



Operational Highlights

- Erection of MSUs in response to the rising COVID-19 cases in the country
- Oversight mission and meeting with project partners on site
- Container labs site assessments in cooperation with the Ministry of Health
- Drafting and submission of the COVID-19 Response Plan
- Finalisation of paving works at the screening area of Kamuzu International Airport



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.



Coordination & Information Management

- The National Logistics Cluster **COVID-19 Response Plan** for 2021 was drafted and submitted to the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA).
- In close coordination with the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, the National Logistics Cluster chaired **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. Considering the rising COVID-19 cases during the past two months, the focus of the meetings was on informing partners on the **current support capacities of the National Logistics Cluster**.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster participated in national **inter-cluster coordination** group meetings on a weekly basis.
- Over **9 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 lean season response (LSR), a **weekly updated LSR map** was shared with relevant stakeholders.
- In order to oversee National Logistics Cluster activities on site, a four-day oversight mission to the WFP sub-office in Blantyre and to the Humanitarian Staging Area in Bangula took place.
- The **Log:ie (Logistics Information Exchange)** tool was introduced to the sub-office staff during the mission. In that way, feedback on potential improvements of information layers for the context of Malawi was obtained and forwarded to the Global Logistics Cluster Log:ie team during weekly catch-up sessions.





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- The screening area at **Kamuzu International Airport** was improved by the National Logistics Cluster through additional paving works inside the MSU.
- The **Lean Season Response (LSR) 2021** continued with dispatches to the districts of Blantyre, Mangochi and Lilongwe.
- The National Logistics Cluster facilitated the installation of additional MSUs at the **Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital** in Blantyre to be used as staff quarters and morgue by MSF.
- At the **Kamuzu College of Nursing** in Lilongwe, the National Logistics Cluster supported with the erection of four tents for the isolation of students.
- In terms of **storage support**, the National Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of laundry soap for FAO with a capacity of 19.6m³ at the warehouse in Lilongwe and 25.7m³ at the warehouse in Blantyre.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, site assessment at the targeted **container labs** locations in Mchinji, Karonga and Chitipa took place to inspect the surrounding infrastructure and to expedite the installation of the mobile COVID-19 laboratories at the border posts.

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