Malawi National Logistics Cluster Meeting
Minutes, 8th September 2020
Zoom online meeting

LOCATION  
Lilongwe, Malawi (online meeting)

DATE  
08 September 2020

CHAIR  
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PARTICIPANTS  
CHAI, GHSC-PSM, UNICEF, USAID, Concern Worldwide, FAO, Save the Children, GOAL Malawi, World Food Programme

ACTION POINTS  
- To share information about the humanitarian flight status of the route between Lilongwe and Johannesburg since South Africa is still closed
- The National Logistics Cluster to reach out to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Immigration office for a clarity on the requirements for obtaining visa

AGENDA  
1. General COVID-19 Logistics Updates
2. Revised National Response Plan
3. National Response Plan and Updates
4. Point of Entry Guidelines
5. AOB

1. General COVID-19 Logistics Updates

- Partners were informed of the WFP regional COVID-19 humanitarian hub health and cargo dispatched to the Southern Africa Region for the month of August
  - 5,857 m3 volume of cargo dispatched
  - 17 countries reached
  - 14 organizations supported
  - 55% of items were PPEs
  - 39% of items were Diagnostics and Clinical care materials
  - And 5% were other relieve items

- Apart from cargo, they were also informed about the Passenger Transport operation at the hub during the month of August
  - 92 flights completed
  - 88 organizations supported
  - 1,312 passengers transported

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- 7 destinations reached
- 12% were diplomats/Donors
- 51 percent being UN agencies
- 37% was composed of NGOs

2. National Response Plan and Updates

- Activity highlights
  - Upgrade to the tents that were set up to prepare for commercial flights
  - 2 humanitarian flights were facilitated the previous week starting 31 August
  - 1 commercial flight on 5 September
  - The National Logistics Cluster supported with storage and transportation of the Ministry of Health with 130 m³ Direct Relief PPEs donation and 1 MT Egyptian Embassy donation
  - Transportation of Last Mile Health PPEs to Blantyre was done by the National Logistics Cluster
- Gaps and challenges
  - Lack of funding remains the biggest gap, only 8% of budget is covered of the $1.4m total
  - Tents for isolation and treatment
  - Lack of transport and storage capacities
  - Limited information sharing

3. National Response Updates

- MVAC report released – Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) leading on the response plan to support 2.6 million people in need of assistance
- The formation of the National COVID-19 secretariat in process – a national coordinator has been appointed
- Guidelines to resume sports activities under review by DoDMA
- Schools to reopen on 7 September – a draft of guidelines was shared
- Over 1,000 returnees received at the end of August
- A request for partners to support on temporary toilet facilities at the airport
- Partners can assist with sample collection and/or testing at border as only Mwanza is collecting samples
- The partners can also support with regards to testing capacities/stock out of reagents coupled with lack of computers at lab at PoE

4. Point of Entry Guidelines

- Final official guidelines on testing policy still being reviewed by the EOC
- SOPs developed for those that will be arriving at the airport

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- 5 hotels designated for those that do not have the test certificates - list to be shared
- Detailed guidelines will be shared once available through official channels

5. AOB

- As a flag Ethiopian Airways refused certificates from PiH but eventually accepted them
- Refer to COVID-19 flight SOP's and WFP flights FAQ's for your information.
- WFP Aviation focal point in Malawi Levi Chiwoni can be reached at levi.chiwoni@wfp.org or mobile: 0999972218.
- New member of the Cluster Team, Andrea Cecchi (andrea.cecci@wfp.org)
- Contact Malawi.covid19@wfp.org for further assistance.
- Contact Phyllis Ocran Mattila pocran@unicef.org for queries on the WHO Supply Portal.
- Free to use trainings are available on Global Logistics Cluster Learning Channel.

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