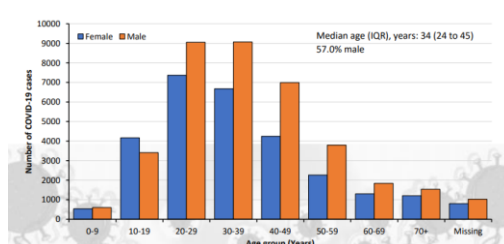
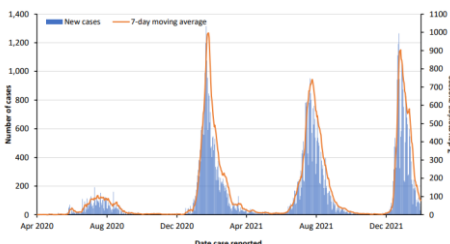




## MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ COVID-19 cases have dropped in the last three weeks
- ❖ More container labs being constructed at border entry points for health authorities
- ❖ 1,882,770 COVID-19 vaccine doses administered across Malawi.
- ❖ 138,360 households in 4 main cities received 3 months of cash support.
- ❖ Over 300,000 beneficiaries reached with messages on maternal nutrition, infant and young child nutrition, water, hygiene and sanitation and COVID-19.
- ❖ COVID-19 interventions in flood-affected districts have scaled down as the focus is on the emergency response to the floods caused by heavy rains from Tropical Storm ANA.



### MALAWI SUMMARY

- ❖ **84,632** cases; **11,953** active cases
- ❖ **69,883** recovered, **2,564** deaths
- ❖ **530,456** tests conducted
- ❖ **777,458** fully vaccinated
- ❖ **708,182** more got at least first dose

Source: Malawi Ministry of Health

### GLOBAL SUMMARY

- ❖ **376,478,335** cases
- ❖ **5,666,064** deaths
- ❖ **9.9 billion** vaccine doses administered

### REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

- ❖ **10,809,726** cases
- ❖ **239,615** deaths
- ❖ **9,791,949** recovered
- ❖ **370.8 million** vaccine doses administered

Source: WHO/Africa CDC

## COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



### COORDINATION

- ❖ 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 is on [Level 2](#) of COVID-19 response since 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021.








### HEALTH




#### SITUATION

- ❖ COVID-19 cases have been dropping in last three weeks, mostly below 100 on daily basis.
- ❖ Despite the drop in cases, MoH continues to do public health surveillance and screening, and promote COVID-19 preventive measures, with UN and partners' support.
- ❖ Currently, Malawi is facing another disaster from floods and heavy rains caused by Tropical Storm ANA, displacing 22,174 households, and affecting 193,558 households in 20 districts.

#### RESPONSE

- ❖ **335 sites continue to conduct COVID-19 testing, helping to determine positive cases.**
- ❖ **A total of 1,884,754 vaccine doses have been administered in Malawi to-date.** Of these, 1,098,898 and 399,078 people have received the first and second doses of AstraZeneca vaccine, respectively, while 378,380 people have received a full dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and 8,380 have received the first dose of Pfizer vaccine, bringing the total number of fully vaccinated people to 777,458.
- ❖ **Malawi Oxygen Road Map that will see implementation of an oxygen system** was developed and launched on 21<sup>st</sup> December – UNICEF/partners' support.
- ❖ **An Emergency and Critical Care Strategy (ECCS) for 2021 to 2031** was developed and rolled out by MoH. The strategy will help in the delivery of a comprehensive and high-quality

	<p>services to save lives and prevent disability through provision of universal essential emergency care to all Malawians – UNICEF support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>80 oxygen refills were placed at AFROX for health facilities in districts</b> without oxygen plants so that they can access cylinder oxygen. Mission and other private hospitals were included on the distribution list.</li> <li>❖ <b>MoH conducted COVID-19 vaccine data validation</b> in order to collect and report on all missing data from districts – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Technical Assistants employed and deployed in 7 low performing districts to strengthen routine immunization and timely reporting</b> – UNICEF support via KUHES.</li> </ul> <p><b>Needs and gaps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Vaccine hesitancy continued to affect vaccine uptake.</li> <li>❖ Inadequate awareness on Johnson &amp; Johnson and Pfizer vaccines.</li> <li>❖ Inadequate electronic gadgets for easy data entry at every vaccination site.</li> <li>❖ Relaxation on adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures when cases drop.</li> </ul>
 <b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Messages on Pfizer vaccine being developed to improve awareness and uptake</b> among 12–17-year-olds – UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>MoH continues to engage the media to provide updates on COVID-19 issues.</b></li> </ul>
 <b>TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Six fabricated container laboratories were transferred to Chitipa and Karonga</b> districts to support the Ministry of Health with screening incoming travellers.</li> <li>❖ <b>Prepositioned relief items are supporting flood victims.</b> DoDMA prepositioned 40 metric tonnes of assorted relief items at the WFP-constructed Bangula Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) in Nsanje to support populations vulnerable to disasters.</li> </ul>
 <b>PROTECTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>More than 138,000 families in Malawi's 4 cities received 3 months of cash support</b> under the national COVID-19 Urban Cash Intervention (CUCI). Transfers had a total value of MK105,000 (MK35,000 per month).</li> <li>❖ <b>Over 30,000 COVID-19 affected persons were reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MPHSS)</b> in health facilities and homes using the toll-free hospital line and through children's corners in 2021.</li> <li>❖ <b>294 protection service providers have been trained.</b> They include social workers, community child protection workers, mother groups, teachers, and members of community-based organisations and victim support units.</li> </ul>
 <b>AGRICULTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>The 40th Bulletin of the <a href="#">Emergency Agriculture and Food Security Surveillance System</a> (EmA-FSS) was released by Ministry of Agriculture, with technical support from FAO and financial support of the European Union. Key highlights include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proportion of households relying on purchase as main source of food was 51.7%, which is 19.7 percentage points lower than the 71.5% reported same time last year but higher than the 50.4% reported in the first half of Dec 2021.</li> <li>• The proportion of households reporting suspected livestock diseases was 14.2%, which is lower than the 19.6% recorded during the same period last year and is also lower than the 19.1% recorded in the first half of Dec 2021.</li> <li>• The proportion of households involved in fishing-related livelihood activities was 2.2%, which is similar to the 2.3% reported during the same period last year but is lower than the 3.1 percent reported in the first half of Dec 2021.</li> <li>• The average price of maize per kg was MK157, which is lower than the MK189.14/kg recorded during the same time last year. The average maize price is up from the MK152.99/kg reported in the first half of Dec 2021.</li> <li>• Average crop prices per kg were MK787.07 up from MK758.32 for rice, MK949.36 up from MK882.78 for groundnuts, MK537.78 up from MK570.55 for irish potatoes compared to average prices recorded during the same time last year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <b>FOOD SECURITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Under the 2021/22 lean season response, the Government of Malawi is responding to crisis-level food insecurity</b> (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification Phase 3) with a population that experienced localised low levels of crop production in the previous growing season (2020/2021) – WFP and UNICEF support.</li> <li>❖ <b>Over 16,000 households in Chikwawa have received MK18,000 cash transfers per household per month</b> or an in-kind contribution (maize) and a cash top-up through the Social Cash Transfer Programme (SCTP).</li> <li>❖ <b>Preparations for distribution in other districts are ongoing.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <a href="#">Household Food Security Monitoring during COVID-19 Round 19 Bulletin</a> released by WFP. Key findings include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early signs that the food security situation was starting to deteriorate, as illustrated by a slight increase in the proportion of households employing the most-severe or moderate-severe consumption-based coping strategies to make ends meet.</li> <li>• The proportion of households employing emergency livelihood- and crisis livelihood-based coping strategies increased slightly, signifying increased food insecurity.</li> <li>• Physical access to markets increased slightly, likely due to low numbers of new COVID-19 cases observed during this reporting period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
 <b>NUTRITION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Over 300,000 beneficiaries have been reached with messages</b> on maternal nutrition, infant and young child nutrition, water, hygiene, and sanitation and COVID19 through the door-to-door visits conducted by care group volunteers in 5 districts – supported by WFP</li> <li>❖ <b>505 health surveillance assistants (HSAs) and 736 care group promoters</b> have been trained in family MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference) screening in two districts. These continue to lead in monitoring and coaching caregivers on how to assess the nutrition status of their children using MUAC tape and oedema assessment.</li> <li>❖ <b>60,216 caregivers have been oriented on how to assess nutrition status of their children</b> using MUAC tape and oedema measurement in two districts. These caregivers have managed to screen 67, 382 under-5 children for acute malnutrition – UNICEF support</li> <li>❖ <b>A total of 32 district managers from central hospitals have been oriented on CMAM</b> (Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition) program management in COVID-19 context as well as inpatient care management. These were drawn from emergency prone districts as well as low performing districts with an aim of improving nutrition outcomes.</li> </ul>
 <b>WASH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Provision of resilient solar powered water supply systems is in progress in 10 health facilities and schools</b> in 2 districts. When completed it will aid in prevention of human-to-human transmission of the COVID-19 Pandemic through safe water supply and enhanced hand washing with soap - UNICEF support with funding from BHU</li> </ul>
 <b>EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Schools in Southern Malawi resumed on 26 January after a temporary closure on 25 January when the rainfall activities were most intense.</li> </ul>

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