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Humanitarian Situation Report



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Highlights

- Most parts of Malawi experienced dry spells for more than 10 days in March 2014 with Karonga district in the northern region facing the worst effects of this dry spell so far. It is likely that yields for the current season will be seriously reduced in the worst affected areas because the maize crop was at the critical flowering stage.
- Services for management of Acute Malnutrition are currently ongoing in 464 Outpatient Therapeutic (OTP) sites and 86 Nutrition Rehabilitation Units across the country. An additional 4,572 children were admitted in February 2014 bringing the cumulative number of admissions to 13,543.
- UNICEF procured 9,177 cartons of RUTF for all the 29 districts and all the 3 central hospitals in the country for the period of January to March 2014. However, the districts have logistical challenges in terms of transporting the supplies to the facility level. UNICEF has supported delivery of the RUTF from the central warehouse to the District Health Office for 16 food insecure districts.
- UNICEF is supporting the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare in providing psychosocial support in the 24 food insecure districts. In these districts, Community Based Organisations are conducting community dialogue sessions where those that are in need of care and protection are being identified and linked to appropriate services such as Community Based Organisations, community based child care centres, children's corners, community victim support units and police victim support units.

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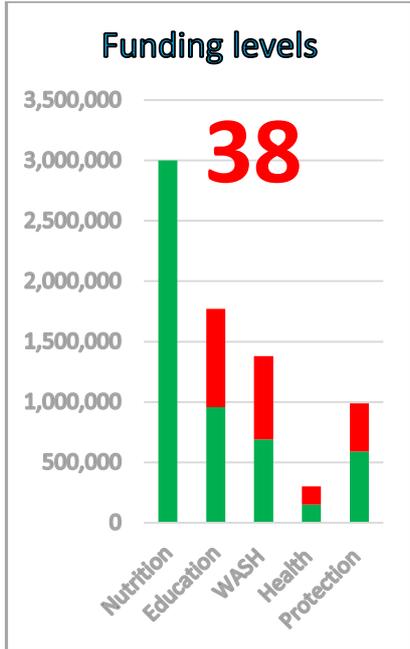
322,113 U5 children affected out of **1,894,782** food insecure people (Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee, December 2013)

60,670 people affected by floods and storms of which

19,930 people affected by floods (Department of Disaster Management Affairs, 28 March 2014)

Funding gap
US\$2,053,073

	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
	UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
Number of water guard bottles distributed to enable point of use water treatment ¹	340,000	15,585	600,000	No information
Affected school children benefit from school supplies (school in a box kits and recreation kits)	10,000	667	36,750	No information
# of children 6-59 months with SAM enrolled in OTP and NRU programmes	28,000	13,543	28,000	13,543
# and % of children receiving psychosocial support through community based child care centres and children's corners	24000	13,000	24000	No information



Food Security: Humanitarian assistance in the form of food and cash transfers, led by the Government of Malawi in coordination with the World Food Program and local and international Non-Governmental Organizations, is ongoing for about 2 million people across the country until the end of March.

2013/14 Seasonal outlook: Most parts of Malawi experienced dry spells for more than 10 days in March in most of the country with Karonga district facing the worst effects of this dry spell so far. It is likely that yields for the current season will be seriously reduced in the worst affected areas because the maize crop was at the critical flowering stage. However, the extent of the impact of the dry spells will only be fully understood once a joint assessment involving FEWS NET, WFP, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services is completed at the end of March.

Floods and Storms: As of 28 February 12,134 households (60,670 people) were affected by storms and floods of which 3,878 (19,390) were affected by floods.

Estimated food insecure Population (Estimates calculated based on figures from source, MVAC November update report)			
Start of humanitarian response: October 2013			
	Total (000)	Male	Female
Total Affected Population	1,894,782	909,495	985,287
Children Under Five	322,113	154,614	167,499

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

A process is underway to review the humanitarian coordination structures in Malawi. The process also involves improving linkages between humanitarian assistance and developmental work, including the areas of disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, and social protection and agricultural support, leading to greater resilience of the target population. Meanwhile, UNICEF continues to co-lead protection, education and WASH clusters.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

Nutrition: Services for the management of Acute Malnutrition are currently ongoing at 464 Outpatient Therapeutic (OTP) sites across the country and 86 NRUs across the country. An additional 4572 children were admitted in February 2014 bringing the cumulative number of admissions to 13,543.

An analysis of Community Management of Acute Malnutrition data for February 2014 compared to the same period in 2013 indicates an overall 41 percent increase¹ in OTP admissions. Higher admissions were particularly observed in 19 out of 24 food insecure districts². Higher admissions are attributed to active-case finding, the shift to new MUAC cut-off points, scaling up of CMAM and the lean season (October-March). Similarly, a comparison of January and February 2014 OTP data indicates a 38 percent increase³ in OTP admissions. A total of 19 out of the 24 districts reported increased admissions⁴. NRU⁵ admissions indicate an overall 11 percent decrease⁶. A decrease in admissions was particularly observed in 12 out of 24 districts⁷. Reduced NRU admissions in the 12 districts may be an indication that OTP is performing well⁸ and that

¹ From 2546 to 3593

² Blantyre, Chikhwawa, Dedza, Karonga, Kasungu, Machinga, Mchinji, Mzimba North, Ntcheu, Salima, Nsanje, Neno, Mangochi, Balaka, Ntchisi, Nkhotakota, Rumphu, Chiradzulu and Dowa

³ From 2596 to 3593

⁴ Balaka, Blantyre, Chikhwawa, Chiradzulu, Dedza, Dowa, Kasungu, Machinga, Mangochi, Mulanje, Mwanza, Ntcheu, Ntchisi, Nsanje, Neno, Phalombe, Rumphu, Salima, and Zomba.

⁵ Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit Provides inpatient care to severely acute malnourished children with complications until the patients are stabilised and suitable for OTP

⁶ From 1193 to 1052

⁷ Blantyre, Dedza, Kasungu, Machinga, Mzimba North, Ntcheu, Nsanje, Chiradzulu, Phalombe, Thyolo, Mulanje and Mwanza

⁸ Cure rate >75%, death rate <10% and defaulter rate (<15%)

SAM cases are identified and treated timely. A comparison of January and February 2014 NRU data indicates a 21 percent increase⁹ in NRU admissions. A total of 17 out of the 24 districts reported increased admissions¹⁰.

Child protection: UNICEF and other development partners are supporting the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare in strengthening existing protection services including case management, community victim support units, police victim support units and children's corners through which the food insecure are benefiting.

With funding from CERF, led by the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Welfare, the protection cluster are currently supporting the 24 food insecure districts in providing psychosocial support to those affected by the food insecurity. Orientation sessions for community based organisations have been conducted for Karonga, Rumphi and Mzimba. In these districts Community Based Organisations are conducting community dialogue sessions where those that are in need of care and protection are being identified and linked to appropriate services such as community based organisations, community based child care centres, children's corners, community victim support units and police victim support units.

Education: UNICEF provided 8 tents of 72 sqm, 4 tents of 24 sqm, 18 School-in-a-box kits, and 8 hurricane lamps to Chitipa district to support two schools that were seriously damaged by rain storms in February 2014. A total of 667 pupils are expected to benefit from the supplies.

WASH- In flood flash affected areas, local level interventions on routine HWT and hygiene promotion is ongoing as already prepositioned WASH services. The water and sanitation situation is being closely being monitored.

Supply and Logistics

Nutrition: UNICEF procured 9,177 cartons of RUTF for all the 29 districts and all the 3 central hospitals in the country for the period of January to March 2014. The RUTF for 16 food insecure districts were delivered directly to the DHO whilst the remaining 13 districts had to collect from central warehouses. However, the districts have logistical challenges in terms of transporting the supplies to the facility level. Districts are being sensitized on the importance of timely delivery and are encouraged to engage district partners to assist with transportation.

Child protection: To support the provision of psychosocial services through community based child care organisations, UNICEF is procuring 420 packs of stationery for 420 community based child care centres to facilitate the work of caregivers in supporting children. The packs will be used by 42,000 children.

Funding

Funding Requirements for a period of October 2013 – September 2014				
Sector	Requirements	Funds received*	Funding gap	
			\$	%
Nutrition	3,000,000	3,000,000	0	0.0
Education	957,313	143,814	813,499	85.0
WASH	690,000	0	690,000	100.0
Health	150,000	0	150,000	100.0
Protection	590,000	190,426	399,574	67.7
Total	5,387,313	3,334,240	2,053,073	

* 'Funds received' does not include pledges

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⁹From 873 to 1052

¹⁰ Balaka, Chikhwawa, Chiradzulu, Dedza, Kasungu, Karonga, Mangochi, Mchinji, Mzimba South, Mulanje, Mwanza, Ntcheu, Phalombe, Rumphi, Salima, Thyolo, Zomba and Moyo.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

	Cluster Response			UNICEF and IPs		
	Target 2013/14	Total Results	Change since last report ▲ ▼	2013/14 Target	Total Results	Change since last report ▲ ▼
NUTRITION						
% of exits from therapeutic feeding programme of children 6 - 59 months who have died	<10%	4.1%	0.5%▲	<10%	4.1%	0.5%▲
% of exits from therapeutic feeding programme of children 6 - 59 months who have defaulted	<15%	4.5%	0.1%▼	<15%	4.5%	0.1%▼
% of exits from therapeutic feeding programme of children 6 - 59 months who have recovered	>75%	88.5%	0.2%▲	>75%	88.5%	0.2%▲
# and/or % children 6-59 months with SAM enrolled in OTP and NRU programmes	28,000	13,543	4572▲	28,000	13,543	4572▲
# of NRUs and OTPs in affected districts stocked with RUTF, F100 and F75 adequate for the next month		464 OTPs	0		464 OTPs	0
		86 NRUs	0		86 NRUs	0
CHILD PROTECTION						
# of sexual assault and physical cases handled by One-Stop Centres	1,000		NA	1000	334	NA
# of violence against women and children cases reported to VSUs and CVSUs	24,000		NA	NA	13,000 ¹¹	NA
# and % of children receiving psychosocial support through community based child care centres and children's corners	24,000 ¹²		NA	24,000	NA	NA
WASH						
Number of people reached with hygiene promotion messages	6,000,000			NA		
Number of water points rehabilitated in affected communities	72 ¹³			NA		
Number of water points repaired in affected communities	216 ¹⁴			NA		
Number of water guard bottles distributed to enable point of use water treatment ¹⁵	340,000	15,585	0	600,000		
EDUCATION						
Affected school children benefit from school supplies (school in a box kits and recreation kits)	10,000	667	667▲	36,750		
Proportion of districts affected by cholera outbreak and received cholera treatment supplies from UNICEF within 24 hours after requesting	95%	NA	NA			
# of affected people benefiting from survival kits						

¹¹ This is an estimate based on trends¹² Target has been corrected.¹³ 18,000 affected people with renewed access(250 people per water point)¹⁴ 54,000 affected people with renewed access(250 people per water point)¹⁵ One water guard bottle is adequate for 1 household (5 people) for one month. 1 drum of 50litres chlorine is adequate for 200 households (1,000) people for one month