

## 1. Situation Update

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- On 15 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).
- During the meeting it was noted that several organisations were working across the same areas. DoDMA reminded responding agencies to liaise closely with respective District Councils and the cluster leads to optimise operational efficiency and reduce the duplication of efforts.
- The Logistics Sector Coordinator reminded attending agencies to complete the Malawi flood response pipeline template, available online [here](#). It was reiterated that in order for the Logistics Sector to understand partner needs and strengthen operational planning, partner's pipeline and transport plans are crucial.
- The schedule for upcoming Cluster Coordination meetings has been published [here](#) by OCHA.

## 2. Access Constraints

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- The latest access constraints map has been published [here](#).
- As water levels recede and rehabilitation works continue, more road transport routes are reported as passable. In Phalombe, the following camps are now accessible by road: Malambwe School, Dindi School and Phaloni School. In Mangochi, Makanjira-Chiphole road is also reported to be accessible to Chiphole.
- Physical road access constraints are reported for the following locations:
  - In Mulanje, Makande is reported to be only accessible by 4x4 (max 5 mt capacity).
  - In Chikwawa district, Mazongosa remains only accessible by air or boat. 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. Once items arrive, there is limited road transport capacity on the eastern side of the Shire River for last mile delivery.
- A circular has been disseminated by the Airport Commandant at Chileka International Airport advising that the main runway at Chileka airport will be closed 24 April - 23 July 2019 for maintenance and rehabilitation. During this period, the secondary runway will remain operational. The Logistics Sector has been advised that the secondary runway is 1,372 meters in length, 30 meters in width, with an asphalt surface. Organisations planning to utilise this airport for the delivery of relief items are advised to take the runway's specifications into account during operational planning.

## 3. Logistics Operations

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### Air transport

- Air transport for the flood response is being coordinated through DoDMA. A map has been published and shared with partners, highlighting the weekly schedule for 15 - 23 April. It is available online [here](#).

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- Please note that the 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.
- Humanitarian organisations who require air transport support are advised to contact DoDMA, at least 48 hours in advance, to request space on the scheduled transport movements.

## Road Transport

- The Logistics Sector is facilitating access to commercial trucks and 4x4 vehicles for the flood response.
- For the week 8 - 14 March, the Logistics Sector facilitated road transport services to the following locations on behalf of three organizations:
  - Lilongwe-Blantyre (Blantyre)
  - Blantyre-Nkhulambe School (Phalombe)
  - Blantyre-Bangula Camp (Nsanje)
  - Blantyre-Namatuni School (Mulanje)
  - Blantyre-Nyachilenda Camp (Nsanje)
  - Blantyre- Mchenga Camp (Chikwawa)
  - Blantyre-Chisamba School (Mulanje)

## River transport

- Two boats are currently positioned in Chikwawa and Bangula and are available to the humanitarian community for cargo and passenger transport. Information on capacity and how to access services are available on the Logistics Sector Malawi [operation page](#).
- As of 16 April, no requests have been received from partners for the boat positioned in Chikwawa. Partners have been asked to share boat transport requirements to ensure assets are positioned strategically and according to needs on the ground.

## Storage

- Three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been erected in TA Ngabu (Nsanje), TA Makwhira (Chikwawa) and TA Maseya (Chikwawa) and are available to the humanitarian community. MSUs may also be available on-loan for responding partners through the Logistics Sector and WFP. Organisations are requested to contact [Julie Vanderwiel](#) for further information.
- Warehouse space in Lilongwe (6800 m<sup>2</sup>) and Blantyre (18,000 m<sup>2</sup>) is also available.

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