
Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting Minutes, 19th January 2021

Zoom Online Meeting



LOCATION	Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)
DATE	19 th January 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	UNICEF, SPRODETA, Save The Children, Last Mile Health, FAO, Tearfund, World Food Programme
ACTION POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partners to reach out with information on their needs for MSUs in order to establish a prioritization system• Partners to share the contact details of their focal points at the district level with the National Logistics Cluster• Partners to share contact details of staff trained or to be trained for the setting up of MSUs• Partners to channel support requests for transportation and storage via the National Logistics Cluster• Partners to fill in the form for updating the humanitarian contact list as part of the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update• Partners to fill in the form for updating the current storage capacity in Malawi for the LCA• Partners to provide feedback on the planned shift of the weekly National Logistics Cluster meetings to 11am

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AGENDA

1. Recap of the Previous Meeting
2. General COVID-19 Updates
3. Augmented Logistics Support
4. National Response Updates & Funding Situation
5. Lean Season Response Updates
6. AOB

1. Recap of the Previous Meeting

- WFP and the National Logistics Cluster to continue supporting partners in the fight against COVID-19 with MSUs (320m² & 52m²), storage and transportation services
- Priority for tents to be given to the National Health Cluster
- Airports to remain open
- Land borders to be closed with an exception for essential services
- The transportation of returnees, fire brigade services, ambulances, the transportation of fuel, security services and any other services that are given passage upon special request are considered as essential services and can pass the land borders

2. General Covid-19 Updates

- State of national disaster declared by the president: COVID-19 taskforce...
 - **to set up additional 77 testing sites**
 - to increase the capacity of the emergency toll-free number
 - to improve public awareness on the severity of Covid-19
 - to recruit additional 1380 medical personnel
 - **to procure additional PPE, beds, ventilators and testing kits**
 - **to scale up the number of treatment units from 400 to 1500**
- All schools to be closed for three weeks
- No more than 50 people at religious gatherings allowed
- Employees to work from home and to go to the office in shifts
- Requirement to wear face mask in all public places
- Curfew between 9pm and 5am
- All places of business to close no later than 8pm
- Markets to close no later than 5pm
- Increases of new COVID-19 in Malawi in the past week with a peak of 685 cases on January 17th

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3. Augmented Logistics Support

- The National Logistics Cluster to scale up its support to the government's COVID-19 response in the country
- Support from partners needed for the National Logistics Cluster to accomplish all required operations in the coming weeks
- Scaling up of engineering support through augmented setting up of MSUs for storage, isolation, treatment and screening
- Number of available tents is limited:

MSU Size	AVAILABLE FOR PARTNERS	MSUs ALREADY DEPLOYED AND ERRECTED	BALANCES
320 m ²	50	11	39
52 m ²	31	17	14
Total	81	28	53

- The needs for MSUs are expected to outweigh the current stocks in the coming months
- Need for prioritization in coordination with partners
- Transport & storage services available for partners

4. National Response Updates

- Current funding situation:
 - Shortage of funding: \$1.05m required for the National Logistics Cluster to continue providing its services to the beneficiaries
 - \$850,000 immediately required
 - \$120,000 received from UN MPTF
 - \$195,000 received from the Government of Iceland
- Key logistics services provided in the past week:
 - Extension of the screening area at Kamuzu International Airport
 - Setting up of 3 MSUs for the Ministry of Education at Lilongwe Girls Secondary School
 - Support to MSF with the erection of a 40m x 10m MSU to be used as COVID-19 treatment centre
- Major gaps to address:
 - Limited storage and transport capacities

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- Limited screening and isolation units
 - Efficient logistics coordination and operational information sharing
 - Stock reporting
- 41 organisations supported

5. Lean Season Response Updates

- Start of dispatches in Mangochi district: 32% of the December and January allocation for Mangochi district has been dispatched as of January 18th
- Distributions in Blantyre are expected to start this week
- Dispatches in the remaining districts to start in February
- Commodity tracking trainings for DODMA dispatch officers to continue in the remaining districts at the end of this week or early next week

5. AOB

- Please remember to refer to the Malawi National Logistics Cluster webpage for COVID-19 flight SOPs & FAQ at <https://logcluster.org/countries/MWI>
- Remember to email malawi.covid19@wfp.org for free-to-user logistics support
- Free to use trainings are available on the GLC Learning Channel
- Partners to submit the forms for the LCA update until January 21st:
 - Storage: <https://ee.humanitarianresponse.info/x/KDKmJ4tr>
 - Humanitarian Contact List: https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rtkqRtnXBkK4dHGx4HI3b8zO53LmbJhBrj1_1DXlwK9URVJSOTVQRUNENzVXNUtRUE9JT1EzVzcwNC4u
- The weekly National Logistics Cluster meetings to be shifted to 11am on Tuesdays due to a time overlap with the National Health Cluster meetings

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