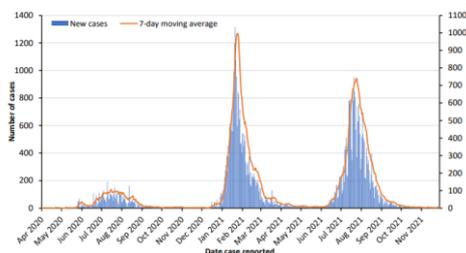
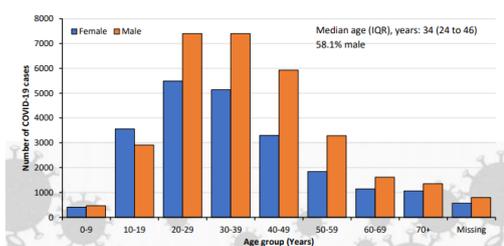




## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ New COVID-19 variant, Omicron, not yet confirmed in Malawi.
- ❖ Revised preventive measures and requirements for entry into Malawi announced.
- ❖ 2,611,020 COVID-19 vaccine doses received via COVAX Facility.
- ❖ 1,414,261 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Malawi.
- ❖ Outreach clinics increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake.
- ❖ Over 2,100,000 people reached with messages.
- ❖ Oxygen refills distributed to district hospitals.
- ❖ Over 500,000 children received daily hot breakfast before class.



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **61,916** cases; **571** active cases
- ❖ **58,807** recovered, **2,306** deaths
- ❖ **442,053** tests conducted
- ❖ **601,650** fully vaccinated
- ❖ **485,534** more got at least first dose

Source: Malawi Ministry of Health

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **260,867,011** cases
- ❖ **5,200,267** deaths
- ❖ **Nearly 8 billion** vaccine doses given

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **8,665,431** cases
- ❖ **222,910** deaths
- ❖ **8,144,424** recovered

Source: WHO

## EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW

Funding Required (US\$)	Reported Funding (US\$)	% Funded	No. of Donors	No. of Operational Partners
<b>421M</b>	<b>111.8M</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>

NB: Above figures are based on the Government of Malawi's recently published [National Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Strategy and Plan](#) (July 2021 – June 2022).

## 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 2021 – June 2022 is being implemented and coordinated.
- ❖ A [calendar of meetings](#), information [repository](#), [5W](#) interactive dashboard and a [financial tracking tool](#) are available to support coordination of COVID-19 response.
- ❖ **Activated clusters meet to coordinate response activities and share updates.**
- ❖ Information relating to COVID-19 resource mobilization, allocation, programmatic implementation (RM and 5Ws) is updated regularly.
- ❖ **Malawi remains on [Level 1](#) of COVID-19 preventive measures since October 8th**
- ❖ **Malawi Government has [tightened COVID-19 preventive measures](#).** Announced on 29<sup>th</sup> November, some of the additional measures require all travellers to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination at entry point. Those without the proof will be expected to get vaccinated for free at the entry point or undergo a 10-day institutional quarantine at their cost irrespective of a negative COVID test certificate.



### HEALTH

Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) & WHO

### SITUATION

- ❖ **A trend of low COVID-19 infections continued throughout November**, during which new cases ranged from 0 and 14 on a daily basis. Admissions and deaths have also been very low, ranging from 0 to 4 on a daily basis throughout November.
- ❖ **With emergence of a new COVID-19 strain, Omicron**, MoH is intensifying surveillance and adherence to preventive measures.
- ❖ **So far, there is no confirmation of cases with Omicron variant in Malawi.**

<p><b>1.4 million</b> COVID-19 vaccine doses administered.</p> <p><b>2.6 million</b> COVID-19 vaccine doses delivered via COVAX facility.</p> <p><b>6</b> laboratory scientists trained in COVID-19 genomic sequencing.</p> <p><b>121</b> oxygen refills distributed to hospitals.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>1,414,261 vaccine doses have been administered in Malawi.</b> 812,611 and 327,077 people have received the first and second doses of AstraZeneca vaccine, respectively, while 274,573 people have received a full dose of Johnson &amp; Johnson vaccine, bringing the total number of <b>fully vaccinated people to 601,650.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>COVAX has delivered to Malawi 2,611,020 doses of COVID-19 vaccines</b> (AstraZeneca and Johnson &amp; Johnson) since March this year. Malawi also received 50,000 and 102,000 vaccine doses from India and AU, respectively.</li> <li>❖ <b>Malawi started conducting COVID genomic sequencing at two sites of the National Health Reference Laboratory.</b> The two laboratories are able to conduct genomic sequencing of 150 samples per week due to low volume of Illumina Sequencers.</li> <li>❖ <b>Six laboratory scientists were supported to attend training in COVID-19 genomic sequencing</b> at University of KwaZulu Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform (KRISP) in South Africa - UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>MoH continued screening travellers</b> at Mwanza border, Kamuzu and Chileka International Airports, with support from UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ <b>10 oxygen concentrators, four oxygen monitors and four ventilators</b> were distributed to Mzuzu, Daeyang Luke, Chikwawa and Thyolo hospitals by UNICEF with support from the Embassy of Ireland.</li> <li>❖ 121 oxygen refills have been distributed to district hospitals that do not have oxygen Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants in preparation for the possible fourth wave – distributed by UNICEF through Afrox.</li> <li>❖ <b>Additional 2,860 oxygen refills are available at AFROX for districts and CHAM facilities</b> – funded by Health Services Joint Fund (HSJF) and UK’s FCDO.</li> <li>❖ <b>1,115 health care workers were trained in infection prevention and control, and management of health care waste</b> in 101 health facilities – UNICEF support</li> <li>❖ <b>96 health facilities were equipped with waste management kits</b> in five districts of Mzimba South, Kasungu, Ntchisi and Nsanje – UNICEF support.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION &amp; COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Information (Moi)</p> <p><b>2.1 million</b> people reached with messages on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health during COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Over 2,100,000 people were reached with messages on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (MNCAH)</b> through mass media;</li> <li>❖ <b>45,000 people were reached with key COVID-19 messages</b> through community engagement activities – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>COVID19 messages were integrated in a weekly TV and radio soap opera.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Community mobilization and engagement on COVID-19 were enhanced</b> through integrated activities on Maternal New-born Child and Adolescent Health using community social accountability forums, teachers, religious leaders, and volunteers in six districts – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>1,265 adults participated in nationwide Knowledge Attitude and Practice (KAP)</b> study to identify drivers and bottlenecks associated with behaviours, perceptions, attitudes, and practices towards COVID-19 vaccine in Malawi – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Vaccine Express initiative to expedite vaccinations through mobilize clinics</b> in rural communities continued during the reporting period – UNICEF support.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>EDUCATION</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: Ministry of Education; Save the Children &amp; UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Classroom tents to benefit about 20,000 learners were provided to 40 secondary schools across Malawi</b> as part of efforts to decongest classrooms and provide additional shelter for possible quarantining of learners – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Following resumption of in-school school meals, over 500,000 children received a daily hot breakfast before class</b> from WFP while smallholder farmers accessed a stable market for their produce.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>FOOD SECURITY</b></p> <p>Coordinated by: DoDMA &amp; WFP</p> <p><b>65 000</b> farmers compensated with insurance pay-outs for failed harvests.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>An insurance pay-out for over 65,000 farmers was launched to compensate them for failed harvests during the 2020/2021 agriculture season,</b> supported by Agriculture Ministry, WFP and PULA.</li> <li>❖ <b>Round 17 Bulletin of Household Food Security Monitoring</b> during COVID-19 was released 25 November by WFP, covering the period of mid-Sept to mid-Oct 2021. Key take-aways from the analysis include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food security situation across Malawi remains stable, with almost all interviewed households classified as having acceptable to borderline food consumption.</li> <li>• The proportion of households employing the most severe consumption-based coping strategies remains relatively low, ranging between 19% and 21% for the current round and the immediate past four rounds, indicating a generally stable food security situation.</li> <li>• Physical access to markets has increased slightly, likely due to the decrease in new COVID-19 cases coupled with the fact that rural households are still selling their produce from the recent harvest.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) marking Rounds 39 and 40</b> was released by WFP. Key findings captured in this analysis include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Survival Minimum Expenditure Baskets (SMEBs) rose across all regions in the country. The increase in SMEBs mainly emanated from a significant rise in prices of cooking oil, cassava, and firewood.</li> <li>• Maize grain was trading at an average price of MK 151 per kg, slightly above the Government-set minimum farm gate price of MK 150 per kg.</li> <li>• Beans are currently selling at a record high price of MK 1,082 per kg.</li> <li>• Cowpeas prices slightly decreased by one percent to MK 605 per kg, while the price of pigeon peas remained at MK 514 per kg between Round 38 and 40.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and Gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Over 51,000 refugees are registered with UNHCR in Malawi as of August 2021. Their food needs have been increasing since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic due to limited access to livelihood activities. Due to funding constraints, WFP Malawi will be providing reduced food rations to the refugees.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Transport &amp; WFP</p> <p><b>17</b> oxygen cylinders distributed to 8 hospitals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Logistics services for vaccine shipments, including speedy clearance - provided by UNICEF.</b> The 326,400 Astra Zeneca doses recently received via COVAX facility were donated by Germany (225,600) and France (100,800), and 372,100 0.3ml syringes, 62,100 2ml Re-Use Prevention Syringes and 4,350 safety boxes from Pfizer.</li> <li>❖ <b>Monitoring and providing logistical support in the clearance of two 800-litre ULT Freezers</b> that are still undergoing customs clearance is being supported by UNICEF</li> <li>❖ <b>The distribution of 17 cylinders of medical oxygen, 1.84kgs valued at US\$3,098.25</b> to eight health facilities in eight districts was facilitated by UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ <b>Assorted PPEs valued at US\$60,448.89 were also distributed</b> to various health facilities in support of COVID-19 activities within this reporting period.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>PROTECTION</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability and Social Welfare (MGCDSW), UNICEF, UN Women</p> <p><b>293,393</b> rural families got cash transfer top-ups.</p> <p><b>138,360</b> families in cities got cash support.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>In rural areas, 293,393 vulnerable households enrolled for Social Cash Transfers received 4 months of COVID-19 cash top-ups</b> for a total value of MK20,000 (MK4,000 or \$4.90/month) – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>In urban areas, 138,360 households in 4 main cities of Malawi received 3 months of cash support via mobile money payments under the COVID-19 Urban Cash Intervention (CUCI).</b> Transfers had a total value of MK105,000 (MK35,000 or \$43/month) and were implemented via Government systems.</li> <li>❖ <b>Continued implementation of child protection programmes in response to COVID-19 and other general protection issues</b> in six districts with support from UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ <b>Cumulatively since 2020, training of 819 protection service providers in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS)</b> has been supported by UNICEF.</li> <li>❖ <b>More than 37,000 persons were reached with the MPHSS service</b>, including 6,808 children in 10 district councils.</li> </ul>
<p> <b>AGRICULTURE</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) &amp; FAO</p> <p><b>37%</b> of families relying on food purchases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>36th Bulletin of Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System (EmA-FSS) has been released</b> by the Ministry of Agriculture, with technical support from FAO and financial support of the European Union. Key highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proportion of households relying on purchase as the main source of food at the household level was 37%, lower than the 64.1% recorded same time last year.</li> <li>• In households owning any type of livestock, the proportion of households reporting suspected livestock diseases was 20.4%, relatively lower than 21% recorded during the same period last year.</li> <li>• The proportion of households involved in fishing related livelihoods activities was 2.6 percent, lower than the 3.3 percent recorded at the same time last year but higher than the 1.7 percent reported in the first half of October 2021.</li> <li>• The average price of maize per kg was MK147.32, which is lower than the MK185.59/kg reported same time last year. The average maize price is lower than the MK148.72/kg reported in the first half of October 2021. The southern region continued to record the highest average maize prices per kg at MK168.80, which is lower than the MK217.90/kg same time last year.</li> <li>• Average crop prices per kg were MK751.50 up from MK693.58 for rice, MK906.10 up from MK759.51 for groundnuts, MK496.91 up from MK439.76 for Irish potatoes compared to same time last year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p> <b>NUTRITION</b> Coordinated by: Ministry of Health (MoH) &amp; UNICEF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>MoH implemented Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure continuity of essential nutrition services</b>, including Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) and optimum infant and young child feeding practices in COVID-19 context.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>MoH scaled up the family mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) approach where caregivers obtain skills to assess the nutrition status of their own children</b> using simple tools like MUAC tapes in three districts - supported by UNICEF.</li> </ul>
 <b>WASH</b> Coordinated by Ministry responsible for Water & UNICEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>WASH items to serve up to 20,000 people</b> (soap, chlorine, plastic buckets, reusable sanitary pads, and Tarpaulin sheets) were provided to emergency treatment units and 12 selected hotspot districts – UNICEF Support.</li> </ul>

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