

1. Situation Update

- On 2 April 2019, an inter-agency Flood Response Coordination Meeting was held at the WFP Blantyre sub-office. The meeting was convened by the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA). Operations are reported to be predominantly focused across the following six districts: Chikwawa, Machinga, Malunje, Nsanje, Phalombe and Zomba.
- At the meeting, it was noted that coordination and information management capacity are key gaps in the humanitarian response at the district level. Responding organisations are requested to liaise closely with DoDMA and district council officials to optimise operational efficiency and reduce duplication of effort.
- The Logistics Sector has published a [Concept of Operations](#), which outlines both its strategy and the services made available. Partners interested in utilising the storage and transport services facilitated by the Logistics Sector are requested to contact malawi.clustercargo@wfp.org.

2. Access Constraints

- Access challenges have been reported to reach Tchereni (TA Jenala) and Phaloni (TA Kaduya) in Phalombe.
- In the Phalombe District, the road to Nambuza (coordinates: -15.552, 35.819) is reported to be only accessible by 4x4 vehicles. The road remains impassable beyond Nambuza.
- In Chikwawa District, Mazongosa is only accessible by air or boat. Please note, the road that leads towards the base for Mazongosa boat operations from the M1 highway (coordinates: -16.573, 35.119), is currently only accessible with 4x4 vehicles (5 mt capacity).
- Makhanga, Chigwamafumu and Chikali in the Nsanje District are reported to be accessible by air or boat. However, once items arrive, limited road transport capacity to communities on the eastern side of the Shire River remains a challenge for the last mile delivery of items.
- Areas around the Mangochi District are reported to be accessible by 4x4.
- Partners are reminded to please share any updates related to access constraints with Jemma Pietrus (jemma.pietrus@wfp.org), to ensure information products can be updated quickly and effectively.
- The latest access constraints map has been published [here](#).

3. Logistics operations

Air transport

- Air transport for the flood response is being coordinated through the DoDMA. The Logistics Sector will share any information made available relating to the air transport schedule with humanitarian partners.



Road transport

- The Logistics Sector, through WFP, is facilitating access of humanitarian partners to commercial trucks (30 mt) from Lilongwe and Blantyre to main connection roads. 4x4 vehicles (5 mt) are also available from Blantyre to access areas with restricted road network.

River transport

- Two boats are currently positioned in Chikwawa and Bangula (0.6 mt/8 pax capacity) and are available to the humanitarian community. Partners are requested to email malawi.clustercargo@wfp.org for further information and service requests.
- Additional river transport (4 mt/15 pax capacity) can be made available and positioned in strategic locations. However, this is based on identified needs and partner requirements on the ground.

Storage

- To ensure the quick delivery of humanitarian cargo to isolated areas, Mobile Storage Units (satellite hubs) have been established and are available to the humanitarian community in the following locations:
 - TA Ngabu (Nsanje): 300 mt/156 m²
 - TA Makwhira (Chikwawa): 100 mt/52m²
 - TA Maseya (Chikwawa): 200 mt/104 m²
- Warehouse space in Lilongwe (6,800 m²) and Blantyre (18,000 m²) is also available to humanitarian partners.

Customs

- OCHA customs unit in Geneva has issued Information regarding customs, immigration and quarantine procedures for Malawi has been shared by OCHA customs unit in Geneva. The information can be accessed [here](#).

Other

- A dedicated [Logistics Sector webpage](#) has been published. The latest information relating to the Logistics Sector response in Malawi will be published there.
- A WhatsApp group and mailing list have also been established. Please contact [Jemma Pietrus](#) to be added.

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