



MALAWI

Humanitarian Situation Report



HIGHLIGHTS

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- UNICEF continued supply of lifesaving therapeutic food for treatment of severe acute malnutrition and delivered 6,752 cartons of RUTF, 872 packs of Retinol 100,000IU and 5,133 packs of Retinol 200,000IU in all the affected districts.
- Over the reporting period, UNICEF delivered supplies valued at US\$ 240,618 increasing the total value of supplies delivered from US\$ 2,568,131 to US\$ 2,808,749.
- UNICEF has a funding gap of US\$ 2,594,067, against the overall appeal for US\$ 9,291,292.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

14 April 2015

15 Districts affected by floods

162,062 displaced people still in temporary sites in six districts

106 Deaths by floods

64,000 Hectares of land flooded
(Department of Disaster Management Affairs, United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator Situation Report No. 15 as of 31 March 2015)

425 Cholera cases reported

5 Cholera deaths
(WHO Response to Floods Emergency SITREP REPORT 13 April 2015)

UNICEF's Response with partners

| Sector | Indicator | UNICEF | |
|------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|
| | | UNICEF Target | Cumulative results (#) |
| Child protection | Children provided with psychosocial support | 15,000 | 20,355 |
| WASH | Affected population reached with promotion of Hygiene | 35,000 | 346,111 |

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- Malawi has registered cholera cases since 11th February. As of 13th April 2015, a total of 425 cases and 5 deaths (one is community death) were reported from 9 districts of the country. Nsanje district has reported the highest number of cases (202 cases) and 3 deaths followed by Chikwawa which reported 172 cases with one death. During week 14, cases were reported from Blantyre and Ntcheu districts. The numbers of reported cases are still increasing, from other new traditional authorities (TAs) and active cases are being reported from Blantyre and Ntcheu districts besides Nsanje and Chikwawa.
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Fig 1: Change in pupil enrolment

- Key findings:

- There has been a reduction in pupil enrollment by an average of about 2.7 %. The cluster will now undertake a further analysis of the main bottlenecks to resumption of schooling (particularly in Chikwawa, Phalombe, Machinga and Zomba Rural) and why the female learners appear more affected;

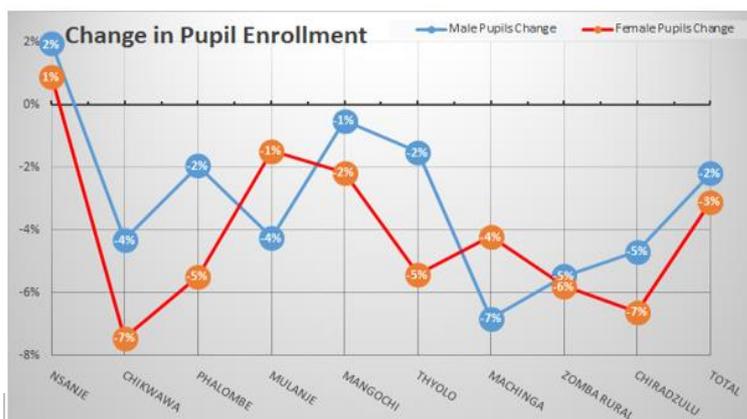


Fig 2: Change in teacher enrolment



- Increased teacher absenteeism. Some teachers who were displaced are yet to report back to school. For instance, in Nsanje, in Chikonji Primary School 4 male teachers have not resumed teaching. The survey shows an increase of teachers in Nsanje and Chikwawa, which were target districts for the Volunteer teachers program supported by UNICEF.
- All districts reported a reduction in the availability of textbooks after the floods, with an average reduction of 7 %;
- All districts reported a reduction in play materials after the floods, with an average reduction of 14 %;
- Damaged classrooms is a large problem, and it is clear that the districts of Nsanje (56), Phalombe (33), Chikwawa (28) and Mulanje (20) are the most affected;
- The same districts are the most affected by damaged iron sheets, walls and windows. 23 % of the damage is registered in Phalombe, 23 % in Nsanje and 16 % in Chikwawa and Mulanje ;
- The District Education Office in Nsanje still reports shortage of classrooms in flood affected schools and in order to address the situation, the District Education Cluster in Nsanje is planning to redistribute some of the school tents to be decommissioned from camp schools when the camps are closed to support the flood affected schools.

- Due to the effects of the floods, school feeding activities stopped at Chikonje school with 989 learners (448 girls) and Namiyala school with 1,639 learners ((809 girls) in Nsanje and Chikwawa respectively and UNICEF and Education Cluster is advocating with District Education Managers to resume school feeding for the two schools.

Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- The national nutrition cluster had a meeting on 13th April 2015. Issues which were discussed during the meeting include:
 - The SMART surveys to be conducted in 5 livelihoods zones covering 17 districts based on Malawi Vulnerability Assessment (MVAC) affected districts from 22nd April to 29th May 2015
 - MoH to ensure that nutrition messages linked to cholera messaging is reviewed and disseminated
 - MoH to develop a strategy/plan for improving quality of service in out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and pre-service training. The draft plan including budget to presented to cluster, Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) forum and other forums for possible funding.
 - The cluster to develop a strategy for tackling the overall looming hunger in the country
- The WASH cluster met on 7th April and partners discussed on the need to provide adequate resources to ensure the decommissioning of all temporary latrines in camps as they close and promoting the testing of residual chlorine at water distribution points as part of hygiene promotion in a quest to control cholera spread in the country.
- The National Shelter cluster held a meeting on Tuesday, 14th April, at which updates on emergency response and the recovery plan from various actors were received.
- The Protection cluster met on 14th April 2014 and discussed recovery planning.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

WASH

- UNICEF's partners Population Services International (PSI) Concern Universal and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continued to undertake hygiene promotion in affected districts. In the past week, 22,654 were reached with hygiene promotion and messages on prevention of cholera and other diarrhea disease in camps and communities increasing the total number of people reached so far from 323,457 to 346,111.
- UNICEF through partners Water Missions International, Ministry of Water and Irrigation Development (MoWID) Concern Universal, Catholic Relief Services continued to provide water to affected people in camps and communities though water trucking and provision of chlorine for pot to pot chlorination. The number being reached with safe water services is 106,851.
- UNICEF through GOAL Malawi has constructed 32 more latrines in the past week. This brings the cumulative number of latrines constructed by UNICEF partners Goal Malawi, CRS and Concern universal to 738 reaching 123,549 people. The new latrines constructed have helped to reduce the people latrine ratio. Goal Malawi has also distributed 2,970 tables of soap and 10 buckets for hand washing, 150 jerry cans in Chikwawa district.

Nutrition

- To date, a cumulative total of 5,743 under-five children with severe acute malnutrition have been admitted in Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and Nutrition rehabilitation Units (NRUs) supported by UNICEF. In addition, UNICEF partners namely Concern Worldwide, Save the Children, World Vision and

Plan International continue to support Ministry of Health (MoH) to reach and screen children for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in IDP camps and villages around the camps.

- UNICEF continued supply of lifesaving therapeutic food for treatment of severe acute malnutrition. UNICEF delivered 6,752 cartons of RUTF, 872 packs of Retinol 100,000IU and 5,133 packs of Retinol 200,000IU in all the affected districts.
- A team from the National Nutrition Cluster (DNHA, MoH, UNICEF and WFP) are visiting 8 affected districts namely Blantyre, Zomba, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Mangochi, Thyolo, Mulanje and Machinga from 12th – 19th April 2015. The purpose is to provide technical support on supply chain management.

Health and HIV

- With support from WHO, training on Cholera case management was completed in Chikwawa and 300 health workers have received the training. Similar training is ongoing in Nsanje and Phalombe. In Phalombe so far 302 health workers have already been trained (the trainings are expected to be completed by April 15) while in Nsanje 250 health workers have so far been trained (the trainings are expected to be completed by April 17). UNICEF is considering supporting cholera case management training in districts that have not been covered by WHO.
- Mobile clinics continue to be carried out in Zomba district with support from UNICEF.
- Mapping of the cholera cases in all affected districts has been carried out and it is expected to help to put up a more comprehensive cholera mitigating plan.

Child Protection

- During the reporting period, 128 women were reached with group therapy psychosocial support through UNICEF's partnership with Save the Children. Since the onset of the emergency, a total of 703 adults (105 men and 603 women) have been reached through group psychosocial support; counselling and traditional dances, and group therapy by Save the Children in Chikwawa district.
- In Nsanje, 800 adults attended a sensitization meeting preparing Internally Displaced People (IDPs) psychologically for their return and resettlement, and an estimated 600 individuals were reached with an awareness campaign on child abuse in the East Bank side of Chikwawa. and 163 posters on child protection were distributed to 9 camps.
- More than 245 children (104 boys and 141 girls) were confirmed to be attending Community Based Child Care Centres (CBCC's) in 4 camps, and more than 409 children (161 boys and 248 girls) children were confirmed to be attending Children's Corners in 4 camps in the highly affected East Bank in Chikwawa. In total, more than 8,781 vulnerable children have benefitted from CBCCs, and 11,574 vulnerable children are benefitting from Children's Corners (CCs) since the onset of the emergency in all districts.
- In addition, UNICEF has made contributions through its partners, to the identification of 5,186 boys and 6,871 girls for CBCC's and 892 boys and 1385 girls for CC's in Zomba district.
- 20 children (11 girls and 9 boys) orphaned by the floods have been identified and followed up through UNICEF's partnerships with Malawi Interfaith Aids Association and Save the Children.
- 12 camps have been provided with Corn Soya Blend, and 18 CBCC's have been provided with CBCC utensils through UNICEF's partnership with Plan International. It is expected that this will increase CBCC attendance.
- UNFPA with MoGCDSW (Ministry of Gender, Children, Disability, and Social Welfare), MoH (Ministry of Health) and local NGO partners has completed establishment of 28 safe spaces for pregnant women, lactating mothers with babies between 0-6 months, and adolescent girls in Chikwawa, Phalombe and Nsanje. A total of 200 women have joined adult literacy classes. UNFPA through its partnerships has established 20 camp-based gender-based violence committees in total, each comprising of 5 women and 5 men. Awareness meetings on GBV prevention, management and response have cumulatively reached an estimated number of 9,491 males and 9,357 females.
- 80 staff from MOGCDSW have been given logistical support by UNFPA to be able to monitor and supervise GBV activities in camps, and strengthen GBV committees at camp (and district) levels, and a full time GBV coordinator has been stationed in the Southern region. 2,000 GBV IEC material has been

distributed to camps. 8 GBV cases have been identified and successfully managed, with no new cases reported this week.

- 8 Camps have been reached with psychosocial support through mobile teams by the MOGCDSW. In addition 7 camps have been reached with distribution of relief items (clothes, shoes and blankets) to vulnerable groups in Zomba district.

Education

- Through UNICEF support in strengthening Education Cluster information management, training on real time monitoring and operationalization of the situation room at the Ministry of Education Headquarters was conducted for Ministry Education Information Management System (EMIS) expert that will be responsible for the situation room and 8 Cluster volunteer teachers and one supervisor that will be coordinating with 176 district volunteer teachers on data management and providing feedback from and to the 9 target districts in Phalombe, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Mulanje, Thyolo, Mangochi, Machinga, Zomba and Chiradzulu.
- UNICEF and the Education Cluster held meetings with coordinating Primary Education Advisers in Nsanje and Chikwawa respectively to inform and clarify roles of the 18 redeployed Cluster volunteer teachers that will be working in the respective districts which should include support to needy schools in teaching and learning and following up on delivery, distribution and utilization of education supplies to target schools.
- With UNICEF support, World Vision Malawi (WVM) delivered two school tents to Mazongoza, an island school on the Shire River which will provide safe learning environment for 230 learner.
- The Education 's second real time monitoring survey which was sent out to 184 Cluster volunteer teachers indicates that special needs pupils appear not to be supported and the Cluster is counter-checking this information with the head teachers and District Education Managers so that these pupils do not miss out on learning.

Communications for Development (C4D)

- With UNICEF support, Concern Universal has deployed 4 hygiene and sanitation facilitators. Working closely with Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) the hygiene and sanitation facilitators are conducting 20 hygiene promotion meetings per week and are also using theatre for development to reinforce messages during the health promotion sessions;
- Concern Universal have also conducted mass awareness campaign using theatre for development reaching out to 2,344 people (586 female and 1,758 male) during the reporting week.
- Population Services International (PSI) continued with Target Outreach Communication in Nsanje focusing on Cholera awareness and hygiene promotion, while continuing Inter Personal Communication activities in the districts of Phalombe, Chikwawa and Nsanje reaching out to a combined population of over 53, 000 people in the three districts during the reporting period.
- 1,000 flip charts (printed by UNICEF) containing Cholera, Diarrhoea prevention, HIV/AIDS, Child Protection Nutrition, WASH, Education messages have been distributed to PSI Malawi, Goal Malawi and Red Cross to support volunteers to undertake door to door and household inter personal communication activities;
- District stakeholder meetings convened by DHOs were conducted in Nsanje and Chikwawa to map cholera hot spots and keep track of where organisations are working in order to balance interventions and focus on the most potent spots for Cholera in the two districts;
- UNICEF has finalized a communication plan and two new social marketing agencies have been engaged to disseminate messages on prevention of cholera.
- Radio programmes supporting the emergency response continue and will wind up over next weeks. C4D is reviewing radio station performances for recommendations and guidance on how they can provide support during the recovery period.

Supplies

- Education, WASH and health supplies valued at US\$ 240,618 were distributed in the reporting period increasing the total value of supplies delivered by UNICEF in the affected areas from US\$ 2,568,131 to US\$ 2,808,749

Funding

UNICEF Malawi is appealing for US\$ 9,291,292 to support the response to the January floods for an initial three months. Through discussion with donors in country, a total of US\$ 5,128,238 has been reallocated from existing resources. In the past week, no funds have been received and the amount received still remains at US\$ 2,001,219 against the appeal leaving a funding gap of US\$ 2,594,067.

| Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 19/01/2015 for a period of 3 months) | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Appeal Sector | UNICEF Requirements | Cluster Requirements | Funds received against UNICEF appeal | UNICEF Funds reallocated* | UNICEF Funding gap | |
| | | | | | \$ | % |
| Communication | 329,000 | Cross Sectoral | 100,000 | 0 | 229,000 | 70% |
| Coordination and Logistics | 470,000 | 8,465,277 | 178,203 | 57,619 | 234,178 | 50% |
| Child protection | 891,000 | 3,771,043 | 284,645 | 223,221 | 383,134 | 43% |
| Education | 1,870,000 | 5,748,874 | 442,641 | 699,030 | 728,509 | 39% |
| Nutrition | 1,592,542 | 2,313,227 | 388,457 | 944,987 | 259,098 | 16% |
| Health | 2,218,750 | 5,225,000 | 183,621.44 | 1,274,981 | 760,148 | 34% |
| WASH | 1,800,000 | 3,615,413 | 423,832 | 1,800,400 | 0 | 0% |
| HIV | 120,000 | Under Health | 0 | 128,000** | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 9,291,292 | 29,138,834 | 2,001,219 | 5,128,238 | 2,594,067 | 28% |

* 'Funds 'reallocated' does not include new contributions or pledges.

** The original response plan for HIV covered 3 districts while the response was later scaled up to 3 additional flood-affected districts, requiring an additional \$8000.

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