## Operation Overview, April 2021

## **National Logistics Cluster Malawi**



#### **Operational Highlights**

- Deployment of MSUs to support the Government's COVID-19 response
- Completion of the Lean Season Response (LSR) dispatches to the WFP-supported in-kind districts
- Organisation of a log.ie (Logistics Information Exchange) training session for WFP Logistics staff



## **Background**

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

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#### **Coordination & Information Management**

- In close coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, the National Logistics Cluster chaired **bi-weekly online meetings** presenting national response updates, general COVID-19 updates, lean season response updates, the COVID-19 Response Plan, and related ongoing activities to partners.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster participated in national **inter-cluster coordination** group meetings on a weekly basis.
- Over 6 information management products have been published and disseminated to partners in the past
  month, primarily via the National Logistics Cluster webpage. To monitor the progress of the dispatches for
  the on-going LSR, a weekly updated map was shared with relevant stakeholders.
- The information layers in the **log.ie** (**Logistics Information Exchange**) platform were updated and improved in cooperation with the Global Logistics Cluster. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, a log.ie training session for WFP Logistics staff was held.



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#### **COVID-19 National Logistics Cluster Support & General Logistics Services**

- To support the vaccination campaign at the Dzaleka Refugee Camp, the National Logistics Cluster supported UNHCR with the installation of two large tents (320m²) and one small tent (52m²).
- The Lean Season Response (LSR) 2020/2021 dispatches to the WFP supported in-kind districts of Blantyre,
   Mangochi, Lilongwe, Chikwawa and Salima have been completed. A total of 16,477 MT has been dispatched.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the handover of the first container laboratory site in Dedza took place. Over the coming months, the National Logistics Cluster will support with the installation of 5 mobile COVID-19 laboratories made of shipping containers at the border posts in Dedza, Mchinji, Chitipa, Karonga and Mulanje.

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