



Operational Highlights

- Support to partners with the setting up of MSUs in response to the rising COVID-19 cases in the country
- Onset of the dispatches for the Lean Season Response in the districts of Mangochi and Blantyre
- Container labs site assessments in cooperation with the Ministry of Health
- Enhancement of the screening area at 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

- 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, Log:ie updates and related ongoing activities to partners. Considering the rising COVID-19 cases during the past month, 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 **63 information management products** have been published and disseminated to partners so far, primarily via the National Logistics Cluster webpage. Since the dispatches for the lean season response started (LSR) in the beginning of the month, a **weekly updated LSR map** displaying progress made in the targeted districts, is shared with relevant stakeholders. Due to the augmented installation of MSUs through the National Logistics Cluster, the **MSU tracking map** was regularly updated and shared with partners.
- Based on the pilot version of the **Log:ie (Logistics Information Exchange)** tool, feedback on potential improvements for the context of Malawi was given to the Global Logistics Cluster Log:ie team during weekly catch-up sessions.





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- The National Logistics Cluster continued working on updating the **Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA)** for Malawi with a focus on Storage; Airports & Customs; Food Suppliers, Accommodation & Other Markets; Road & Waterways Network; Contact Lists and Fuel. The LCA page serves as means of logistics and infrastructure information sharing for the humanitarian community in Malawi. The National Logistics Cluster began to engage various national authorities, partners and other WFP units in the process of updating the LCA.
- In order to enable social distancing for students of the **Blantyre Secondary School** during their final exams, an MSU was erected to serve as exam location upon request of the Ministry of Education.
- The screening area at **Kamuzu International Airport** was improved through the installation of ventilation panels in the MSU.
- After the commodity tracking training sessions for DODMA dispatch officers from Blantyre and Mangochi took place in December, the **dispatches for the Lean Season Response 2021 started** this month in the two districts. The trainings and dispatches for the remaining 19 districts are scheduled to begin in February.
- At the **Lilongwe Girls Secondary School**, the National Logistics Cluster supported the Ministry of Education with the setting up of tents for the isolation of students with mild COVID-19 symptoms.
- The National Logistics Cluster facilitated the re-location of a tent used for the collection of COVID-19 samples at the premises of the **Community Health Science Unit** in Lilongwe.
- Further MSUs were set up as COVID-19 treatment and isolation centres at the **Dzaleka refugee camp**, the **Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital** and **Youth Centre in Blantyre**.

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