**HIGHLIGHTS**

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- UNICEF continues to support active case identification of severely acute malnourished under-five children through nutrition screening in the camps in collaboration with Health Surveillance Assistants and NGOs.
- A total of 59 have been admitted in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit and Out Patient Therapeutic Programme in 3 districts of the affected districts during the reporting period bringing the total number of children admitted to 255.
- UNICEF requires US$3,871,873 million out of a total requirement of US$ 9.3 million in order to respond to the immediate needs for a three months period.
- Malawi Floods Preliminary Response Plan was launched on 29th January 2015.
- A CERF request has been submitted to cover some of the immediate needs.

**SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

**30 January 2015**

- **638,000** People affected country wide
  Department of Disaster Management Affairs/OCHA situation report 23 January 2015
- **174,000** people displaced in 3 most affected districts
  Department of Disaster Management Affairs/OCHA situation report 23 January 2015
- **15** districts affected
  Department of Disaster Management Affairs/OCHA situation report 23 January
- **79** Deaths
  Department of Disaster Management Affairs/OCHA situation report 23 January
- **153** people missing in Nsanje District
  Department of Disaster Management Affairs/OCHA situation report 23 January
- **181** Schools occupied by displaced people
  (Reports from District Education Managers 26 .01.15)

**UNICEF’s Response with partners**

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- Rains continue to fall mostly in central and northern parts of Malawi. According to reports from UNICEF field Officers, continuous rains in Chikwawa district on 29th and 30th January 2015 have resulted in people arriving at some IDP sites. In Nsanje and Chikwawa alone there are over 40 IDP sites.
- 15 Districts (Chikwawa, Nsanje, Phalombe, Zomba, Rumphi, Karonga, Thyolo, Machinga, Mangochi, Ntcheu, Chiradzulu, Mulanje, Balaka, Salima and Blantyre) out of the 28 districts of the country have been affected by the floods.
- There are still a number of challenges at the displacements sites including shelter, food and non-food items and water sanitation and hygiene facilities. Protection concerns also prevail considering the congested mixed gender shelter set ups in some sites and inadequate lighting.
- The congested living conditions, inadequate access to sanitation and stagnation of water near the sites poses a risk of communicable diseases outbreaks such as cholera and malaria. Preparedness and response measures including disease surveillance and case management need to be strengthened at the camp sites considering the prevalence of risk factors. There is also need for close monitoring of the nutrition status of under-fives, pregnant and lactating women in the displacement sites through regular screening to ensure provision of appropriate response.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

- WASH Cluster met again on 29th January looking at issues affecting progress on the ground. An issue of scabies in some camps in Chikwawa was reported to have been responded to by Public Health Department of the Ministry of Health to contain further spread. More critical issue was that of Sanitation Standards: The temporary latrine-people ratio was further discussed during the meeting to seek appropriate approaches and reach a consensus with regard to meeting the Sphere standards of 1 drop hole to 20 people and 1:60 in the current camp setting of up to 5,000 people. Given the available limited funding and implementation capacities the cluster agreed that initially the approach will be to provide temporary latrines to as many camps as possible so as to avoid open defecation currently being practiced in some camps. In addition, this should be complimented with urinals and intensive hygiene promotion in all existing camps in proportions that existing funds can accommodate in order to minimize the risk of WASH related diseases such as diarrhoea. Subsequently, WASH Cluster will work towards reduce the ratio gradually to meet the recommended standard of 1:60 and then 1:20 (sphere standard).
- Nutrition cluster continue meeting twice a week. The cluster finalised four nutrition Standard Operating Procedures for emergencies namely under-five children, pregnant and lactating women, general population and chronically ill people, which will ensure quality of management and treatment of moderate and acute malnutrition in the camps. A comprehensive nutrition cluster monitoring tool to provide timely information on a weekly basis on key nutrition emergency response indicators was finalised and is being used by Government and NGO partners.
- Protection Cluster met for the 5th time on 29th to share updates on relief work and other updates pertaining to the Protection Cluster that would form part of a briefing package for the National Disaster Management meeting to be held at the Office of the President and Cabinet on 30th January 2015. The Secretary for Ministry of Gender acknowledged UNICEF support that enabled Ministry’s staff to be deployed to camps which she said has resulted into the Ministry to start receiving detailed disaggregated data from its staff in the camps. The data is expected to enhance appropriate targeting of relief support.
- Education cluster also continued to meet twice a week with the last meeting being held on 29 January 2015.
- A CERF request has been submitted to cover some of the immediate needs.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- A total of 27,131 people have so far been reached with sanitation services and 23,941 have been provided with safe drinking water in the hard hit affected areas. Work on provision of these services is continuing to reach more people.
- In hard to reach areas of the Eastern Bank, 10 Chlorine Tins of 50 kg each supplied by UNICEF were airlifted to hard-to-reach areas for water treatment: at Osiyana (2 dropped at Sankhulani due to landing difficulties at Osiyana); Makhanga (4); Trinity (2) and Masenje (2). The chlorine is meant to benefit 2,000 households with an estimated population of up to 10,000 people.
- Concern Universal has started WASH activities in Phalombe. Three 50kg Tins of chlorine have been distributed to 3 camps meant to benefit 3,000 people in Chitekesa, Mwanga and Mkhwaya Camps.
• Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has delivered water guard for household water treatment in Phalombe and soap for hand washing also in Phalombe.

• Population Services International (PSI) will start hygiene promotion activities in the 22 Camps in Nsanje this week to complement hygiene promotion activities by Goal Malawi in Nsanje.

• GOAL Malawi have constructed 15 additional latrines in 4 camps for 4,848 bringing the total to 135 latrines so far reaching a population of 27,131 displaced people in the camps. The partnership between GOAL Malawi and UNICEF plans to construct a total of 500 latrines across the camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa

• Furthermore, GOAL Malawi has placed two hygiene promoters in each of the 22 camps in Nsanje with total population of about 67,000. Goal has done 4 more hygiene session reaching about 1,850 people with hygiene messages. Cumulatively, they have completed a total of 66 hygiene sessions across 8 camps to inform people of the importance of hand washing.

• Water Missions International has finalized installation of piped water system at Mchenga Primary school serving 1,155 people. Similar work will start today at two more camps (Savala and Bodza camps) in Chikwawa district.

• Through agreements with Catholic Relief Services and Concern Universal, work has commenced to ensure safe drinking water supply and sanitation facilities are available at 28 camps across Phalombe and Zomba Districts with over 10,000 camp residents. Hygiene promotion activities will also be undertaken with the affected camp populations.

• Population Services International have commenced their work with Phalombe, Chikwawa and Nsanje Districts by meeting with District Health Officers to identify Interpersonal Communication Assistants who will commence hygiene promotion activities in 40 camps.

• A water bowser continued to provide safe drinking water to a total of four camps in Nsanje now reaching up to 13,385 people.

• Chlorine for water treatment is continuing to be provided to more health centers including those that were hard to reach in the districts.

• One damaged water point at a school hosting 1,155 people has been repaired in Chikwawa.

• UNICEF plan to provide temporary latrines in a number of schools affected by the flooding.

Nutrition

• UNICEF continues to support active case identification of severely acute malnourished under-five children through nutrition screening in the camps in collaboration with Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) and NGOs. A total of 59 have been admitted in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU) and Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) in 3 districts (Nsanje, Chikwawa and Zomba) during the reporting period bringing the total number of children admitted to 255.

  o In 6 camps in Nsanje, a total of 615 under-five children were screened and admitted 3 severely acute malnourished children in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU), 16 children in Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and 51 moderate acute malnourished children in Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP). In addition, 40 pregnant and lactating women have been admitted in SFP.

  o In 9 camps of Chikwawa, a total of 832 under-five children were screened and admitted 28 severely acute malnourished children in Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and 66 moderate acute malnourished children in Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP). In addition, 39 pregnant and lactating women have been admitted in SFP.

  o In 1 camp under Ngwelero Health Centre of Zomba, 42 children were screened and admitted 4 children in OTP and 8 in SFP. Meanwhile, in 6 health facilities, at least 8 children admitted in NRU, 38 children in OTP and 177 children in SFP.

Health and HIV

• Hygiene and dignity kit kits were distributed to pregnant women in the third trimester as birth preparedness kit, lactating mothers and adolescents girls.

  o 89 kits at Motal Engil camp

  o 30 at Magoti camp

  o 12 each at Mguda and Mpatza camp

  o 45 at Mlonda camp

  o 30 to District Health Officers (DHO)

• To date, there are no reports of a measles or cholera outbreak in any of the camps. UNICEF is assisting District Health Officers (DHO) to provide basic health services through mobile clinic near big camps.

• According to the MoH, facilities in Nsanje and Chikwawa have sufficient supplies of ARVs. MoH has moved supplies to facilities reporting shortages. People from the camps in these areas are accessing treatment. Data is being collected on people in camps inaccessible by road who may require ARVs. If that is the case, ARVs may be included in supplies being delivered by helicopter.
UNICEF partner Pakachere finalized plans to establish dialogue sessions and mobile video vans for adolescents in camps in Zomba and Phalombe.

In Nsanje and Chikwawa, YONECO has provided psycho-social support and sexual and reproductive health services to 6,363 children and adolescents. Ninety adolescents received HIV testing and counselling; 10 were diagnosed HIV positive and enrolled in pre-ART care at nearby facilities. Theatre for Development activities reached 7,159 adolescents and 7,615 adults. In addition, jingles continue to be aired daily on national radio on avoiding transactional sex.

**Child protection**

- An estimated 6,165 (6-18 years) and 6,330 (3-5 years) children through provision of psychosocial support and early learning through children corners and CBCCs, respectively following provision of 5 tents for ECD centres to 4 camps in Chikwawa district.
- 5 out of the 8 separated children in Bangula Centre have been reunited with parents. Remaining 3 children’s parents have been located and would be reunited with their children as soon as possible.
- One defilement case was reported in Phalombe and the perpetrator was known to the child. Police are tracking the perpetrator to bring him to justice. The child received medical attention as an outpatient at a nearby health facility. Social Workers provided counselling service.
- There was reported case of chaos at Motor Engel in Nsanje during distribution of relief items as a result of vulnerable people being given preference, and in another instance, as a result of TAs requesting to be served first. Police managed both situations.
- A 5th protection Cluster meeting took place on 29th January 2015. The Secretary for Ministry of Gender acknowledged UNICEF support that enabled Ministry’s staff to be deployed to camps. Consequently, the Ministry has started to receive detailed disaggregated data from its staff in the camps. This is expected to enhance appropriate targeting of relief.
- The Secretary for Gender has appealed for a ‘high level’ protection visit to affected areas. UN WOMEN may consider supporting.
- Mapping of all service providers in Zomba for the CP emergency response was completed by the District Social Welfare Office (DSWO). Despite presence of many NGO partners in the district, gaps in service delivery were still identified. A package of services to be established at each camp were agreed and this will include; Early Childhood Services (ECD), psychosocial support, Community Victim support Units, One Stop Centre and Violence prevention. Zomba Child Protection partners and the District Social Welfare Office agreed that the DSWO should play a coordination role than implementation for an effective emergency response.
- World Vision is considering to lend out a vehicle to DSWO in Zomba to support coordination activities during emergency as DSWO has no vehicle.
- One UNICEF tent for CBCC has been mounted at Katamba Community Day Secondary School Camp and 48 children from the camp are receiving services. Children from the surrounding community are also patronizing the facility.
- Hard copies of the ‘Who is doing what, where’ in protection matrix was circulated on 29th January to all cluster members. This was to provide a better understanding of the cluster’s service coverage.

**Education**

- Three quarters of the floods survivors who were camping at Bangula Primary School, the biggest camp in Nsanje district, have been relocated to Bangula Admarc Sites. Remaining IDPs are still being accommodated in six classrooms. School capacity is under stress due to increased enrolment, as children from neighbouring submerged schools are attending classes at Bangula. Therefore there is urgent need of tents and teaching and learning materials;
- Educational Supplies by partners have reached schools with approximately 22,520 learners resuming school. In Chikwawa district 13 schools have resumed learning. The supplies include 50 tents and 563 school in a box distributed by World Vision Malawi.
- Action Aid are handling a total of 22 schools in Nsanje. With an estimated number of 28,000 beneficiaries, according to the enrolment numbers at the schools prior to the flooding. The support will be in the form of rehabilitation, notebooks and psychosocial support. DAPP will provide psychosocial support for a total of 151 schools in the districts of Nsanje, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Machinga, Mulanje, Zomba and Chiradzulu. With a total of 90 000 enrolled students. School Feeding is being provided by WFP and Mary's Meals, targeting a total of 138 schools in the districts of Nsanje, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Mulanje, Mangochi, Thyolo, Zomba, Chiradzulu and Blantyre. To achieve this WFP had already prepositioned 370 metric tons of Super Cereal at selected schools, and are planning to distribute another 400 metric tons.
- In Nsanje district a total number of 33 schools have already received 203 lamps, 196 school in a carton and 10 tents. Total number of beneficiaries in the district is 7840.
A plan for teacher’s deployment in the most affected districts has been finalized together with World Vision Malawi. 8 volunteer teachers per district will be deployed during the next week.

Communications for Development (C4D)

- UNICEF has supported District Information Officers and District Health Education Officers to prepare a letter to community which highlights key messages and action points in all the program interventions. These letters will be used to support small group activities and read out in meetings to reinforce the key messages.
- C4D capacity in the field has been strengthened with deployment of another officer to Zomba and Phalombe. Capacity will be further strengthened with arrival of C4D specialist from Ethiopia country office who will help to coordinate C4D field activities in the office.
- UNICEF team has linked PSI and connected them to DC Offices both in Nsanje and Chikwawa to agree on mode of recruitment for community mobilizers from district information officers.
- PSI will link with Phalombe today for finalization of discussions.
- Letters to camp leaders containing check list of messages across all sectors are being reviewed by district teams and are expected to be distributed in the week beginning 2 February 2015.
- IEC materials continue to be distributed to camps that did not receive to date and will be increased for Zomba affected districts.

Supply and Logistics

- UNICEF is expecting to receive 24 metric tonnes of supplies (mainly medical supplies) on 31st January 2015.
- UNICEF is making arrangements for in-country distribution of supplies (tents, sleeping pads and blankets) which were donated by JICA to Malawi Government as part of the support to Malawi Government.

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$ 5,427,819 has been reallocated from existing resources. **A funding gap of US$ 3,871,873 still remains to support the flood response as of 30 January 2015.**

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