 highlights

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• Meanwhile, the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee (MVAC) indicates that some 616,000 additional people will require food aid until mid-year as a result of the flood disaster.
• During the reporting period, a total of 5,072 people have been reached with hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrhoea disease prevention as well as hygiene and water treatment. This brings the cumulative total population reached with hygiene promotion to 323,457 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts.
• Total value of supplies delivered by UNICEF to date is at US$ 2,568,13.
• UNICEF has a funding gap of US$ 2,594,067, against the overall appeal for US$ 9,291,292.

UNICEF's Response with partners

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- The Displacement Tracking Mechanism update of 27th March indicates that there are still 162,062 people in temporary shelter sites in six districts of Nsanje, Phalombe, Chkwawa, Zomba, Blantyre and Mulanje.
- Malawi has been registering cholera cases since 11th February. As of 5th April 2015, which is the 22nd Epidemiological week (30th March – 5th April 2015), Malawi has cumulatively registered 329 cases with 3 deaths. The affected districts are Nsanje (176 cases, 3 deaths), Dedza (1 case), Lilongwe (6 cases), Chikwawa (120 cases), Ntcheu (6 cases), Blantyre (11 cases) and Mwanza (9 cases). Chikwawa district reported the highest number of cases in the reporting week (47 cases), followed by Nsanje (17 cases) and Blantyre (10 cases).
- Despite registering above average cumulative rainfall amounts, the spatial distribution of the rainfall has been poor with planting rains delayed for more than one month, followed by extremely heavy rainfall in January and early February, and then followed by dry conditions from mid-February to March. According to the Meteorological Services Department, due to moisture stress and prolonged dry spells experienced in March 2015 in many parts of the country, crops were reported to be wilting and some drying prematurely raising fears of crop production failure and household food availability problems in the 2015/16 consumption season.
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Humanitarian Leadership and Coordination

- Nutrition cluster at the district level, particularly in Blantyre, recently merged with the Health cluster to reduce avoidable mortality and morbidity and disability, and restore the delivery of, and equitable access to, preventive and curative health and nutrition services as quickly as possible.
- The shelter cluster is finalizing the Displacement Tracing Matrix (DTM) round 2 report which is expected to guide humanitarian partners and Government of Malawi in provision of assistance and the IDP return process. The cluster continues to provide shelter materials and shelter return kits to IDPs through the Malawi Red Cross, Care Malawi, IOM and Samaritan Purse. The cluster is also continuing to provide camp monitoring and camp management services in the displacement sites.
- Sensitization of district councils by the Department of Disaster Management Affairs jointly with the Shelter Cluster on the Durable Solutions Framework, which was endorsed by the National Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee (NDPRC), has been shifted to 9 and 10 April. The sensitization will be done in six districts (Nsanje, Chikwawa, Mulanje, Phalombe, Zomba and Machinga). The framework provides a tool for assisting Government and humanitarian / development partners to evaluate opportunities for achieving 'durable solutions for disaster affected displaced populations in Malawi'. As part of this initiative, the Government is adopting a dual approach of incentivizing IDPs to return to their places of origin, while ensuring that return is voluntary and well-informed.
- The protection cluster met on 7th April 2015. The cluster has since submitted to the Shelter Cluster vulnerability criteria for shelter prioritization according to the Durable Solutions Framework. Also the cluster is considering establishment of a task force/technical working group for early recovery planning.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

WASH

- UNICEF through CRS/CADECOM, Concern Universal and GOAL Malawi has constructed 36 more latrines in the past week reaching a cumulative figure of 706 latrines. So far, a total population of 123,549 people has been provided with access to latrines. In addition, 285 washrooms have been constructed in
camps bringing the total number of people reached through construction of washrooms to 105,310 people.

- During the reporting period a total of 5,072 people have been reached with hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrhea disease prevention as well as hygiene and water treatment. This brings the cumulative total population reached with hygiene promotion to 323,457 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts. This has been achieved through partnerships with PSI Malawi, CRS/CADECOM, Concern Universal and GOAL Malawi.

- 1,671 buckets with taps for hand washing have been distributed to camps and schools. This brings the cumulative number of people reached with hand washing facilities through Catholic Relief Services, Concern Universal and Goal Malawi to 126,297 people of which 24,735 are learners.

Nutrition

- To date, a cumulative total of 4,848 under-five children with severe acute malnutrition have been admitted in OTP and NRUs supported by UNICEF. Over 90% of children discharged from OTP and NRU were cured; overall, all the outcome indicators in CMAM are consistent with SPHERE standards of >75% recovery rate and <10% mortality rate.

- With support from UNICEF, 255 Health Surveillance Assistants (HSA) and 456 volunteers have been oriented by partners in Nsanje, Zomba, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Mangochi, Blantyre and Mulanje to improve the quality of nutrition screening of under five children and pregnant and lactating women.

- A nutrition technical team from UNICEF provided support to 6 camps, 5 hospitals, 6 health centres and 3 warehouses in Zomba, Chikwawa, Mulanje, Machinga, and Mangochi districts. The purpose was to improve quality of nutrition interventions.

Health and HIV

- In Nsanje district, 370 health personnel have been trained on Cholera case management by WHO. Cholera vaccine was completed on Saturday with district coverage of 81.5%.

- UNICEF continues to support Health mobile clinics in Zomba. In the month of March 4,288 Outpatient department (OPD) patients were seen,610 children 0 to 23 months immunized, 84 Ante Natal Clinic (ANC) check up’s completed, 326 Rapid Malaria test conducted of which 110 treated and 261 family planning commodities distributed in the month of March.

- UNICEF partners continue to provide HIV prevention and Sexual Reproductive Health services to affected communities through outreach service delivery. During the reporting period 13,771 people have been reached with HIV information and services (HIV counselling and testing, family planning methods and condom distribution).

- The number of people reached with HIV prevention information to date is 167,069 through UNICEF partners PSI, Youth net and Counselling (YONECO), Banja la Mtsgolo (BLM) and Pakachere. No condom stock outs have been reported in the affected districts.

Protection

- In Phalombe district through partnership with Plan International, 985 vulnerable children were identified from 10 CBCCCs and 40 caregivers (4 from each camp) were trained in caring for the children at the CBCCCs. In the same district a total of 3126 children (1479 boys and 1647 girls) and 2617 children (1235 boys and 1382 girls) in Community Child Care Centres and Children’s Corners respectively have been registered by Blantyre Synod with UNICEF support. Furthermore, committees have been established for 10 Children’s Corners.
• In Phalombe, 300 people were reached in camps on issues such as camp life, child protection, health, safety and hygiene, sexual abuse, gender based violence and the need to start returning home and 65 caregivers were trained in provision of psychosocial and counselling support.
• In Thyolo district, case management tools were delivered to 22 child protection workers in the flood affected traditional authorities.
• In Machinga, UNICEF partner Plan identified 606 vulnerable children from 8 CBCCs and trained 51 caregivers from the Centres. 617 were reached in camps on issues such as camp life, child protection, health, safety and hygiene, sexual abuse, gender based violence and the need to start returning home. 75 stakeholders were trained in child protection and emergency.
• In Mangochi, Plan ensured 590 Children from 9 camps accessed CBCC Services and 656 accessed Child Corners. 9 Camps were supported to have functional Child Protection and Community Policing Committees which ensured a zero violence rate.
• In Nsanje, a ground breaking court hearing on a defilement case of 6 year old girl in the East Bank resulted in a 9 years sentence. Case management and psychosocial support was provided to the girl and her family by Save the Children.
• Also in Nsanje 20 wheelchairs have been distributed to IDP camps by Malawi Council for the Handicapped (MACOHA) supported Federation of Disability Organizations of Malawi (FEDOMA).

Education

• Primary schools closed for the second term on 27 March and will resume classes on 13 April 2015.
• Through UNICEF support, Development from People to People (DAPP) conducted a two day evaluation workshop from 1 to 2 April 2015 for the 26 volunteer teachers that had completed their two months assignment in the resumption of teaching and learning in primary schools and Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres for flood affected learners.
• Nsanje District Education Cluster has reported gaps in availability of toilets for tent schools that have been relocated from submerged schools to higher grounds such as Thandadzi 1 to Bangula camp and others. UNICEF has discussed with WVM to include the provision of toilets to the schools in its addendum Programme Coordination Agreement.
• With UNICEF support, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MOEST) procured equipment for operationalizing a real time monitoring situation room. This will improve the Education Cluster information management system.
• The District Education Manager in Chikwawa has verified that Monjo school, which received two UNICEF tents and was erroneously indicated as non-functional, is actually a functioning school and will still need the tents until the school building is re-roofed. UNICEF provided 2 tents to the school which will enable 220 pupils to learn in a safe environment once the third term starts on 13 April 2015.

Communications for Development (C4D)

• UNICEF continues to support various programs on Radio and TV addressing WASH, Immunization, and Malaria mostly on MBC radio and TV which has a nationwide reach and an audience of over 5 million.  
• In addition, IPC sessions have been conducted by Population Services International (PSI) in Chikwawa and Nsanje with the following reach in the month of March: Cholera: 1,136 women and 595 children under 18; HIV and AIDS: 499 women and 233 children under 18; Immunization: 714 women and 162 children under 18; Malaria: 493 women and 266 children under 18; Nutrition: 641 women and 292 children under 18; and WASH: 894 women and 445 children under 18.
• In addition in the month of March, Targeted Outreach Communication (TOC) video shows on a combination of cholera, HIV and AIDS, immunisation, malaria, nutrition and WASH messages in Nsanje reached 3,082 women and 1,644 children under 18.
• Also during the reporting week UNICEF partner Goal Malawi conducted 6 health promotion sessions reaching 72 women, and 106 children.

Funding

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$ 5,128,238 has been reallocated from existing
resources. In the past week, no funds have been received and the amount received still remains at US$ 2,001,219 against the appeal leaving a funding gap of US$ 2,594,067.

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* Funds ‘reallocating’ does not include new contributions or pledges.
** The original response plan for HIV covered 3 districts while the response was later scaled up to 3 additional flood-affected districts, requiring an additional $8000.

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