HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 15 March 2015, 148 cases of cholera were reported by the Ministry of Health, with two deaths.
- With support from UNICEF, a cumulative population of 111,738 people have now been reached with sanitation services.
- A total of 653 toilets have been constructed reaching 79,770 people.
- Cumulative total of 4,561 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition admitted in CMAM.
- Treatment outcome indicators in therapeutic feeding centres are in consistent with SPHERE standards of >75% recovery rate and <10% mortality rate.
- 493 pregnant and lactating women received Infant and Young Child Feeding support.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

18 March 2015

15 Districts affected
173,000 Displaced people in temporary sites
106 Deaths by floods
64,000 Hectares of land flooded

Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)
United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator
Situation Report No. 13 (as of 13 March 2015)

148 Cholera cases reported
2 Cholera deaths


UNICEF’s Response with partners

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sector</th>
<th>Indicator</th>
<th>UNICEF Target</th>
<th>Cumulative results (#)</th>
<th>Cluster Target</th>
<th>Cumulative results (#)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>WASH</td>
<td>Emergency-affected population provided with access to sanitation as per agreed standards</td>
<td>35,000</td>
<td>111,738</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>Affected school children benefiting from school supplies</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>72,000</td>
<td>350,000</td>
<td>313,101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health</td>
<td>Children and women access to essential health services including immunizations</td>
<td>56,000</td>
<td>11,822</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>Children 6-59 months with SAM enrolled in OTP and NRU programmes</td>
<td>12,698</td>
<td>4,561</td>
<td>12,698</td>
<td>4,561</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- According to Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) and the United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator Situation Report No. 13, as of 13 March 2015, 173,000 IDPs were in displacement sites.
- A process is underway to finalize data analysis from Post Disaster Needs Assessments which has been conducted in the 15 affected districts to inform the recovery and reconstruction interventions.
- The Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee conducted a food security monitoring during the month of February. The exercise sought to understand the food security situation among the flood affected population, but also conducted a food security update in the areas not affected by floods. Findings of the report indicate that 615,837 will need assistance for 2 to 5 months from the month of March and will require an equivalence of 23.750 metric tonnes of maize to be assisted.
- Cumulatively, 148 cases of cholera (Nsanje -110, Chikwawa -24, Mwanza -9, Dedza -1 and Lilongwe -4) and 2 deaths have been reported by 15th March since the cholera outbreak started, with Nsanje reporting the highest numbers of cases. Affected districts have enough medical supplies for cholera case management. Plans are under way to vaccinate 160,000 people living in the camps and surrounding communities in Nsanje district, for cholera.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

- WASH cluster meeting was held on 16th March and partners shared updates on their interventions and discussed recovery plans. Partners also discussed on the need to start re-focusing their resources towards the recovery. The cluster also discussed the cholera outbreak in Nsanje, Chikwawa and Mwanza and how best to coordinate response on the ground as the cases seems to be on rising.
- The Education Cluster is making remarkable improvement in information management from the field and improved analysis and reports will be made once the Education Cluster Situation Room is fully functional with dedicated staff identified and equipment which is under procurement. In addition, monitoring tools like the 4W has been disseminated to Cluster member organizations for reporting.
- A special inter-cluster coordination meeting was held to discuss a draft framework for return and resettlement of the IDPs. The framework will be presented for approval at a National Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee in the week commencing 23rd March 2015.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

WASH

- With support from UNICEF, a cumulative population of 111,738 people have now been reached with sanitation services. The number of people provided with safe water is at 79,770 that is people reached with water supply through water chlorination.
- Cumulatively, UNICEF has reached 183,717 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts with hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrhea disease prevention, hygiene and water treatment. This has been done in partnership with PSI, Goal Malawi, Concern Universal and CRS/CADECOM.
- Goal Malawi supported by UNICEF continues supporting construction of latrines in the targeted camps reducing the latrine to people ratio, and the number of people reached with latrines is still at 79,452.
Concern Universal has completed 54 latrines in the 10 camps and these are serving 14,700 people of which 8,686 are school learners.

CRS/CADECOM with support from UNICEF has constructed 10 latrines in the past 7 days reaching a cumulative figure of 75 latrines, serving 17,586 people of which 11,770 are school learners.

CRS/CADECOM with funding from UNICEF has also desludged 30 latrines, reducing the latrine to people ratio, and 76 washrooms have been completed.

The number of washrooms supported by Concern Universal through UNICEF support is still at 66.

Water Missions International completed water reticulation in the 8 sites that it planned (3 in Nsanje and 5 Chikwawa). The cumulative population reached is still at 35,001 people.

Ministry of Water with support from UNICEF has reached 9 camps with water trucking serving 12,000 people cumulatively.

Concern Universal with support from UNICEF also continues supporting water trucking in Phalombe district. The number of people reached is still at 9,462 of which 7,134 are learners.

CRS/CADECOM with funding from UNICEF continues supporting water trucking and cumulatively 8,437 have been reached of which 5,851 are learners.

Nutrition

Mobile clinics implemented by Ministry of Health in Phalombe and Zomba reached and screened with MUAC 3,543 children aged 6-59 months living in IDP camps. As a result, 52 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition were identified and referred to community based management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) centers to receive lifesaving nutrition treatment.

In addition, UNICEF’s partners including Concern Worldwide and Save the Children continue to support the Ministry of Health to reach and screen children for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in IDP camps. In Nsanje and Chikwawa districts, a total of 1,783 children were screened while 493 pregnant and lactating women received IYCF support.

Since the declaration of the emergency, UNICEF has supported the delivery of lifesaving nutrition treatment benefiting a cumulative total of 4,561 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition. Overall, treatment outcome indicators in therapeutic feeding centres are consistent with SPHERE standards of >75% recovery rate and <10% mortality rate.

Health and HIV

Mobile clinics continue to be conducted in the four most affected districts jointly with WHO. UNICEF has provided fuel to Zomba district for the basic health staff to conduct consultations, ante-natal clinics, immunization, HIV Testing and Counselling, malaria diagnosis and treatment.

Zomba district which had run out of stock of antimalarial medicines has now received a consignment and antimalarial medicines have been distributed to all health facilities.

UNICEF provided 6 primary health care kits to Mulanje district which are being distributed to health facilities together with other supplies. It was noted that the district needs training on proper storage and stock management of medicines.

Protection

During the week of 9th March, in partnership with Save the Children in Chikwawa and Nsanje the following results were achieved: 114 community based childcare centres (CBCC) and children’s corners (CC) oriented in CBCC and CC caregiving, basic counselling techniques and production of locally made play materials to be used in CBCC and CCs.

Psychosocial support services activities targeting children in camps continued to be implemented. In Nsanje, over 6,846 have accessed services in CCs and 3,732 children in CBCCs. In Chikwawa 1,672
children have accessed services in CCs and 1,124 children in CBCCs. Creative arts was the approach applied to facilitate identification of psychosocial support challenges and facilitate child participation in the 2 districts. Activities doubled in the CBCCs as group PSS therapy was also provided to parents who had been traumatized during the floods. The continued challenge in CBCCs is lack and unavailability of Corn soya Blend for child feeding which is also one of the objectives of CBCC’s.

• Through UNICEF’s partnership with Blantyre Synod, case management training was completed for 22 Child Protection Workers and 13 Camp Volunteers at Mpinji TDC; Distribution of 7 CC kits to 8 Camps; Distribution of 7 CBCC kits to 7 Camps; and Distribution of 200 blankets to 7 CBCC’s in Thyolo District.
• In Blantyre District, early childhood development (ECD) orientation was completed for 24 Care givers; Distribution of 3 CC kits to 3 Children’s Corners and 3 CBCC kits to 3 CBCCs and 200 blankets to 3 CBCCs.
• In Phalombe District, ECD orientation was completed for 30 Care givers; distribution of Vital meals to 10 CBCCs; distribution of 10 CBCC Kits and 10 Children Corners kits to 10 CBCCs and 10 CCs.

• While there have been limited number of sexual abuse cases, a six year old girl child was defiled in East Bank, Nsanje District. The man sexually abused the girl in a bathroom at the camp when people were busy queuing to receive food items. Coordinated response through Save the Children, Nsanje District Social Welfare, Fatima Mission Hospital and the Police ensured that the child protection system was activated. The child was identified, taken from the camp to the hospital and accessed PEP. The perpetrator who is a 23 year old man has been apprehended and is in police custody at Bangula pending trial. The pro bono lawyer engaged through UN Women will join the prosecution team.

Education

• The second cohort of 60 volunteer teachers is undergoing data collection and reporting training in Lilongwe this week.
• Real time monitoring through volunteer teachers and Echo Mobile technology has enhanced the flow of real time information and data creating challenges on analysis and information management.
• The Education Cluster is making remarkable improvements in information management from the field and improved analysis and reports will be made once the Education Cluster Situation Room is fully functional with dedicated staff identified and equipment which is under procurement. In addition, monitoring tools like the 4W has been disseminated to Cluster member organizations for reporting.
• Real time monitoring reports through volunteer teachers indicate gaps in school tents, teaching and learning materials, school furniture and toilets in most rural schools of Phalombe, Machinga, Chiradzulu, Mangochi and Mulanje while Nsanje, Chikwawa and Zomba received allocated school in a box and school tents. UNICEF is working with partners to reallocate tents from where they are not required to schools in need.
• The real time monitoring through Echo Mobile technology indicates that learners are not attending school due to lack of clothes and school uniforms as reported by 86% of respondents from 5 of out 9 districts surveyed and 14% indicate long distance to schools as a barrier to attending school.
• The use of some schools as camps continues to cause classroom shortages in most districts where IDPs are still camped causing overcrowding in classes and other classes taking place under trees. This is manifested at St Matthews school which has now an enrolment of 3,270 learners (1,658 girls and 1,612 boys) of which 732 (336 girls and 396 boys) came from Sekeni 1 and Sekeni 2 schools in Chikwawa district. Schools learning under trees in Phalombe, Machinga and Mangochi had examinations disrupted due rain during the week.

Communications for Development (C4D)

• PSI continued working with their 73 interpersonal communication (IPC) agents Phalombe (18), Chikwawa (30) and Nsanje (25) (cumulative) who have been conducting IPC activities at the community level covering malaria, immunization, hygiene, nutrition, cholera, general WASH, HIV and AIDS, child
protection, measles, breastfeeding and general emergency issues. 5 more agents were identified and trained after a flight to the East Bank on Monday 16th March.

- PSI has conducted 37 targeted outreach communication (TOC) video shows (11 in Chikwawa and 16 in Nsanje) to date. PSI has undertaken 28 special TOC mobilisations shows in all the district camps on cholera and immunisation in Chikwawa. Special mobilisation shows campaigns on Cholera and Immunisation have been done in all the 13 camps of the Western Bank, and Fatima on the East Bank of Shire River in Nsanje. These shows are yet to be done in Makhanga. They have also begun distribution of reminder cards in Phalombe, Nsanje and Chikwawa. These reminder cards are on cholera, nutrition, immunisation, breast feeding, diarrhoea and general information about emergencies.

- Concern Universal (CU) has been conducting hygiene promotion meetings in close coordination with health extension workers (HSAs) and camp coordination committees. CU conducted 33 hygiene promotion meetings reaching 2,508 people.

- Pakachere has identified and trained 96 (48 males and 48 females) peer educators (cumulative) in 12 camps (9 in Phalombe and 3 in Zomba). These peer educators have been facilitating community social dialogues focusing on HIV prevention and on water, sanitation and hygiene. The main topics covered include safe sex, pregnancy prevention and contraceptives. Pakachere, which has been working with government staff, including health surveillance assistants, the district youth officers and youth friendly health service coordinators, has reached 12,457 people.

- 309 Moyo Wanga/Tsogolo langa booklets (cumulative) and 309 HIV prevention activity books (cumulative) were distributed to the peer educators for information reference.

- Pakachere has conducted 20 participatory theatre performances (cumulative) in Phalombe and Zomba districts on key issues such as sanitation in the camps, hygiene practices, dangers of HIV and AIDS, forcing adolescents into early marriages/sex; engagement into sex work due to floods; transactional sex.

- Goal Malawi has been conducting hygiene promotion activities using print communication materials and a public address system in 25 camps (14 in Chikwawa and 11 in Nsanje), including surrounding villages. They gather 15 households at a time. This has been done including in villages bordering Mozambique, where cholera cases have been reported. 120 sessions of hygiene promotions have been conducted in Chikwawa District.

- CRS/CADECOM has been conducting hygiene promotion campaigns in collaboration with HSAs, and door to door hygiene promotion campaigns in 50 villages in 2 TAs in Phalombe (Kaduya, 30 and Chiwalo, 20). They have also been conducting community theatre performances using drama, music and poetry, which have been complimented with health talks reaching out to 6,904 people in 19 camps.

- Radio programming continues – MBC continued broadcasting a 57 second Chichewa language jingle on sanitation which was broadcast 4 times daily each on MBC Radio 1 and MBC Radio 2. MBC also collected material for programmes in the field. The material is currently in postproduction and will possibly go on air in week beginning 17th March 2015.

- Chancellor College Community Radio continued broadcasting of two jingles on cholera (one on prevention and another on treatment) 3 times daily.

- Chancellor College Community Radio also broadcast 4 programmes of 30 minutes each respectively covering the following topics: the role of health surveillance assistants (HSAs) in promoting safe motherhood; malnutrition; water treatment and hygiene; and stigma and discrimination towards children living with HIV in camps. Each programme was aired once.

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$ 2,814,186 still remains to support the flood response as of 18 March, 2015.
### Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 19/01/2015 for a period of 3 months)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Appeal Sector</th>
<th>UNICEF Requirements</th>
<th>Cluster Requirements</th>
<th>Funds received against UNICEF appeal</th>
<th>UNICEF Funds reallocated*</th>
<th>UNICEF Funding gap</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Communication</td>
<td>329,000</td>
<td>Cross Sectoral</td>
<td>100,000</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>229,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coordination and Logistics</td>
<td>470,000</td>
<td>8,465,277</td>
<td>131,861</td>
<td>57,619</td>
<td>280,520</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child protection</td>
<td>891,000</td>
<td>3,771,043</td>
<td>284,645</td>
<td>223,221</td>
<td>383,134</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>1,870,000</td>
<td>5,748,874</td>
<td>442,641</td>
<td>699,030</td>
<td>728,509</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nutrition</td>
<td>1,592,542</td>
<td>2,313,227</td>
<td>218,457</td>
<td>944,987</td>
<td>429,098</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health</td>
<td>2,218,750</td>
<td>5,225,000</td>
<td>179,844.44</td>
<td>1,274,981</td>
<td>763,925</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WASH</td>
<td>1,800,000</td>
<td>3,615,413</td>
<td>423,832</td>
<td>1,800,400</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HIV</td>
<td>120,000</td>
<td>Under Health</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>128,000**</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,291,292</strong></td>
<td><strong>29,138,834</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,781,100</strong></td>
<td><strong>5,128,238</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,814,186</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* ‘Funds reallocated’ 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.

Next SitRep: 25/MARCH/2015

**Who to contact for further information:**

Mahimbo Mdoe  
Representative  
Country Office  
Malawi  
Telephone: 265 999 964 130  
Facsimile: 265 1 773 162  
Email: mmdoe@unicef.org  

Roisin De Burca  
Deputy Representative  
Country Office  
Malawi  
Telephone: 265 992 961 100  
Facsimile: 265 1 773 162  
E-mail: rdeburca@unicef.org  

Angela Travis  
Communications Officer  
Country  
Malawi  
Tel: +265 1 771 632  
Fax: +: 265 1 773 162  
Email: atravis@unicef.org