



MALAWI

Humanitarian Situation Report

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HIGHLIGHTS

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- UNICEF, through its partners continues to support the Government and the affected population to respond to and manage the cholera outbreak through provision of sanitary facilities, safe drinking water, hygiene messages, cholera response supplies like isolation tents and beds.
- With support from UNICEF, a cumulative population of 91,442 people have now been reached with sanitation services.
- 79,770 people have been provided with safe drinking water.
- A total of 514 toilets have been constructed reaching 79,452 people.
- In Nsanje and Chikhawa districts, a total of 2,433 children were screened and 56 received lifesaving therapeutic food.
- 586 pregnant and lactating women received Infant and Young Child Feeding support.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

11 March 2015

230,000 People displaced

15 Districts affected

106 Deaths by floods

645 people injured

172 People missing

88 Cholera cases reported

2 Cholera deaths

UNICEF's Response with partners

Sector	Indicator	UNICEF		Sector/Cluster	
		UNICEF Target	Cumulative results (#)	Cluster Target	Cumulative results (#)
WASH	Emergency-affected population provided with access to sanitation as per agreed standards	35,000	91,442	100,000	
Education	Affected school children benefiting from school supplies	100,000	72,000	350,000	313,101
Health	Children and women access to essential health services including immunizations	56,000	11,822		
Nutrition	Children 6-59 months with SAM enrolled in OTP and NRU programmes	12,698	2,440		

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

- According to the Malawi Meteorological Services, the country will continue getting heavy rains over the next five days due to a rain belt over the northern parts of Malawi and the southern and central areas. This is likely to result in rising of water levels in the Shire River which is the only outlet of Lake Malawi.
- As of 6 March 2015, 88 cases of cholera were reported by the Ministry of Health, with two deaths. Nsanje continues to register higher cases than Mwanza, Dedza and Chikwawa. All cases have been identified outside displacement sites and in health centres. All cases are linked to the cholera outbreak in the Province of Tete, Mozambique. The first confirmed case of cholera was on 13th February 2015.
- The Health Cluster continues to strengthen preparedness and response capacity to cholera in the districts of Dedza, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Zomba and Mwanza. The country is also reporting Typhoid cases, in Mchinji and Kasungu but no deaths have been reported so far.
- UNICEF, through its partners continues to support the Government and the affected population to respond to and manage the cholera outbreak through provision of sanitary facilities, safe drinking water, hygiene messages, cholera response supplies like cholera isolation tents and beds.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

- A review of the preliminary response plan is underway.
- The MVAC is finalizing a report on the food security monitoring and vulnerability assessment that was conducted during the month of February. The exercise was undertaken to better understand the food security situation among the flood affected population.
- The shelter cluster is finalizing its assessment report through estimation of numbers of people in need of assistance.
- IOM completed a Displacement Tracking exercise. A total of 253 displacement sites were visited and assessed, of which 191 are open sites. 62 sites on the original list of displacement sites are now closed.
- The most recent WASH cluster meeting, co-led by UNICEF was held on 9th March and partners shared their updated interventions and discussed the outbreak of cholera and how to coordinate response on the ground as the cases continue to rise.

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMME RESULTS

WASH

- With support from UNICEF, a cumulative population of 91,442 people have now been reached with sanitation services and the number of people provided with safe water is still at 79,770. The number of people reached with Hygiene promotion on cholera and other diarrheal disease prevention is still at 135,586 people in camps, schools and communities in affected districts and this is because, these promotions are being reinforced in the same areas.
- PSI supported by UNICEF continues to disseminate cholera prevention messages and hygiene promotion in all the camps in Nsanje Chikwawa, Phalombe and some camps in Zomba through face to face sessions. So far PSI has reached a cumulative population of 24,997 people, with sessions and distribution of IEC materials on hygiene promotion.
- Goal Malawi supported by UNICEF has completed 10 extra latrines in the past 7 days, 514 cumulatively, reaching population of 79,452. Goal Malawi also continues to provide hygiene promotion activities in Chikwawa and Nsanje districts through provision of hand washing soap and conducting hygiene promotions. It has conducted 2 hygiene promotion sessions in the past 7 days, 274 cumulatively and installed 2 hand washing facilities reaching a cumulative figure of 226 hand washing facilities reaching a cumulative population of 79,452.

- Concern Universal with support from UNICEF has completed construction of 22 more latrines in school based camps in Phalombe in the past 7 days reaching a cumulative of 54 latrines serving 3,308 people in the camps and 8,682 school learners. They have also completed construction of five 1,500 litre tanks and one 1,000 litre tank in school based camps in Phalombe serving a cumulative population of 2,328 people living in the camps and 7,134 learners. Concern Universal continues providing WASH interventions in the 10 targeted camps in Phalombe district. 7 more washrooms have been constructed in the past 7 days reaching a cumulative figure of 66 washrooms. 10 hygiene promotions sessions were conducted reaching 3311 people.
- CRS/CADECOM have completed 10 latrines in the last 7 days reaching a cumulative figure of 65 out of 85 planned semi-permanent latrines in the 19 camps. Out of the planned 72 urinals, 58 urinals have also been completed by CRS. The number of people reached with hygiene promotion by CRS is still at 7,125.

Nutrition

- UNICEF partners including Concern Worldwide and Save the Children continue to support Ministry of Health (MoH) to reach and screen children for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) in IDP camps. In Nsanje and Chikhawa districts, a total of 2,433 children were screened and 56 received lifesaving therapeutic food. In addition, 586 pregnant and lactating women received IYCF support.
- In Phalombe district, 273 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition were admitted to therapeutic feeding centres (CMAM) bringing a cumulative total of children receiving SAM treatment in the affected districts to 2,440 since the declaration of the emergency. Overall, treatment outcome indicators in therapeutic feeding centres are in consistent with SPHERE standards of >75% recovery rate and <10% mortality rate.

Health and HIV

- A Health Cluster meeting was held in Nsanje. MSF, WHO colleagues and UNICEF were present along with DHO and DEHO.
- Mobile clinics are now being conducted with four teams in Nsanje, Mobile teams are operating but coverage is patchy, due to continuing issues of fuel and allowances.
- Teams on the ground conducted drugs monitoring in Nsanje and discovered that the district was well stocked with drugs.
- Cholera vaccines will be available for 150,000 people and the trial will start soon. UNICEF cautioned the members to be very careful with sensitizing communities as the vaccine may give a false sense of security so all the preparations for the prevention of cholera should continue regardless of the vaccine trial.

Protection

- The week of 2 March focused on raising awareness and orientation on child protection issues. Through partnership with Save the Children the focus is on 10 camps in Chikwawa District.
- Orientation on child protection and ECD issues was completed in all the camps which reached 27 female CBCC Caregivers, 5 male Caregivers, 48 CC Caregivers, 27 male CC Caregivers who serve 1,100 (473 males and 627 females) children of 2 to 5 years of age in the CBCC and 1,805 CC's (802 males and 1003 females) of 6 to 18 years of age.
- Sensitization on importance of CBCC, CCs and prevention of abuse and exploitation were conducted at Jombo, Tizola, Bereu and Malemia camps reaching to approximately 1009 people.
- Through a partnership with Blantyre Synod, the district team were trained in case management in Thyolo. Through a partnership with Plan International, a one day training course was completed for 37 staff (consisting of Government and local NGO's) in Phalombe.

- Finally, the Ministry of Gender funded through DoDMA also completed a training of district teams on provision of psychosocial support.

Education

- The Cluster has now officially reached 72,000 affected school children with a combination of 40 tents for safe spaces and deployment of 90 new teachers to the camp schools.
- Education Cluster management/coordination will be supported with the arrival of the UNICEF Cluster Coordinator.
- A piloting of real time monitoring in the affected school camps has been initiated using SMS mobile technology. The Cluster will be employing the newly deployed teachers to provide daily updates using the technology on the situation in the camps.

Communications for Development (C4D)

- 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 organised and broadcast an hour long live interactive television programme on education and immunisation with panellists from the Ministry of Education and the District Health Office. The programme included participation of the audience through phone calls and SMS.
- Pakachere with support from UNICEF has identified and trained 72 (36 Males and 36 females) peer educators (cumulative) in 9 camps (6 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. Pakachere, has reached 10,516 people.
- Pakachere has also identified 36 condom distribution agents, who sensitize the communities on correct and consistent condom use. 2835 male condoms have been distributed to the male agents and 947 female condoms have been distributed to the female agents
- Pakachere has conducted 16 participatory theatre performances 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.
- PSI with support from UNICEF identified and trained a total of 73 interpersonal communication (IPC) agents in Phalombe (18), Chikwawa(30) and Nsanje (25) (cumulative) who are conducting IPC activities at the community level on malaria, immunization, hygiene, nutrition, cholera, general WASH, HIV and AIDS, child protection, measles, breastfeeding and general emergency issues.
- The PSI also trained IPC agents have conducted a total of 642 IPC sessions (current period) in Phalombe (75), Chikwawa (311) and Nsanje (156) on the above topics; The PSI trained IPC agents have also conducted a total of 8 targeted outreach communication (TOC) video shows (current period) in Nsanje (3) and Phalombe (5).
- In Chikwawa, the PSI trained IPC agents have reached out to 10,103 women and 4,410 children below the age of 18; while in Nsanje they have reached out to 3,214 women and 3,608 children under age 18; in Phalombe, the agents have reached out to 1,405 women, 145 children under the age of 5, and 400 children under the age of 18 (current period).
- In Chikwawa, the PSI trained IPC agents have helped to distribute 1,739 leaflets on the topics above (current period) and reminder cards;
- 178 Moyo Wanga/Tsogolo langa booklets and 178 HIV prevention activity books were distributed to the peer educators for information reference

Media and External Communication

- Headline news in both international and local news, has moved away from cholera threat and to recent re-flooding in both Chikwawa and Nsanje, which has led to thousands of displacements, damage to

property and concerns about long-term solutions for people in the camps. There are also increasing reports of significant reductions of numbers residing in camps, especially at night.

Communications staff are currently deployed in Blantyre, covering Mulanje, Chikwawa, Nsanje and Fatima in the East Bank to document ongoing response.

- Areas of coverage in the field include a Child Protection story on recently identified 8 orphans who lost their parents to the floods; Bereu camp in Chikwawa with newly displaced (1,024 households); PSI, instructional/educational movie nights for people in the camps; and a school in the East Bank that has been completely buried in sand .
- Ongoing planning is underway for upcoming visits. Tizora Grain Bank camp has been identified as camp for the visit. A recce of the camp has already been completed and UNFPA has been brought on board to participate in the visit; further discussions required on ensuring violence and protection issues are covered in camps.

Supply and Logistics

- Distributed 3 cholera kits
- Distributed 800 cartons of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF)

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\$ 3,046,047 still remains to support the flood response as of 11 March, 2015.

Funding Requirements (as defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 19/01/2015 for a period of 3 months)						
Appeal Sector	UNICEF Requirements	Cluster Requirements	Funds received against UNICEF appeal	UNICEF Funds reallocated*	UNICEF Funding gap	
					\$	%
Communication	329,000	Cross Sectoral	0	0	329,000	100%
Coordination and Logistics	470,000	8,465,277	0	57,619	412,381	88%
Child protection	891,000	3,771,043	284,645	223,221	383,134	43%
Education	1,870,000	5,748,874	442,641	699,030	728,509	39%
Nutrition	1,592,542	2,313,227	218,457	944,987	429,098	27%
Health	2,218,750	5,225,000	179,844.44	1,274,981	763,925	34%
WASH	1,800,000	3,615,413	423,832	1,800,400	0	0%
HIV	120,000	Under Health	0	128,000	0	0%
Total	9,291,292	29,138,834	1,549,239	5,128,238	3,046,047	33%

* 'Funds 'reallocated' does not include new contributions or pledges.

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