



Operational highlights

- Erection of MSUs to support the re-opening of Chileka International Airport
- Incorporation of partners' experiences on the COVID-19 response in the weekly cluster meetings
- Review of the Lean Season Response Plan
- Storage of COVID-19 related supplies & transportation of containers for partner organisations



Background

The National Logistics Cluster provides support to the humanitarian community through the coordination of logistics operations and addresses identified logistics gaps. WFP, as the 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 and logistics activities in Malawi.

Coordination & information management

- The Transport, Logistics and Telecommunications Cluster holds **weekly online meetings** presenting national response updates, general COVID-19 updates, lean season response updates and related ongoing activities to partners. From this month on, **partners' highlights on the COVID-19 response**, including experienced challenges, are incorporated in the presentations to facilitate partner coordination.



- Moreover, weekly national **inter-cluster coordination** group meetings are held.
- Over **45 information management products** have been published and disseminated to partners. Efforts have been undertaken to obtain a wider range of data on physical access constraints in Malawi in order to update logistics planning maps.



COVID-19 National Logistics Cluster Support & General Logistics Services

- The National cluster was part of a joint airport taskforce mission led by the Department of Civil Aviation to assess the **readiness of Chileka Airport for reopening**. Therefore, the National Logistics Cluster was represented in a meeting on 2 October 2020. On 21 October, **two MSUs** (36m x 10m and 8m x 6.5m) were erected at Chileka Airport to enable passenger screenings at the arrival area with the support of the National cluster.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster **released over 100m³ of PPEs** from common storage to the MoH for distribution to all districts in Malawi. Plans have been made to further support the MoH with the establishment of five mobile logistics bases/container labs in Chitipa, Dedza, Karonga, Mchinji and Mwanza.
- On 7 October, the National Cluster participated in the **Airport Taskforce meeting at Kamuzu International Airport** to discuss lessons learned on arrival formalities. Recommendations were made to heighten the number of MSUs in order to improve the passenger flow upon arrival.
- Overall, 23 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) for storage, screening & isolation have been erected in 10 districts to date.

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- The National Logistics Cluster continued to support returnee operations with the movement of cargo in October.
- In addition to its continued support to the existing humanitarian response in Malawi, the National Logistics Cluster is providing support to other humanitarian organisations. In October, FAO was supported with the **storage of COVID-19 related supplies** including 104 solar pumps which had arrived on 1st October; the total volume of the cargo amounted to 4.5m3. Furthermore, the **transportation of 20-foot containers** for UNICEF, to Phalombe and Zomba, was facilitated by the National Logistics Cluster. On 27 and 28 September, the National cluster assisted the Malawi Red Cross Society with the reception and storage of tents (approximately 125 m3 in storage space). The National cluster is currently **storing approximately 355m3 of COVID-19 supplies** for partners.
- The **Lean Season Response** Plan was reviewed by the National Cluster in cooperation with the Department of Disaster Management Affairs.

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