Operational Highlights

- Flood Risk Mapping and Modelling Workshop showcased how satellite imagery and artificial intelligence imagery can be utilised for contingency and response planning in Malawi took place on 9 March. Over 35 participants from Concern, Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS), Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA), Malawi Red Cross, Roads Authority, UNICEF, and other organisations participated either virtually or physically.

- Supported Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) missions assisting the Ministry of Health (MoH) in re-opening of health posts in Makhanga. WFP supported boat operation services and related costs such as allowances and fuel for the missions.

- Boat operation services were provided to MoH for polio vaccination campaigns in Makhanga and to MSF for a Cholera outbreak assessment mission in Nyachikadza

- Supported COOPI with transport 4.5MT of relief items to Bangula for storage.

- WFP as National Logistics Cluster co-lead has been supporting the Malawi Red Cross Society with the transportation of over 180MT of relief items (including shelter kits and WASH items) to Chikwawa, Nsanje.

- Supported DODMA with transport and storage services of food items of over 500MT to Nsanje and Chikwawa

- Supported CRS with transport and storage of non-food items 150MT non-food items and UNFPA with transport and storage of 10MT non-food items.

- Supported UNICEF with the mounting of MSUs in Chikwawa in six different camps.

- Supported the health sector with two MSUs for a mobile clinic in Nsanje in response to cyclones Ana and Gombe.

- Supported with transportation of 33MT relief items donated by the Hindu community for distribution in Nsanje.
Background

The National Logistics Cluster provides support to the humanitarian community by coordinating logistics operations and addressing identified logistics gaps. WFP, as co-lead agency of the National Logistics Cluster, in cooperation with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, engages with the various stakeholders to facilitate transport, storage and other logistics activities in Malawi.

Coordination & Information Management

- In close coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, the National Logistics Cluster chaired bi-weekly online meetings presenting national response updates, general COVID-19 updates, updates on Tropical Storm Ana and Gombe and related ongoing activities to partners.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster participated in national inter-cluster coordination group meetings on a weekly basis.
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- WFP, as a co-lead of the National Logistics Cluster, is supporting the Ministry of Health in the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic by constructing COVID 19 testing laboratories in the points of entry: Karonga, Chitipa and Mangochi.
  - Songwe- Karonga is at 95% completion remaining of the Tank and clearing.
  - Mbilima- Chitipa work is at 90% remaining of the tank installation, electrical and land clearing.
  - Chiponde- Mangochi the concrete slab works are done pending for transportation of the containers.
- WFP and UNICEF have provided a boat to the marine department to support operations along the east bank.
- WFP as National Logistics Cluster co-lead has been involved in the flood assessment in Mulanje, Nsanje and Phalombe due to Tropical Cyclone Gombe.

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