



### Operational Highlights

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- Deployment and decommissioning of MSUs to support the government’s COVID-19 response.
- Completion of the first container lab site handover.
- Finalization of the commodity tracking trainings for dispatch officers as part of the 2020/2021 lean season response.



### Background

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The National Logistics Cluster provides support to the humanitarian community through the coordination of logistics operations and addresses identified logistics gaps. WFP, as co-lead agency of the National Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, engages with the various stakeholders to facilitate transport, storage and other logistics activities in Malawi.



## Coordination & Information Management

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- In close coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, the National Logistics Cluster chaired **weekly online meetings** presenting national response updates, general COVID-19 updates, lean season response updates, the COVID-19 Response Plan, and related ongoing activities to partners.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster participated in national **inter-cluster coordination** group meetings on a weekly basis.
- The trainings on the **commodity tracking tool** for dispatch officers have been completed. A total of 43 officers have been trained in using the tool to facilitate the Lean Season Response (LSR).
- Over **seven information management products** have been published and disseminated to partners in the past month, primarily via the National Logistics Cluster webpage. To monitor the progress of the dispatches for the on-going LSR, a **weekly updated map** was shared with relevant stakeholders.
- The information layers in the **Log:ie (Logistics Information Exchange)** tool were updated and improved in cooperation with the Global Logistics Cluster.





## COVID-19 National Logistics Cluster Support & General Logistics Services

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- To support the vaccination campaign with a tent used as waiting area at the **Daeyang Luke Hospital** in Lilongwe, a small MSU was provided by the National Logistics Cluster.
- The **Lean Season Response (LSR) 2020/2021** continued with dispatches to the in-kind receiving districts of Blantyre, Mangochi, Lilongwe, Chikwawa, and Salima supported by WFP. As of 30 March 2021, 93% of the allocations had been dispatched.
- The National Logistics Cluster facilitated the installation of a MSU at the **Adventist Hospital** in Blantyre for the isolation of COVID-19 patients.
- The MSUs erected at the **Blantyre Youth Centre** were decommissioned with the support of the National Logistics Cluster.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the **handover of the first container laboratory site** in Dedza took place. Over the coming months, the National Logistics Cluster will support with the installation of five mobile COVID-19 laboratories made of shipping containers at the border posts in Dedza, Mchinji, Chitipa, Karonga, and Mulanje
- The National Logistics Cluster participated in the official opening ceremony of the **CHSU (Community Health Science Unit) COVID-19 laboratory**, which was supported with a tent for sample collection.

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