COVID-19 Update
Situation Update No. 34
at 31 December 2020

MALAWI HIGHLIGHTS

❖ Schools reopening for new academic year running from 4 Jan to 8 Oct 2021
❖ COVID-19 cases continue to rise with 112 new cases reported on 31 Dec 2020
❖ Cash distributions for the Lean Season Response rolled out in 3 targeted Districts in December. So far, 144,000 beneficiaries have received cash support
❖ Distribution of take-home rations for school meals completed in almost all districts

MALAWI SUMMARY

❖ 6,583 cases (112 new on 31st Dec)
❖ 505 active, 108 lost to follow-up
❖ 76 under investigation
❖ 5,705 recovered
❖ 189 deaths
❖ 85,449 tests done

GLOBAL SUMMARY

❖ 81,159,096 cases
❖ 1,791,246 confirmed deaths
❖ Over 50 million recovered
❖ Cases in 216 countries and places

REGIONAL SUMMARY (Africa)

❖ Over 2.5 million cases
❖ About 60,000 confirmed deaths
❖ Over 2.1 million recovered
❖ All 54 countries affected

MALAWI COVID-19 cases and deaths by gender

Malawi’s COVID-19 cases by age and gender

EMERGENCY APPEAL FINANCIAL TRACKING OVERVIEW

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COMPREHENSIVE COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

COORDINATION

Coordination by: DoDMA

❖ The Presidential Taskforce on COVID-19 continues to its coordinate efforts to address COVID-19 in Malawi.
❖ The INGO consortium has conducted health, WASH and DRR rapid needs assessments interventions in connection to COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation measures.
❖ A calendar of meetings; information repository; 5W interactive dashboard; financial tracking tool are available to support coordination of the COVID-19 response.

FOOD SECURITY

Coordination by: Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) & WFP

❖ Cash distributions for the Lean Season Response rolled out in 3 targeted Districts in the month of December.
❖ So far, 144,000 beneficiaries have received cash support of MK 23,100/ USD 30. Simultaneously, distributions of cash transfers for the Boma COVID-19 response by WFP were completed in Machinga.
❖ On MVAC, following the Household Economic Approach-HEA and Integrated Food Security Phase Classification-IPC analysis that were done in November, results of the IPC update were submitted to the Vice President and DODMA Principal secretary for approval. In summary, the overall population for the rural areas remains 2,032,106 people, whereas the urban-affected population has increased to 610,429 from 585,880. The increase is derived from an increase in the total affected populations in Mzuzu (15,313 people) and Zomba Cities (9,236 people).

144,000 people have received cash support during the ongoing lean season response so far.
**EDUCATION**

Distributions of the take-home support for school meals was completed in all districts targeted except Phalombe which is expected to be finalized on 31st December. 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, supported by WFP.

 Ahead of schools’ reopening on 4th January 2021, the Ministry of Education issued a statement stressing that all education institutions shall follow all laid down COVID-19 guidelines as issued by the Ministries of Education and Health.

 Close monitoring of all education institutions and provision of any further guidance and directions based on the COVID-19 situation on the ground will be done by the Ministry of Education, in conjunction with the Ministry of Health.

 Education institutions are urged to remain in touch with community health surveillance systems so that they are alert on issues of public health.

**TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**

The Logistics Cluster co-led by WFP was part of the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group meeting related to Cyclone Chalane response and is working together with all other activated clusters in ensuring preparedness. Specifically, the Cluster is working on securing means of transportation namely: trucks, boats

 Construction works for screening areas at Chileka and Kamuzu airports were finalized by WFP. The objective of the screening areas is to facilitate screening of inbound passengers as they enter the country.

 A platform (Log:ie) for quick and easy data capture and sharing by partners was set up by WFP as part of the logistics cluster.

**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**

No updates available.

**HEALTH**

No updates available.

**WASH**

No updates available.

**PROTECTION**

No updates available.

**AGRICULTURE**

No updates available.

**NUTRITION**

No updates available.

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Note: The frequency of this SitRep continues to be reviewed.