
Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting

Minutes, 23 March 2021

Zoom Online Meeting



LOCATION	Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)
DATE	23 March 2021
CHAIR	Patrick Mills Lamptey (WFP – National Logistics Cluster Coordinator), on behalf of Herbert Chingati (Under Secretary - Ministry of Transport and Public Works - MoTPW)
PARTICIPANTS	Concern Worldwide, Last Mile Health, Save The Children, USAID, WFP Malawi

ACTION POINTS

- The National Logistics Cluster will update on the status of in-kind dispatches for the Lean Season Response.
- The National Logistics Cluster will share an update regarding the Log:ie tool
- Partners are required to login on time for the coming meetings

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

- Reception of the first 360,000 doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine.
- Completion of paving works at Kamuzu International Airport.
- Commencement of dispatches to Blantyre and Salima for the Lean Season Response.
- Commodity tracking trainings for the Southern Region finalised.

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2. General COVID-19 Updates

- The slight decrease of new daily COVID-19 cases in Malawi continues. The evolution will be monitored.
- Land borders for non-residents have remained closed since 23 December 2020
- Regulations for **entering** Malawi:
 - Malawi airspace remains open to a limited number of commercial flights.
 - All visitors ought to provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the 72 hours prior to arrival.
 - The mandatory COVID-19 testing on arrival is at travellers' own expense: passengers may be required to remain at the airport or a in the testing centre until their COVID-19 test results are known.
 - Individuals testing positive may be taken for treatment at a government facility.
 - Travellers are required to self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms for 14 days after arrival.
- Regulations for **exiting** Malawi:
 - Provision of a valid "Travel Certificate", showing that a negative COVID-19 test has been taken at a government designated centre within 72 hours prior to departure is mandatory for exiting Malawi
 - Mandatory COVID-19 testing is at travellers' own expense if no valid negative test certificate is provided or if COVID-19 symptoms are apparent.

3. National Response Updates

- Current funding situation:
 - Shortage of funding: USD 1.3 million 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.
 - USD 500,000 are expected from the SDG Acceleration Fund (not yet committed).
- Key logistics services provided in the past week:
 - The container lab contractor commenced fabrication.

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- The Community Health Science Unit (CHSU) opening ceremony took place and is therefore operational.
- Support has been provided to Deeyang Luke hospital with the installation of a tent used as waiting area.

- Weekly Priorities:
 - 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

- February & March allocations:
 - 82% dispatched to Mangochi
 - 67% dispatched to Blantyre
 - 34% dispatched to Salima
 - 65% dispatched to Lilongwe
 - 100% dispatched to Chikwawa
- All commodity tracking trainings for DoDMA dispatch officers finalised.
- The Government is about to commence their in-kind distributions: 22% out of all government & WFP dispatches are completed.

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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