



Operational Highlights

- Improvement and extension of the screening areas at Chileka and Kamuzu International Airport
- Kick-off of the commodity tracking trainings for the Lean Season Response
- Onset of the Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) update for Malawi
- Engagement in the Inter-cluster meetings and provision of logistics support in response to Cyclone Chalane



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 chairs **weekly online meetings** presenting national response updates, general COVID-19 updates, lean season response updates, Log:ie updates and related ongoing activities to partners. **Partners' highlights on the COVID-19 response**, including experienced challenges, are incorporated in the presentations to facilitate partner coordination. A **review of activities in 2020** was presented in the last National Logistics Cluster meeting.
- In addition, the National Logistics Cluster participates in national **inter-cluster coordination** group meetings on a weekly basis.
- Over **55 information management products** have been published and disseminated to partners so far, primarily via the National Logistics Cluster webpage.
- Subsequent to the **Log:ie (Logistics Information Exchange)** pilot launch that was held in November in cooperation with the Global Logistics Cluster, a **follow-up session** took place on December 2nd to revise the presented inputs so that partners are able to actively utilize the new information platform system.





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- The National Logistics Cluster has started to update 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.
- At **Kamuzu International Airport**, the National Logistics Cluster supported with the **improvement of the screening area**. Therefore, the MSUs and the paving were extended in order to accommodate more passengers.
- The **screening areas at Chileka International Airport** have been completed by the National Logistics Cluster with MSUs erected, the internal floor paved and stickers attached, the external passengers' corridor set up, the ventilation windows installed, and the handwashing stations and visibility items positioned.
- After the commodity tracking training plan for the **Lean Season Response 2020/2021** was finalized, the first **training sessions for DODMA dispatch officers** from Blantyre and Mangochi were held on December 2nd. The trainings for the officers from the remaining districts are scheduled for January 2021.
- In order to provide **logistical support to combating the potential impacts of Cyclone Chalane**, the National Logistics Cluster engaged with the Inter-cluster Coordination Group and made trucks, warehousing as well as boats available to partners. Moreover, the usage of the newly launched information platform system Log:ie (Logistics Information Exchange) and the corresponding Quick Capture mobile app, for which a tailored survey was set up by the Global Logistics Cluster to capture physical access constraints in Malawi, was presented during the Inter-cluster meeting and information material was shared with partners.

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