red Cross, MRCS and IFRC. In addition, radio jingles and programmes were aired in 4 districts. ❖ 100 volunteers were trained in COVID-19 vaccine social mobilization by MRCS to address myths and misconceptions in Mangochi and Karonga. ❖ To track and address rumours on vaccines, an ODK/KOBO Collect-based rumour tracking system was established in Mangochi and Karonga by MRCS. ❖ MoH has developed a guide on community engagement on COVID-19 vaccines for use by community health volunteers and leaders to help raise vaccine uptake through effective community engagement – Save the Children and USAID support. |
|  <p>EDUCATION</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 5 big tents were deployed to schools hard hit by COVID 19 cases in Nsanje and Blantyre to be used as emergency treatment units (isolation centres) – support from UNICEF, Danish Red Cross, MRCS and IFRC. |
|  <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"> ❖ 63 members of the district civil protection committees in Mulanje and Nkhata Bay were trained in gender mainstreaming in COVID-19 response, with support from Malawi SDG Acceleration Fund, UN Women, Gender Ministry and DoDMA. ❖ 317 clinicians and nurses were trained in the intersection of GBV and SRH in the COVID-19 response in Dowa, Mzimba and Nsanje - UNFPA support. ❖ 336 sets of buckets and basins were procured for health facilities in six Spotlight Initiative districts to encourage hand washing and general hygiene - UNFPA support. ❖ Over 600 community workers and district officials from Mwanza, Neno and Mzimba have been trained in remote Psychological First Aid (PFA) linked with child protection case management during COVID-19, with support from NORAD via Save the Children. Some participants will provide PFA services on the national health line. ❖ A total of 17,946 calls were received in the Tithandizane Helpline Services, offered by YONECO with support from UNFPA, through toll-free lines, of which 3,377 calls related to GBV and other issues concerning girls and women from 10 districts. ❖ Information dissemination on gender-based violence and COVID-19 prevention reached 116, 560 people in disaster prone areas with support from UNFPA. ❖ 60 members of community victim support units were trained in protection, gender and inclusion and psychosocial first aid in Mangochi and Karonga by MRCS. ❖ 10 village savings and loans groups were established and trained in Karonga and Mangochi as means for socio-economic inclusion of 100 youth and teen mothers who were withdrawn from early marriages – MRCS support. |
|  <p>AGRICULTURE</p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) & FAO</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The 27th Bulletin of the Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) has been released by the Ministry of Agriculture, with technical support from FAO. The surveillance system documents real time information from 18 districts on the status of food availability/security, performance of the agricultural produce markets, prevalence of animal diseases and access to veterinary services, as well as crop production in the time of COVID-19. Key highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proportion of households relying on food purchase as a main source of food increased by 1.3 percentage points from 14.3% in the first half of June 2021 to 15.6%. The proportion of households relying on own food production as a main source of food dropped by 0.6 percentage points from 84% to 83.4%. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In households owning any type of livestock, the proportion of households reporting suspected livestock diseases rose by 3.2 percentage points from 14.2% in the first half of June 2021 to 17.4%. - The proportion of households involved in fishing related livelihoods activities dropped by 0.2 percentage points from 1.8% in the first half of June 2021 to 1.6%. Households involved in fishing related activities reporting some suspected fish diseases increased by 12.5 percentage points from 15.8% in the first half of June 2021 to 28.3%. - The average price of maize per kg dropped by 3.2% from MK124.96 in the first half of June 2021 to MK121.00. - Average crop prices per kg for selected crops were MK644.16 down from MK708.10 for rice, MK939.69 up from MK791.33 for beans, MK753.91 up from MK746.23 for groundnuts, MK539.76 up from MK531.10 for Irish potatoes, and MK269.58 down from MK299.79 for sweet potatoes compared to the first half of June 2021. |
|  FOOD SECURITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There have been slight increases in the Survival Minimum Expenditure Baskets (SMEB) for households across the country, save for the rural North, according to the latest analysis of 'Food Prices and Availability in Times of COVID-19' (Round 32: 28 June—5 July 2021 by WFP). ❖ Among the rural North households, the SMEB marginally declined by 0.6%. SMEBs for urban areas and the rural areas of the Central and Southern regions increased by 2.2%, 2%, and 0.8%, respectively. |
|  WASH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ MoH trained 1,115 health workers in infection prevention and control (IPC) and health care waste management (HCWM) for COVID-19 containment in 101 health facilities in 9 districts, with support from UNICEF, MRCS, Danish Red Cross and IFRC. ❖ MoH training manuals on IPC and HCWM were reviewed with MRCS support. ❖ Compliance monitoring in 60 health facilities was conducted by MoH, regulatory bodies and health associations, with MRCS support. ❖ Gaps and needs include the demand for facility-level training on IPC and HCWM with a focus on COVID 19. |
|  TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>No updates received.</i> |
|  NUTRITION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>No updates received.</i> |

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