MALAWI FLOODS SITUATION REPORT # 3
JANUARY 2015

MALAWI
Humanitarian
Situation Report

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

21 January 2015

638,000 People affected
121,000 people displaced
15 districts affected
54 people killed
153 people missing
(Office of the Resident Coordinator Situation report # 1, 15 January 2015)

181
# of Schools occupied by displaced people
(Reports from District Education Managers AS OF 21 January 2015)

Highlights

• The number of people displaced is 121,000 according to the UN Resident Coordinator’s Situation Report of 18 January 2015.

• A total of 108 unaccompanied children have been recorded in Zomba and Nsanje districts as of 21 January 2015.

• UNICEF on 21st January 2015 received through a chartered plane 100 metric tonnes of supplies valued at USD 594,720.

• All the clusters have submitted to the Resident Coordinators Office their 90 day response plans for a funding appeal.

• UNICEF requires US$4.4million out of a total requirement of US$ 9.3 million in order to respond to the immediate needs for a three months period.

UNICEF’s Response with partners

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The number of people displaced is 121,000 according UN Resident Coordinator’s Situation Report of 18 January 2015.

Ministry of Education District Education Managers reports indicate that 181 schools remained occupied by displaced people as of 21 January 2015.

Some parts of the affected districts are still inaccessible making it difficult for UNICEF and partners to reach the affected people with support.

Two health facilities out of seven earlier reported to be implementing OTP are currently in accessible namely Makhanga in Nsanje and Nankumba in Mangochi. In the camps where health workers are present, under five children are being screened and SAM cases referred to the nearest health centre for management. Without an adequate and diversified diet, it is projected that more children will become malnourished in the affected areas. Low staffing and lack of growth monitoring has been reported in Chikwawa district.

No new cases of physical violence have been reported in Zomba although 4 attempts of sexual abuse against children and 5 against women were reported. These are yet to be verified by the Police.

The nutrition situation appears to be under control as reported from the field teams in the districts and the camps. However, rapid deterioration of nutrition status of children especially under flood situations is anticipated due to disease outbreaks such as diarrhoea and infections.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

- The last WASH cluster coordination meeting took place on Monday 19th January 2015, with representatives from UNICEF, the Ministries and 9 NGOs. UNICEF is co-leading the WASH Cluster with Ministry of Agriculture irrigation and Water Development to map WASH actors and to improve communication lines for information management through the appointment of district focal organisations who liaise with the district council and represent the WASH Cluster in districts. The WASH Cluster has consolidated its response plan for 90 days which is being finalized in the coming days. 100,000 people are being targeted under this response plan.
- The Nutrition Cluster has held two meetings and finalised a response plan with clear outcome and output targets, development of new terms of references and data collection tools. Department of Nutrition, HIV and AIDS – is the cluster lead with UNICEF as co-lead. The members of the nutrition cluster include, Ministry of Health, WFP, FAO, IRISH AID, USAID, EU, DFID, Save the Children, World Vision, Clinton Health Access Initiative, Ministry of Local Government and Development
- Education cluster held a meeting on 21st January 2015.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- UNICEF is continuing to work in 5 camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa through an agreement with GOAL Malawi, to provide latrines, water treatment and hygiene promotion to the estimated 20,000 people currently living in these camps. So far an estimated 15,500 people have been reached
- Plans are underway to scale up provision of sanitation and hygiene facilities through GOAL Malawi in a number of camps in the two districts.
- Development of programme Coordination Agreements is ongoing with NGOs regarding providing support of WASH facilities in further camps in Phalombe, Zomba, Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts.
- UNICEF is working in 8 camps through an agreement with Water Missions International to set up water treatment systems.
- 25,000 bottles of water guard have been ordered which will ensure that families in camps have enough safe drinking water, which will be distributed over the coming weeks
- 35 drums of water purification chlorine, 30 boxes of soap, 75 large water basins and 825 buckets have been distributed to the District Health Offices in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba and Mangochi to ensure adequate treatment and storage of water in the camps in their respective districts.

Nutrition

- As preparedness for emergency during lean season, by 20th January 2015 all the 15 affected districts had received in total 173 cartons of F-75, 2,000 blankets and anthropometric equipment (94 height boards, 2,674 hanging scales,
UNICEF is providing support to intensify timely nutritional assessment and monitoring for case identification and management as well as infant and young child feeding support in Nsanje District in partnership with Concern World Wide. In addition, HSAs have been mobilized for active screening in camps

District Nutrition Teams have been mobilised in Mangochi and Phalombe to intensify supervision, data collection and nutrition screening in the camps and the affected health facilities. This also includes provision of therapeutic supplies and improved management of acute malnourished children.

In Blantyre district UNICEF is collaborating with Goal Malawi Meeting on screening in camps

In Chikwawa district, screening is underway at Nhacho and Tizola camps: 77 screened of which 8 underweight referred for further screening and two under 5 years children were admitted for supplementary feeding and one U5 child for therapeutic feeding programme. Referrals at Tizola Camp include 3 under 5 children for SFP, 1 U5 child for OTP, 1 Pregnant and 2 lactating mothers.

Engaged 3 clinicians and nurses and 8 HSAs for health and nutrition support

Nsanje district has received MUAC tapes, F100, flasks, kettles, RUTF tables, blankets, CSB (corn-soy blend fortified food) for SFP for Nsanje

**Health and HIV**

- Second batch of survival kits (716) has been dispatched to Chikwawa districts bring the total to 2,216. In addition medical supplies including Oral Rehydration Salts zinc antibiotics and ringers lactate have been delivered to 7 of the affected districts.
- UNICEF has signed an Agreement with Malawi RedCross to provide support to camps in establishing shelter, identifying health and HIV/AIDS needs, undertake social mobilisation, collaborate with Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) and making referrals to health services
- In the two worst affected district (Nsanje and Chikwawa) MSF continues to carry out daily mobile clinics in camps as a way of sustaining delivery of essential health services.

**Child protection**

- Validation of reported damaged Community Based Child Care Centres (CBCCs) is underway in Zomba. Data from Mlumbe in Zomba was validated as 25 CBCCs affected which is much lower than earlier reported.
- A total of 99 unaccompanied children have been recorded in Zomba.
- 20 tents being sent to Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba and Mulanje to provide space for play and recreation of affected children. 5 child deaths reported in Machinga, Zomba and Mangochi.
- The section is working towards finalizing the partnerships with Plan Malawi, and Save the Children
- Funding to Police with the Hub for payment. No new cases of physical violence reported in Zomba although 4 attempts of 4 sexual abuse and 5 for women were reported. These are yet to be verified by the Police. Eight police officers deployed to each camp (within the team is a Child Protection Officer and Victim Support Unit Officer).
- A total of 99 unaccompanied children recorded in Zomba district as of 21 January while at Bangula camp 7 separated children have been registered with the social welfare officer. The community child protection worker stationed at the camp is overseeing the welfare of the children. Currently the district social welfare office is identifying alternative care arrangements for these children. Parents for the 8th child have since been identified. This brings the total number of unaccompanied children reordered so far to
- Malawi Interfaith AIDS Association and Emmanuel International are now on ground responding to the child protection issues.

**Education**

- UNICEF has finalized on the Programme Cooperation Agreement with partners to focus on mitigating challenges faced by education sector and ensure resumption of learning as a result of the disaster: Specific objective:
  - Increased capacity of district education sector to respond to the impact of floods on education system especially concerning the teaching and learning process
  - Increased capacity of teachers in the affected schools to reamsume teaching and learning as well as provide psycho social support to the children affected
  - The most affected schools supported by volunteer teachers.
- This will focus on 6 districts: Phalombe, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Chiradzulu, Zomba and Machinga
- The partnership with World Vision Malawi is now operationalized in 8 affected districts.
There are reports of increased affected schools in Thyolo and this data is awaiting verification.

On 20 Jan 2015, 7 UNICEF School Tents were distributed and delivered to 7 selected schools that were most affected by the extreme weather event (cyclone strength wind with driving rains). Erecting of the tents started immediately.

Communications for Development (C4D)

- Working with District Information Managers, IEC Officers and camp coordinators, have distributed IEC materials on Hygiene and Sanitation, Water Treatment, Nutrition, Cholera and Education in Emergencies- in quantities of 2,000 each to Nsanje, Chikwawa and Blantyre districts;
- UNICEF is supporting airing of radio programmes on 2 national radios and 7 community radio stations in the country;
- Linkages with GOAL Malawi to conduct sessions on hygiene and sanitation in camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa;
- UNICEF is also supporting HSAs with messages in camps to run education sessions.

Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF on 21st January received through a chartered plane 100 metric tonnes of supplies valued at USD 594,720.
- 5 trucks containing survival kits, chlorine, school in a box kits and medical supplies arrived in 7 districts (Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe, Zomba, Blantyre, Mangochi and Machinga).

Media and External Communication

- Communication staff have been stationed in Zomba and Blantyre with writers, videographers and photographers at hand. Additional communications support has been provided by the regional office and the Africa Services Unit. International media presence is limited, but teams are mapping out all major visibility opportunities based on activities outlined in the response plan. Media activities so far have included the loading and transportation of supplies from Lilongwe to the field, as well as the arrival supplies from Copenhagen which is expected to be covered extensively by local media. Human interest stories and photographs are also being collected on a daily basis.
- The social media engagement strategy has focused on providing information on the impact of the floods, as well as UNICEF’s response. UNICEF is providing recognition to donors such as DFID, JICA and USAID who are providing support to UNICEF for the response. We are also acknowledging the work of our implementing partners such as Goal and Water Missions who are supporting scale up efforts in the worst hit districts. Since 13th January, we have recorded 183,600 impressions on twitter and 56,786 facebook users have been reached with our coverage of the floods.

Funding

To respond to recent floods, 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$ 4,844,819 has been reallocated from existing resources. A funding gap of US$ 4,396,437 still remains to support the flood response as of 21 January 2015.
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