**HIGHLIGHTS**

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- A total of 38,721 people have so far been reached with sanitation services and 27,674 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 Phalombe 52% (9 of 17) Health Centres in the district are providing support to the camps through mobile clinics while in Zomba 13 health facilities are providing support through mobile clinics.
- A total of 32 have been admitted in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit and Out Patient Therapeutic Programme in 2 districts of the affected districts during the reporting period bringing the total number of children admitted to 287.
- UNICEF has a critical funding gap of 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.

**SITUATION IN NUMBERS**

4 February 2015

- **1.15 m** People affected country wide
- **336,000** people displaced
- **15** districts affected
- **104** Deaths
- **645** people injured
- **172** people missing

Above figures are from UNDAC assessment report presented at Humanitarian country Team meeting on 4th February 2014

**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

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- The Malawi Meteorological Services indicates that widespread rains associated with local heavy downpours are expected to continue affecting the country up to 5 February. Cumulatively, high rainfall amounts are still being recorded especially in the Shire River Basin exacerbating the flood situations in the districts of Nsanje and Chikwawa. The risk of flooding is also high in Phalombe, Mangochi, Salima, Nkhubhaya and Karonga Districts. With the response efforts stretched to meet the current needs, the risk of further flooding raises a critical concern. Preparedness and response efforts need to be scaled up in all sectors.

- There have been no reports of outbreak of diseases associated with the floods except sporadic reports of diarrhoea and malaria cases. Preparedness and response measures including disease surveillance and case management need to be strengthened 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

- The 8th WASH Cluster meeting was held on 2nd February 2015. Cluster members discussed among other matters the need to strengthen coordination and exchange of information among different clusters; especially between WASH, Education and Shelter clusters in order to effectively deal with sanitation and hygiene requirements for displaced people that have relocated. Decongesting some camps was suggested as one way of ensuring that people latrine ratios are reduced gradually to optimal levels. The cluster also agreed to begin to encourage displaced people to return to their homes when conditions allow and providing them with transitional settlement shelter kits.

- Protection cluster meeting scheduled for 3rd February failed because of poor turnout.

- Nutrition cluster met on 2nd February 2014 where a discussion on early recovery planning took place.

- Education cluster met on 3rd February with another meeting planned for 6 February 2015.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- A total of 38,721 people have so far been reached with sanitation services and 27,674 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.

- UNICEF has mobilized WASH cluster at district level to hold coordination meetings. Cluster coordination meetings in Phalombe and Zomba districts are up and running with the latest meeting held on 2nd February 2015 with an agreement to be meeting regularly.

- Goal Malawi has completed 93 additional latrines in the last 4-5 days reaching a cumulative total of 228 latrines in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts.

- Concern Universal has completed 4 additional latrines to make a total of 14 at Mileme School in Phalombe serving a total population of 933 displaced people; and construction works for latrines in 10 other camps in TA Jenala is underway in Phalombe.

- Concern Universal has also installed a 1,000 liter water tank at Mileme School Camp in Phalombe to supplement the existing water supply from one bore hole fixed by MFS to cater for 933 displaced people and 2000 school children reaching a total of 2,933 people.

- Population Services International (PSI) is continuing to support Goal and District teams on hygiene promotion activities in the Camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa.

- GOAL Malawi has organized toilet cleaning in the camps by engaging 14 women at Motor Engel camp to maintain hygiene and considering doing the same in other camps.

- Furthermore, GOAL Malawi continues to conduct hygiene promotion activities in the camps they are working in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts.

- Catholic Relief service (CRS) has distributed water treatment supplies (Chlorine and Water Guard) to 800 people for drinking water chlorination in Phalombe and the work continues.
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.

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

Nutrition

UNICEF continues to support active case identification of acute malnourished under-five children through nutrition screening in the camps in collaboration with Health Surveillance Assistants (HSAs) and four NGOs. The four NGOs engaged by UNICEF are all on the ground strengthening nutrition screening with active case identification, referral, monitoring of admitted children and enforcing Infant and Young child feeding practices in camps to prevent nutrition status deterioration. A total of 32 have been admitted in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU) and Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) in 2 districts (Nsanje and Chikwawa) during the reporting period bringing the total number of children admitted to 284.

- In 4 camps in Nsanje, a total of 90 under-five children were screened and admitted 12 children in Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and 40 moderate acute malnourished children in Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP). In addition, 18 pregnant and lactating women have been admitted in SFP.
- In 10 camps of Chikwawa, a total of 953 under-five children were screened and admitted 2 severely acute malnourished children in Nutrition Rehabilitation Unit (NRU), 18 severely acute malnourished children in Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) and 45 moderate acute malnourished children in Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP). A total of 121 over five children were screened and none identified acute malnourished. In addition, 105 pregnant and lactating women were screened and 4 have been admitted in SFP.

In Chikwawa and Nsanje Camps, food distribution ration has improved with different variety including fish, soya pieces, cooking oil and iodised salt.

The District Health Office in Phalombe has managed to deliver 30 cartons of Ready-to-use therapeutic food provided by UNICEF to Nambazo Health centre which was inaccessible since the flooding started.

Health and HIV

In Phalombe 52% (9 of 17) Health Centres in the district are providing support to the camps through mobile clinics while in Zomba 13 health facilities are providing support through mobile clinics. However 3 and 7 (Christain Hospitals association of Malawi (CHAM) facilities in Phalombe and Zomba respectively asking fees for consultations. UNICEF is lobbying with the District Health Office to enter into service agreements or provide health supplies to the CHAM facilities.

Final version of the integrated Health response plan (60 days) from Zomba DHO office developed with input from the UNICEF staff on the ground.

UNICEF followed up with Likangala Health Centre which reported cases of diarrhoea and dysentery in camps. Health Surveillance assistants (HSAs) also followed up on the diarrhea cases and observed they were treated with only treated with Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) due to unavailability of Zinc is out of stock. UNICEF is discussing with District health management team to solicit zinc from DHO.

UNICEF has continued working with the District Health Office to ensure running of basic health services to all camps including the hard to reach areas in East Bank. This includes sending of HSAs, nurses and clinicians on scheduled times. However, mobile clinics are not being conducted routinely due to inadequate fuel at the DHO’s Office.

Nsanje and Chikwawa Districts also being challenged by Shortage of ITNs, blankets and food especially relish and Likuni phala for children in the camps. Mobile clinics not being conducted routinely because DHO’s office sites lack of fuel as a major constraint in addition to the issue of allowance.

In Nsanje and Chikwawa camps, YONECO is continuing to organize games and discussion sessions with children and adolescents, while PSI is sharing information on health, hygiene and HIV.

Condoms have been made available at most sites.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) HIV Department conducted emergency deliveries for commodities in the flood-affected districts. Commodities consisted primarily of condoms as the health facilities already had adequate stocks of ARVs to cover Quarter 1 (January-March). MoH will begin deliveries for Quarter 2 2015 in the week beginning 9 January 2015 and will finalize by first week of March 2015.

UNICEF has drafted a cholera preparedness plan to be communicated at cluster level to include partners in the finalization.
**Protection**

- Deployment of Social Welfare Officers to the affected areas with UNICEF support comes to an end on Friday 6 February. 19 Social Welfare Officers were deployed in 4 of the 15 affected districts (Phalombe, Mulanje, Chikwawa and Nsanje).
- With UNICEF support Blantyre Synod is conducting a rapid assessment to establish the needs in Blantyre District where Community Based Child Care Centers (CBCC) and Children Corner activities are not being conducted in some camps.
- With support from UNICEF, contextualization of tracing and registration forms for separated children for use by partners has been completed. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 February to discuss implementation of tracing of separated children.
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- Malawi Police are following up on all reported cases of violence from field teams with few reports on violence being received pointing to the effectiveness on community protection structures. The following cases have been followed up in the reporting week:
  - Report of 124 rape cases in Zomba followed up and proved not correct
  - Defilement case reported from Phalombe of 12 year old girl whose guardians' house was washed by floods confirmed by police and hospital. Suspect still on the run. Police conducting sensitization and community police on the alert
  - Early marriage cases reported from Zomba happened before emergency. Police followed up and withdrew 3 girls from the marriage and charged the persons concerned with defilement
  - Case of food being exchanged for sex aired on radio followed up by Police in Mulanje and proved not to be true

**Education**

- In Phalombe district 5 tents have already been installed by UNICEF partner World Vision in order to secure continuity of learning. In addition 79 school in a box kits and 75 lamps have already been dispatched. Total number of beneficiaries reached in the district is now 15,139, of which 7,494 boys and 7,645 girls. Most roads to these schools are impassable. In T/A Jenala and Kadya where most of these schools are located is still raining and bridges washed away. Diversions to take the most possible paths to reach the destinations are also delaying the process. Phalombe District Education Manager has assisted World Vision with a 5 tonner to ferry the UNICEF items to all the schools.
- For psychosocial support UNICEF has signed an agreement with development aid from people to people (DAPP). DAPP has already finalized volunteer teachers deployment plans and 13 pairs of teachers have reported for service to 13 different school camps in Nsanje, Phalombe and Chikwawa.
- Action Aid are handling a total of 22 schools in Nsanje, 3 of these schools are currently being relocated in coordination with the Ministry of Education. 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. The Red Cross has already set up tents a total number of 12 tents in 2 school camps in Phalombe district.
- The recruitment of an education cluster coordinator is currently ongoing. The education cluster has finalized a detailed mapping and monitoring tool at school level to focus on monitoring of ongoing response.
- As first result of the coordinated effort of the cluster schooling has been resumed in all but 12 schools of the country. Half of them are located in Nsanje district.
- In Chikwawa district 4 school camps have set up temporary learning spaces. Volunteer teachers for the preschoolers have been identified. However, no structured learning has been initiated so far. Most primary school going pupils have joined the nearby schools with reported overcrowding.

**Communications for Development (C4D)**

- A C4D officer has been deployed to Zomba, to support programme interventions in the affected districts of Thyolo, Phalombe and Zomba. The Officer has linked up with Phalombe and Zomba district communication teams to make a quick assessment of capacity and needs. Phalombe district doesn’t have a Health Education Officer in place to
coordinate communication activities especially health related interventions. Alternative partners including NGOs will be explored.

- Community activity monitoring tools developed and will be shared with implementing partners in both Zomba and Phalombe to standardize the information being collected. Overall C4D monitoring framework has been finalized for first 3 months.
- Radio and television programmes (on MBC-TV) are continuing but there is need for radios in the camps. Procurement of radios has been initiated, and printing of IEC materials in process.
- UNICEF partner Pakachere will be deploying community communication teams who will be doing social dialogue in camps and affected communities.
- Population Services International will be starting targeted outreach communication activities in Phalombe on health and hygiene.
- UNICEF partner Youth net and Counselling has completed 13 edutainment performances in Nsanje(5) and Chikwawa(8) with audience estimated at 15,000 with children estimated at over 2,000.
- Orientation for peer educators (30) recruited by Population Services International takes place in Chikwawa on 4 February 2015. UNICEF flip chart (that covers all sectors) will be used for the orientation.

Supply and Logistics

- 24 metric tonnes of supplies (mainly medical supplies) on 31st January 2015. awaiting clearance and release.
- Supplies (tents, sleeping pads and blankets) which were donated by JICA to Malawi Government as part of the support to Malawi Government and UNICEF Health Supplies amounting to $27,000 are being distributed to the affected districts starting from 04 February 2015.
- Supply is expecting more education and Health supplies valued at $483,010.00 by Friday 06 February. Furthermore, Supplies from Local sources will be arriving starting from 06 February.

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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* ‘Funds ‘reallocated’ does not include new contributions or pledges.

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