
Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting

Minutes, 6 April 2021

Zoom Online Meeting



LOCATION	Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)
DATE	6 th April 2021
CHAIR	Mbachi Munthali (WFP – National Preparedness Officer), on behalf of Herbert Chingati (Under Secretary – Ministry of Transport and Public Works - MoTPW)
PARTICIPANTS	Concern Worldwide, FAO, Save The Children, USAID, WFP Malawi

ACTION POINTS

- The National Logistics Cluster will provide an update on the National Preparedness Action Plan in the next meeting.

AGENDA

1. Recap of the Previous Meeting
2. General COVID-19 Updates
3. National Response Updates
4. Lean Season Response Updates
5. AOB

1. Recap of the Previous Meeting

- COVID-19 travel restrictions and testing obligations are still in place.
- Official opening of the Community Health Science Unit (CHSU) laboratory.
- Installation of a tent at the Daeyang Luke Hospital to be used as waiting area during the vaccination campaign.
- The commodity tracking trainings for all DoDMA dispatch officers have been completed.

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2. General COVID-19 Updates

Cross border road passenger transport regulations for SADC Countries

- Returning residents are subjected to local regulations such as screening, testing, isolation, and quarantine.
- Groups subject to local regulations only if showing COVID-19 symptoms during screening:
 - Security, emergency, and humanitarian relief services
 - Engineering and maintenance support services
 - Work crews and teams under special arrangements between member states
- Regulations for air, rail, inland waterways, and maritime modes of transport:
 - Member states hold consultations on the suspension of interstate transport and the conditions for transport services to continue.
 - Interstate travelling of persons is discouraged. Necessary travels should occur under the compliance of social distancing measures and the travel advisories put in place by the country of origin.
 - Hygienic facilities recommended by the WHO will be provided during travel.
 - Information on COVID-19 preventive measures will be disseminated in the languages of the travellers.

3. National Response Updates

- Current funding situation:
 - Shortage of funding: USD 1.3 million are required for the National Logistics Cluster to continue providing its services to the beneficiaries.
 - USD 395,000 have been received from the Government of Iceland.
- Key logistics services provided in the past week:
 - Installation of a tent at the Adventist Hospital in Blantyre for the isolation of COVID-19 patients.
- Weekly Priorities:

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- Erection of four large MSUs at the Mzuzu Central Hospital.
- Procurement of furnishing for the container labs.
- 42 organisations have been supported.

4. Lean Season Response Updates

- All commodity tracking trainings for DoDMA dispatch officers have been finalised.
- WFP supported districts:
 - Dispatches to Mangochi district are at 98%
 - Dispatches to Chikhwawa district are at 100%
 - Dispatches to Blantyre district are at 100%
 - Dispatches to Lilongwe district are at 93%
 - Dispatches to Salima district are at 100%
 - Overall, 96% of the period requirement has been dispatched
- Dispatches by DoDMA to the other 16 beneficiary districts have commenced:
 - Dispatches to Kasungu district are at 25%
 - Dispatches to Mwanza district are at 2%

5. AOB

- Please remember to refer to the Malawi Logistics Cluster webpage for COVID-19 flight SOPs & FAQ at <https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI>.
 - For MSU (tent) support requests, please use this [online request form](#).
 - Remember to email malawi.covid19@wfp.org for free-to-user logistics support.
 - Free to use trainings are available on the GLC Learning Channel.
 - National Logistics Cluster meeting will be held on a bi-weekly basis.
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