1. Situation Update

- A Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting was held on Friday 5 April 2019 at the WFP office in Lilongwe. 90 partners are currently in-country providing relief assistance across 15 affected districts.
- At the meeting, each cluster lead provided an overview of current activities, challenges and way forward. It was reiterated that coordination across the sectors needs to be strengthened at national and district level.
- Emergency Operation Centres (EOC) have been established in Lilongwe and Blantyre, with plans to establish additional EOCs across impacted regions to better support district-level operations.
- According to the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) and OCHA, the ongoing flood response seeks to fill critical gaps across food, shelter, health and Non-Food Items (NFIs). The Logistics Sector is liaising closely with sector focal points to ensure efficient logistical operational planning, as more information becomes available on needs on the ground.
- IOM has published a report outlining key needs for surveyed Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps based on Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) data. The full report is available here.

2. Access Contraints

- Estimates from DoDMA indicate approximately 5% of the affected population is based in difficult-to-reach areas. The latest access constraints map has been published here.
- Physical road access constraints have been reported for the following locations:
  - In Chikwawa district, Sekeni school has been reported as difficult to reach by road. Additionally, Mazongosa remains 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).
  - In Nsanje district, Makhanga, Chigwamafumu and Chikali are reported to be only accessible by air or boat. Moreover, 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.
  - In Phalombe district, the following schools have been reported as difficult to reach: Malambwe School, Dindi School and Phaloni School.
  - In Zomaba District, Chingale area remains a hard to reach location.
- East Bank Road is now reported to be accessible with 4x4 vehicles (5 mt capacity) up to Ruo river (coordinates: -16.484, 35.178). However, road conditions remain challenging. The road south of the river is inaccessible.
3. Logistics Operations

Air transport

- Air transport for the flood response is being coordinated through DoDMA. To strengthen coordination, the Logistics Sector is working with DoDMA to share a tentative transport schedule on a weekly basis with responding actors.

- For the week 8 - 14 April, the following airlifts will take place. (Please note that the following plan is tentative and is subject to change. DoDMA will inform the Logistics Sector of any changes which will subsequently be shared with all partners).
  - 8 April
    - Ngwindimba (Balaka district)
    - Mtemanyama (Phalombe district)
  - 9 April
    - Namikombe (Balaka district)
    - Chilala (Mangochi district)
  - 10 April
    - Ndanga (Mulanje district)
    - Mileme (Phalombe district)
  - 11 April
    - Mongata (Zomba district)
    - Chilongoma (Chikwawa district)
  - 12 April
    - Nyachikadza School (Nsanje district)
    - Thukuta (Thyolo district)
    - Changata (Thyolo district)
  - 13 - 14 April: TBC

- Humanitarian organisations who are providing assistance in the above locations and require transport support can contact DoDMA, at least 48 hours in advance, to request space on the scheduled transport movements. A road transport plan has also been shared by DoDMA (see Road Transport here below).

Road Transport

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

- For the week 8 - 14 April, DoDMA will be undertaking road transport to reach the following areas:
  - 8 April: Mbulumbudzi (Chiladzulo district)
  - 9 April: Mandozi/Pim (Chiladzulo district)
  - 10 April: Pasani School/TA Nkanda (Mulanje district)
River transport

- Two boats are currently positioned in Chikwawa and Bangula and are available to the humanitarian community. Partners are requested to email malawi.clustercargo@wfp.org for further information.
- 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.
- The Logistics Sector has begun facilitating access to boat passenger transport between Bangula and Nsanje district and Chikwawa and Chikwawa district on WFP-chartered boats. The service has been established due to limited access to flood affected areas. Detailed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on how to access the service are available here.

Storage

- 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/52 m²
  - TA Maseya (Chikwawa): 200 mt/104 m²
- The Logistics Sector is liaising with partners on additional storage options to be established in strategic locations for the quick delivery of aid.
- Warehouse space in Lilongwe (6800 m²) and Blantyre (18,000 m²) is also available to humanitarian partners.

Customs

- No challenges have been reported by partners in relation to customs.
- OCHA customs unit in Geneva has issued the first bulletin about customs, immigration and quarantine procedures for Malawi. The information can be accessed here.

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