Highlights

- As of 2 March 2015, 60 cases of cholera have been confirmed by the Ministry of Health, with 2 deaths.
- UNICEF, through its partners has intensified hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrhea diseases. So far, 135,586 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts have been reached.
- UNICEF has distributed over 50,000 copies of IEC materials with messages on cholera, diarrhea, WASH, measles, protection, HIV and education.
- With UNICEF’s support, 73 out of 152 camps in the 4 most affected districts were provided with mobile clinic services. As a result, 17,184 beneficiaries were reached. Out of this, 1,861 children aged 0 to 23 months were immunized, 4,623 screened for MUAC and 251 admitted in outpatient therapeutic programmes.
- UNICEF supplied an additional 4,150 cartons of RUTF to the affected districts to ensure a continued supply of life saving therapeutic food for treatment of severe acute malnutrition.
- UNICEF has a critical funding gap of USD 3,413,908 out of a total requirement of US$9,300,000 in order to respond to the immediate needs for a three month period.

UNICEF Response with Partners

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Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- According to the Malawi Meteorological Service, heavy rains are expected all over the country in the coming days, with risk of rising water levels in the major river systems in the country and subsequent flooding in the lower Shire and along the Lakeshore areas.
- Heavy rains were reported in Mwanza and Mulanje from 26 to 27 February 2015 and led to secondary flooding in Chikwawa and Nsanje. These floods have displaced about 191 households in Chikwawa and killed 3 people.
- As of 2 March 2015, 60 cases of cholera have been confirmed by the Ministry of Health, with two deaths. Out of these 60 cases, 6 cases with no death were reported in Mwanza, 1 case in Dedza, a district which was not affected by floods, 3 cases in Chikwawa, while the rest of cases including two deaths have been reported in Nsanje.
- The review of the 2015 Malawi Floods Response Plan is underway. Clusters are revising their sectoral plans, with a focus on the most affected districts of Nsanje, Zomba, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Blantyre Rural and Mulanje.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

- UNICEF continues to actively participate in emergency cluster meetings both at district and national level and continues to provide leadership and coordination support in the of WASH, Education, Protection and Nutrition clusters where it is co-leading.
- The United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) team finished its mission in Malawi, on 27 February 2015. The UN with support of development partners will be engaging the Standby Partnership Program and UN Volunteers to ensure that there is continued capacity for coordination at all levels.

Summary Analysis of Programme response

WASH

- A total of 89,451 people have so far been reached with sanitation services and 79,770 people have been provided with safe drinking water in the camps and other hard hit affected areas.
- Hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrhea disease prevention has been intensified and has so far reached up to 135,586 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts.
- Goal Malawi supported by UNICEF, has completed additional 76 additional latrines in the last 7 days bringing the cumulative total to 514 latrines in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts, reaching a cumulative total of 78,428 people reached.
- Concern Universal with UNICEF’s support has completed 6 additional latrines in the last 7 days reaching a cumulative total of 32 latrines in 9 school-based camps in Phalombe district, and providing sanitary facilities to a cumulative population of 6,281 people.
- Concern Universal has also dis-slug 58 existing but filled up latrines in six of the camps further reducing the latrine people ration to optimal levels.
- With support from UNICEF, Concern Universal has placed another 5,000 litre tank at Milera camp for 930 people in addition to the other four 5,000 liters water tanks in Chitekesa, Tchereni, Bona and Mianga.
- UNICEF through Concern Universal has continued hygiene promotion sessions in 10 camps in Phalombe; constructing 22 urinals, and 54 bath shelters for women and men separately.
- Furthermore, GOAL Malawi has conducted 272 sessions on hygiene promotion activities in 20 camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa districts reaching 77,169 people. Goal has also installed a total of 224 hand washing facilities across the camps
- UNICEF through CRS has provided four 5,000 liter tanks in four camps in Phalombe serving a population of 1,688 people.
- UNICEF through CRS has also completed 56 latrines in 13 camps in Phalombe serving a population of 4,742 people. The partners have de-sludge 24 existing filled up latrines in 5 camps in Phalombe further reducing the latrine people ratio.
- In addition UNICEF through CRS has conducted a total of 57 hygiene sessions in 19 camps in Phalombe reaching 7,125 people.
- The Ministry of Water Development with support from UNICEF continues to truck water into 8 camps in Nsanje and Chikwawa providing chlorinated water to approximately 26,000 people.

Nutrition

- UNICEF’s partners continue to reach children in areas previously cut off by floods in the east bank of Shire River. From IDP camps in Chikhwawa district, 130 children with severe acute malnutrition were admitted to CMAM program while 115 pregnant and lactating women received infant and young child feeding (IYCF) support.
In Zomba district, mobile clinics reached and screened 200 children and referred 23 children with acute malnutrition to CMAM program for appropriate treatment. An additional 450 mothers were reached with messages on key family practices including optimal IYCF in Mangochi district.

Available data from CMAM program indicate that treatment cure rates are maintained within the recommended SPHERE standards of >75%. The out-patient program (OTP) and nutrition rehabilitation units (NRU or in-patient program) reported treatment recovery rates of 92.1% and 82.3% respectively.

To ensure a continued supply of lifesaving therapeutic food for treatment of severe acute malnutrition, an additional 4,150 cartons of RUTF have been delivered by UNICEF to the affected districts. An estimated 100 cartons will be air-lifted for pre-positioning in the east bank of river Shire as contingency stock to camps and communities that will be isolated from road access due to secondary flooding forecast by Malawi Metrological Service.

Health and HIV

- The minimum integrated comprehensive services for health were delivered through mobile clinics in 73 out of 152 camps of 4 most affected districts during floods. 17,184 beneficiaries were reached with mobile clinic services. Out of this, 1,861 children aged 0 to 23 months were immunized, 4,623 screened for MUAC and 251 in OTP.
- 367 women and men were screened for HIV. A total of 56 people were recorded to be on ART.
- A total of 826 ante-natal care visits were conducted in the past week.
- 326 cases were tested with rapid test for malaria and 595 were found positive and put on drugs.
- The MoH has begun the next round of distribution of antiretroviral, prioritizing flood-affected districts. All facilities continue to have adequate supplies of ARVs.
- UNICEF’s partner, Banja La Mtsoqolo, has begun providing family planning, STI screening and treatment, and HIV testing and counselling outreach services to the camps in Nsanje. Services to other flood affected districts will follow.
- With UNICEF support, Pakachere has to-date reached 755 adolescents in 7 camps in Zomba and Phalombe through dialogue sessions, providing information on HIV prevention, adherence to treatment, condom use, and reporting sexual abuse. 48 peer educators were trained, and 24 condom distribution agents identified. Pakachere also noted that most adolescents are absent from the camps during the mornings, and has therefore re-scheduled activities for late-afternoon.

Protection

- A total of 19,477 children have been provided with services through CBCCs and 10,825 through Children’s Corners in the districts of Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe and Zomba.
- In Nsanje, 3,732 children were provided services in CBCCs and 6,846 in CCs through the partnership with Save the Children.
- In Chikwawa, 1,072 children (487 boys and 540 girls) were reached through CBCCs and 1,672 children (795 boys and 877 girls) were reached through CCs also in partnership with Save the Children.
- In Zomba, 12, 057 children (5,186 boys and 6,871 girls) have benefitted from CBCC’s, and 2, 277 children (892 boys and 1,385 girls) have benefitted from CC’s through UNICEF’s collaboration with Emmanuel International and Malawi Interfaith Aids Association (MIAA).
- In Phalombe, 2,616 children (1,147 boys and 1,479 girls) have benefitted from CBCC’s operated by Blantyre Synod with UNICEF.
- Camp Child protection committees and CBCC committees have been established in Chikwawa, Zomba and Phalombe districts. Safe spaces for women have been established in Nsanje, Chikwawa and Phalombe districts by UNFPA. Registration of unaccompanied, separated and bereaved children has been initiated by Malawi Interfaith Aids Association (MIAA) in Mulanje district.

Education

- The first phase of the response to the worst affected districts was completed with World Vision and DAPP completing installation of tents, distribution of education supplies including school in a box kits and deployment of volunteer teachers in 23 camp schools. The total number of beneficiaries reached is 67,000 children. Supply provision dispatched this week include 40 tents and 82 teacher tents which will see an increase of learners reached when installed.
- The second phase of the response has commenced with the identification and ongoing training in Lilongwe of 150 teachers to be deployed for scale up of the education response expected to reach 105,000 children. Teachers are being trained in psychosocial support, basic hygiene, recreation and real-time monitoring to improve on data collection. Responsibility for teacher identification, training and deployment is now being managed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST).
- The education and WASH clusters are currently collaborating to expand further safe temporary learning spaces including installation of latrines and temporary structures utilizing an initial consignment of plastic sheeting for 40 learning spaces.
• Education cluster teams have been deployed in 15 districts for in-depth assessment of the impact of flooding and specifically damaged school infrastructure that will be the basis for the medium and long-term recovery plan for affected areas. The assessment is expected to take 18 days.
• MOEST and key cluster partners have embarked on ratifying and refining the draft School Manual on Emergency Preparedness and Response being current being used in the training of educational administrators and teachers.

Communications for Development (C4D)
• Radio programmes continue. Malawi Broadcasting Cooperation is conducting participatory programming in camps. Radios have diversified to use vernacular Chichewa and also Sena, which is a prominent dialect for the lower Shire region.
• Over 50,000 copies of IEC materials in the areas of cholera, diarrhea, WASH, measles, protection, HIV and education have been distributed in Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba, Mulanje and Thyolo districts with over 80% of these being leaflet.
• Health education sessions and target outreach communications by PSI Malawi with support from UNICEF have so far reached 14,920 men, 20,862 women and 24,987 children in Chikwawa, while in Nsanje a total of 4,293 men, 6,334 women and 6,581 children have been reached in the period from 12 to 22 February 2015.
• Community film screenings in the camps on hygiene and cholera prevention are now being conducted by PSI Malawi.
• A total of 198 health education sessions in Chikwawa and 126 health education sessions in Nsanje have been conducted by PSI Malawi.
• Pakachere distributed 91 HIV prevention activity books to the peer educators for information reference in Zomba and Phalombe. It also held 5 participatory theatre performances in Zomba and Phalombe on sanitation in the camps, hygiene practices, risks of HIV and AIDS and risky behaviours. Pakachere also identified and trained 48 peer educators in 6 camps in Phalombe;
• PSI has so far engaged 18 interpersonal communication (IPC) agents who are now operational in Phalombe. 30 IPC agents have been engaged in Chikwawa, while Nsanje has 25 (with an additional 5 to be trained in the East Bank of the Shire River, which has been inaccessible due to road destruction).

Media and External Communication
• The recent cholera outbreak in the affected areas was headline news in the past week with good pick-ups from UNICEF Malawi’s press release. Pick-ups included Aljazeera, SABC, BBC World Service, VOA and Xinhua News Agency.
• The UNICEF Communications team continues to disseminate material to local and international media on topics related to the emergency effort covering human stories of survival and recovery.
• The Team also travelled to other affected districts Zomba and Phalombe, to plan for the national committee and local media visits.

Supply and Logistics
• Distributed materials for construction of latrines to the 15 affected districts.
• Distributed 4,150 cartons of RUTF to the 15 affected districts.
• Distributed water guard, chlorine and bars of Soap to the affected areas.
• Distributed PHC Kits, lactates, paracheck mal. to the affected districts.
• Dispatched 664 lamps to World Vision Malawi for distribution to the affected areas.
• Received disposable cups, plates and spoons-(5,000 each).
• Received 6,600 buckets.

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$ 5,128,238 has been reallocated from existing resources. A funding gap of US$ 3,413,908 still remains to support the flood response as of 4th March 2015.
## Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 19/01/2015 for a period of 3 months)

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* UNICEF requirements under WASH have been funded, however, the need within the WASH Cluster as a whole remains. The cluster requirements are USD 3,615,413.

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