**REGIONAL LOGISTICS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TECHNICAL ROUNDTABLE**

**DATE & VENUE**
16-18 JANUARY 2024, LILONGWE, MALAWI

**BACKGROUND**
The technical roundtable is part of the regional strategy towards strengthening partnership and engagement among preparedness experts. The initiative was led by Government of Malawi’s Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in collaboration with the World Food Programme Malawi and the Logistics Cluster Preparedness team.

**OBJECTIVES**
- Fostering regional cooperation, lessons learned and best practices in preparedness
- Enhancing capacity and efficiency through updated contingency planning and coordination at all levels
- Assessing the role of partners to determine potential entry points for preparedness initiatives and collaboration
- Creating linkages between preparedness and response with anticipatory action, early recovery and resilience efforts
- Informing strategies for advocacy and resource mobilization
- Discussing support from Preparedness Thematic Areas (Customs, Environmental Sustainability, Institutional Capacity Strengthening, Stock Prepositioning)

**STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED**
- 35% INGOS/NNGOS
- 18% PRIVATE SECTOR
- 6% GOVERNMENT
- 41% UN

**51 PARTICIPANTS FROM 17 ORGANISATIONS**
Representatives working in the field-level of emergency preparedness and response, including government, international and national non-governmental organisations, United Nations agencies, and the private sector in Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho, Eswatini, Zimbabwe, and Zambia.

**KEY RESULTS**
- Disseminated best practices in coordination led by National Logistics Working Groups
- Enhanced collaboration in the Southern Africa Community
- Enhanced private sector collaboration in logistics preparedness and response
- Strengthened focus on joint advocacy at regional and sub-regional levels

For more info about the Field Based Preparedness Project and the Southern African regional initiatives in logistics preparedness, please visit: [https://logcluster.org/en/preparedness](https://logcluster.org/en/preparedness)