
1. Situation Update

- On 20 April, rainstorms and landslides occurred in Rumphi District in northern Malawi. The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) received a rapid assessment report from the district council, indicating that extensive damage has been caused in most parts of Sub-TA Chapinduka, mainly in Tcharo area. A search and rescue team has been deployed and DoDMA has dispatched basic relief items.
- On 24 April, a Humanitarian Country Team meeting (HCT) was held in Lilongwe. The meeting focused on the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) report.
- According to the report the floods caused US \$36.1 million in damage to the transport infrastructure. In total, 1,841 km of paved and unpaved road networks were completely damaged, as well as 68 culverts and drifts. Additionally, 103 bridges are reported to have completely washed away. No damage has been reported for railway lines or ports.
- During the meeting, the Logistics Sector reiterated that a noted challenge remains lack of information sharing regarding partners' pipeline. Attending agencies were reminded to complete the Malawi flood response pipeline template, available online [here](#), in an effort to strengthen operational planning.
- The schedule for upcoming Cluster Coordination meetings has been published [here](#) by OCHA.

2. Access Constraints

- The latest access constraints map has been published [here](#).
- Information from Malawi Roads Authority detailing vehicle tonnage capacity on flood-affected roads has been circulated with Logistics Sector partners.
- According to the information received from Roads Authority, routes that currently have a 5 mt capacity or less are:
 - The road from Nkando Dulankhani-Phalombe (T413) is reported to have 3 mt capacity.
 - The road from Mwanza-Thambani (S137) is reported to only be accessible by 4x4 (3 mt capacity).
 - The road from Mbalula-Malombe-Masanje River (T388) is reported to have 5 mt capacity.
- According to Roads Authority the following two bridges have also collapsed, restricting access:
 - Mkwakwazi Bridge on the road from Mbelenga to Weremu.
 - Limphangwi and Nampati Bridges on the road from Njale to Nkhate.
- The Logistics Sector will continue to share information with partners related to updates on vehicle tonnage capacity as it becomes available. For further information please contact [Sarah Alameri](#).

3. Logistics Operations

Air transport

- Air transport for the flood response is being coordinated through DoDMA.

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- A tentative plan for the week starting Monday 29 April will be presented by DoDMA at the next Logistics Sector Coordination meeting, which is to be held this [Friday 26 April](#) at WFP sub-office in Blantyre. The information will also be mapped and shared with 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

- For the period 15 - 24 March, the Logistics Sector facilitated road transport services to the following locations on behalf of four organisations:
 - Blantyre- Chisamba School (Mulanje)
 - Blantyre-Nsanje Boma (Nsanje)
 - Blantyre-Juma Village (Mulanje)
 - Blantyre-Kaisi Camp (Chikwawa)
 - Bangula- Makhanga (Nsanje)
 - Blantyre-Chabuka Camp (Chikwawa)
 - Lilongwe-Blantyre (Blantyre)
 - Lilongwe-Nsanje Boma (Nsanje)

River transport

- As of 24 April, no requests have been received from partners for the boat positioned in Chikwawa. The Logistics Sector will discuss the conclusion of boat services from this location with partners at the next Logistics Sector Coordination Meeting.
- The boat positioned in Bangula is receiving regular requests and will continue to be made available to partners until end of May 2019. Information on capacity and how to access services are available on the Logistics Sector Malawi [operation page](#).

Storage

- Two Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) have been made available to a responding partner on an on-loan basis. Organisations are requested to contact [Julie Vanderwiel](#) for further information and specific requests.

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