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# Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Zoom Online Meeting



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<b>LOCATION</b>	Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)
<b>DATE</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
<b>CHAIR</b>	Patrick Mills Lamptey (WFP - National Logistics Cluster Coordinator), on behalf of Herbert Chingati (Under Secretary - Ministry of Transport and Public Works - MoTPW)
<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	FAO, USAID, Save The Children, GOAL Malawi, Concern Worldwide, SPRODETA, World Food Programme

## **ACTION POINTS**

- Partners to channel support requests for transportation and storage via the National Logistics Cluster and to communicate their organisation's needs
- Partners to share suggestions on topics for the Regional Preparedness Workshop

## **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**

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- Schools to open on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 due to decreased positivity rates
- 100,000 vaccines for frontline health workers guaranteed to be received by the end of February
- Vaccination campaign to be rolled out in March
- 2021 National Logistics Cluster Preparedness and Response Plan draft includes:

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- tent procurement and installation
- deployment of container labs
- storage support
- transportation of relief items
- information management
- December, January & February dispatches to Blantyre district have been completed
- December & January dispatches to Mangochi district are finalized

## 2. General Covid-19 Updates

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- Positivity rate of 8.4% and 1,728 COVID-19 recoveries in the past week
- Economic reliefs put in place by the government and economic reliefs in the pipeline:
  - Subsidisation of maize prices during the pandemic
  - Social economic cash transfer programme to vulnerable households
  - Removed duty from COVID-19 relevant products like soap
  - MK75 billion to be given as loans to young people and women as they start their new businesses
- Malawi has received 360,000 bundled syringes and 3,625 safety boxes
- An additional 21,600 safety boxes have been dispatched by sea

## 3. National Response Updates

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- Current funding situation:
  - Shortage of funding: \$1.3 million required for the National Logistics Cluster to continue providing its services to the beneficiaries
  - \$395,000 received from the Government of Iceland
  - To advocate for more funding from the donor community
- Key logistics services provided in the past week:
  - Support on going National Logistics Cluster projects in Blantyre and Nsanje
- Weekly Priorities:
  - Completion of the additional paving works at KIA airport
  - Finalization of the MSU prioritization list

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- Erection of 4 large MSUs at the Mzuzu Central Hospital
- 42 organisations supported

#### 4. Lean Season Response Updates

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- December & January dispatches completed
- 30% of the February & March allocations have been dispatched to Mangochi district
- ATC for Chikwawa District has been issued by DoDMA: dispatches to start once beneficiary registrations are completed
- ATCs for Blantyre and Salima have been issued for February and March dispatches: dispatches to start on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Dispatches to Lilongwe have started (1% completed)
- Challenges:
  - physical access constraints in Mangochi district (bridges collapsed)
  - power outages
  - availability of fuel
- Commodity tracking trainings for DoDMA dispatch officers to continue March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>

#### 5. AOB

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- 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 the online form
- Remember to email [malawi.covid19@wfp.org](mailto:malawi.covid19@wfp.org) for free-to-user logistics support
- Free to use trainings are available on the GLC Learning Channel
- Regional Preparedness Workshop to be organized by the Global Logistics Cluster

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