



## 2.0 KEY UPDATES

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### Coordination

- The government of Malawi at all levels continue to show strong commitment to addressing the WPV 1 outbreak response
- Held National Launch of Round One campaign at national level, led by the Minister of Health, Senior MOH Officials, supported by Heads of Agencies of WHO, UNICEF and GPEI Partners
- Held weekly meeting with Minister of Health with key asks for the Minister:
  - All cabinet ministers and parliamentarians to actively participate in the exercise in their constituencies (Physically and or sending message to their constituencies)
  - Parliamentarians to mobilize their local Councils to support in the planning and monitoring of the exercise in their constituencies
  - Support the MoH in their request for additional surge officers in view of the current outbreaks and the limited number of staff in the unit
  - Help mobilize vehicles from other ministries to support implementation of the exercise
- Reviewed and following-up implementation of statement of the 31st Polio IHR Emergency Committee in the country.
- Ongoing cross-border planning and coordination at the district levels
- National Emergency Operations Centre with technical working groups fully functional
- In-country GPEI team continue to support and work as one team with the Government of Malawi

**Fig. 2:** Launch of Round One Campaign by Minister of Health and Partners





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### Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA)

- Bundled vaccines including marker pens, chalk and ziplock bags distributed to all 29 districts
- More than 134 CCE repaired in the various districts. Additionally, more than 150 newly supplied CCE out of 155 under CCEOP 3 allocation have been installed
- Completed cascaded training to team supervisors, vaccination teams across all 29 districts. Partners from WHO, UNICEF, CDC, AFNET, Rotary, PATH, GIZ, JSI, Solina Health and Gates Foundation, supported the trainings
- Completed district level training of independent Monitors (IM) trainings in all 29 districts. Trainings were done by WHO and partners
- Trained 27 LQAS surveyors from Kamuzu University of Health Science (KUHEs) on 18 March 2022 at central level. WHO facilitated the training and the surveyor deployed to cover all 29 districts.
- Validated SIA preparedness at national and district level by national level supervisors and partners

**Fig. 3:** National and District level trainings for LQAS and IM



*Role play during LQAS training at national level*



*Field exercise during IM training at the district level*

**Table 1:** Scope of approved 1<sup>st</sup> round of Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA)

Geopolitical zones	Number of districts	Population of 0-5years
North	7	347,681
Central East	5	454,996
Central West	4	741,443
South East	6	818,831
South West	7	559,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,922,175</b>

### Surveillance

- A total of 11 Environmental Surveillance (ES) sites have so far been established, Lilongwe (3), Blantyre (3), Mzuzu (3) and Zomba (2), with 22 collectors and 11 supervisors trained.
- 32 samples from Environmental Surveillance (ES) sites collected, 11 enroute (DHL) and 18 in NICD (3 results received from ES samples and all negative for Polio virus).
- Ongoing orientation on active AFP surveillance (including community surveillance) during the bOPV campaign TOT trainings.
- Ongoing intensified active surveillance in health facilities and communities across the country.

**Fig. 4:** Mentorship on Active AFP surveillance in the districts



### Communication and Social Mobilization

- Polio PSAs and jingles are on air in 24 radio stations (both at national and community levels) and in 6 TV stations (national)



- Popularization of messages is ongoing through interactive television programmes, Q&As and music as well as social media (Twitter, facebook)
- Distribution IEC materials in progress and ASCM activities are at an advanced stage in the districts
- Conducted Media orientation workshop on Polio vaccination campaign with 30 journalist in attendance
- Rotary Club continued advocacy and sensitization with a webinar for parents and guardians on 17 March 2022. They also organized street matches organized in the districts across the country.
- Trained and deployed social mobilization teams for house to house mobilization and community awareness

**Fig. 5:** Social Mobilization for the campaign



*Rotary March in the Streets for awareness of Round One Campaign*

### 3.0 NEXT STEPS

- Monitor implementation of the campaign, through team supervision and in-process monitoring including daily coordination meetings
- Facilitate cross-border coordination activities with neighboring countries
- Strengthen reporting systems from district to national levels: pre-campaign, intra-campaign and post campaign
- Continue enhanced active surveillance for AFP cases at health facility and community levels.
- Monitor implementation of the newly established ES sites closely, including sample collection and transportation.
- Convene weekly update meetings with the Hon. Minister of Health.

## CONTACTS

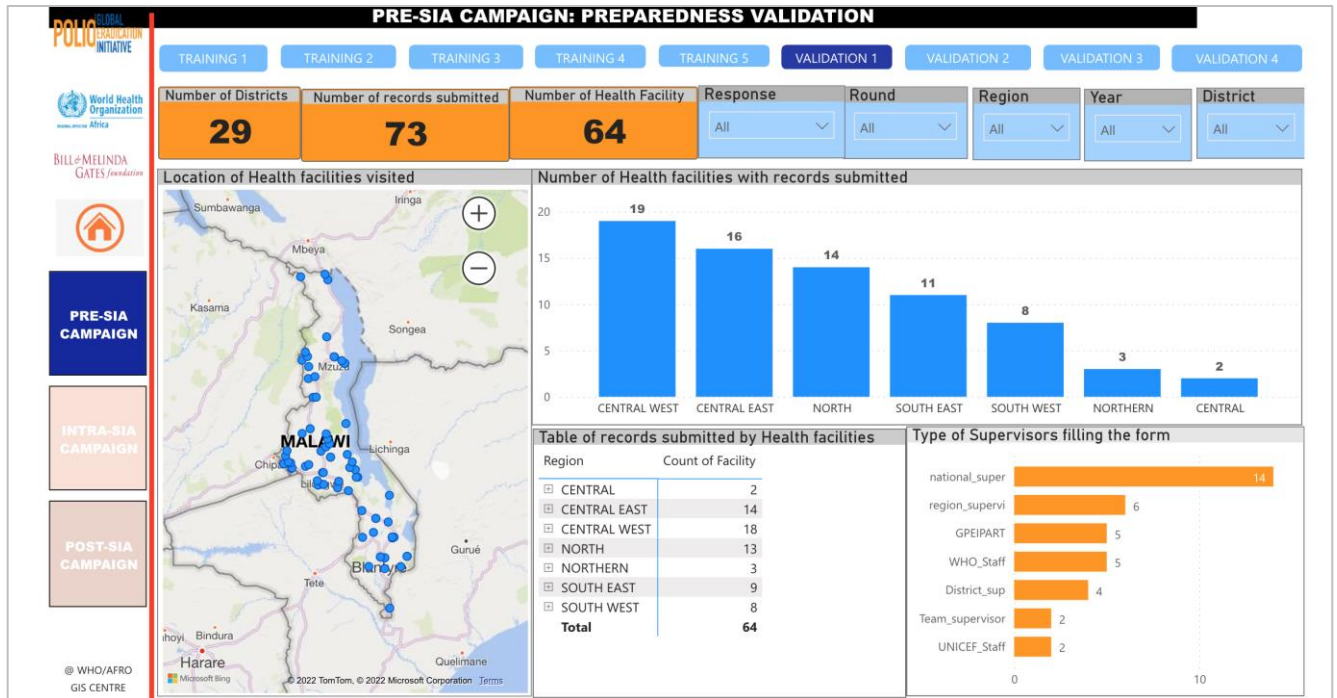
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# ANNEX

Fig 6. Validation SIA Preparedness Dashboard



**Fig 7. Surveillance Strengthening Dashboard**

		Status of implementation			
		Overall status (Completed or pending)	National score card using scale above	Percent of of provinces/zones completed activity	To be completed by
<b>Planning and coordination</b>					
1	Surveillance data analysis completed to assess risk and gap	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
2	All administrative levels informed of need to enhance surveillance	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
3	Surveillance action plan developed with budget	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
4	Funds available for implementation of surveillance plan	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
5	Cross border surveillance enhancement plan finalized	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
6	Potential needs if any determined for additional sample carriers	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
7	Additional surveillance supplies (e.g. stool or environmental collection tubes/bottles, gloves, carriers,	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
8	Plan developed for active case search in health facilities	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
9	Calendar developed for quarterly expert review committee meeting for next one year	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
10	Calendar developed for quarterly surveillance review meeting for next one year	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
<b>Scorecard</b>		0	100%	100%	
<b>Surveillance training and implementation</b>					
11	ToTs completed	Completed	10	100%	18-Mar-22
12	Health worker sensitization workshop conducted	Completed	10	100%	18-Mar-22
13	Prioritization of all health facilities completed	Completed	10	100%	18-Mar-22
14	Administrative units (zones/provinces/districts) identified where surge staff will be deployed	Completed	10	100%	07-Mar-22
15	Surge staff deployed as per plan	Completed	10	100%	21-Mar-22
16	Surveillance posters printed for deployment at health facilities	Pending	5	50%	14-Mar-22
17	All high priority facilities have completed first round of active case search	Pending	5	50%	14-Mar-22
<b>Scorecard</b>		0	86%	86%	
<b>Environmental Surveillance</b>					
18	Potential sites for environmental surveillance identified and preliminary assessment completed	Completed	10	100%	14-Mar-22
19	Dates determined for ES site assessment	Completed	10	100%	14-Mar-22
20	New ES site initiated if deemed suitable	Completed	10	100%	01-Apr-22
<b>Scorecard</b>		0	100%	100%	
<b>Surveillance specimen tracking</b>					
21	Transportation plan finalized for rapid movement of surveillance specimens from field to the national level and	Completed	10	100%	04-Mar-22
22	No subnational units have specimens pending for more than 2 days before shipment to national level	Completed	10	100%	04-Mar-22
23	No surveillance specimens in storage at national level for more than 1 day before shipment to laboratory	Completed	10	100%	04-Mar-22
<b>Scorecard</b>		Completed	100%	100%	