

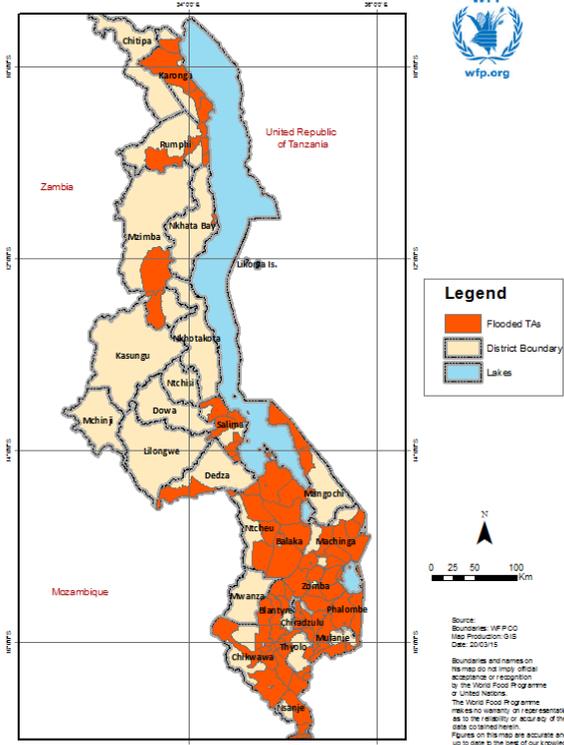


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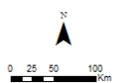
Malawi: Responding to Humanitarian needs & strengthening resilience to restore food security, nutrition and livelihoods

2015 FLOOD AFFECTED AREAS



Legend

- Flooded Area
- District Boundary
- Lakes



Floods in numbers

616,000 people in need of food assistance

17 districts affected

MVAC in numbers*

438,000 people in need of food assistance

16 districts affected

*These figures represent those that are being assisted by WFP. An INGO consortium is assisting an additional 257,600 under the MVAC response.

Funding Shortfalls:

Floods: USD 12.4 million

- PRRO 200692:** USD 11.4 million
- IR-EMOP 200810:** USD 982,000

SO 200685: USD 720,000

Highlights

- WFP has reached 99 percent of people in need of assistance with second-round food distributions of maize, beans, Super Cereal and fortified vegetable oil in all 15 flood-affected districts. Third-round food distributions have started to cater for some 370,000 flood victims, but are experiencing delays due to slow arrival of fortified vegetable oil.
- WFP requires a total of USD 12.4 million to meet a significant increase in needs identified by the recent joint rapid food security assessment, and cover costs of distributing High Energy Biscuits as a first-line response. The number of flood victims in need of life-saving food assistance has risen by nearly 70 percent. Some 616,000 flood victims now require food assistance through July.
- The assessment has also recommended a one-month extension of lean season (MVAC) assistance for the vulnerable households who were rendered food insecure by adverse weather and poor harvest last year. To continue food assistance to this population, WFP requires USD 3.5 million.
- USD 720,000 is also required for emergency logistics support to ensure that some 42,000 people in Nsanje district remain accessible, amidst ongoing risk of a cholera outbreak.

Situation Update

- After a week of no rains flood waters have begun receding in Nsanje, WFP is transitioning to road access wherever possible and is planning to use the river network for boat operations.
- As of 16 March, 148 cases of cholera have been confirmed by the Ministry of Health, with two deaths. The WFP co-led logistics cluster is continuing to support the cholera response by transporting vaccines, chlorine and other medical supplies to affected areas.
- A review of the Floods Preliminary Response Plan is underway. Clusters are revising their sectoral plans, with a special focus on the six most affected districts: Nsanje, Zomba, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Blantyre Rural and Mulanje.

WFP Response



Food Assistance

- February food distributions have completed to meet the needs of the 370,000 flood victims identified as food insecure according to the Preliminary Response Plan. The Food Security Cluster has agreed to begin catering for the increased needs of 616,000 flood victims as of April.
- As part of the food basket of the floods response, WFP is providing fortified maize meal in the worst-hit districts. Maize meal has particular benefits to the most vulnerable,

and women in particular, as it reduces required cooking time and alleviates the financial burden of milling costs.

- At the same time, WFP has finished food distributions for the MVAC response for February. March distributions have begun but timeliness is also being affected by slow arrival of fortified vegetable oil from Durban and Beira ports.
- Cash and nutrition voucher distributions for March under the MVAC response are ongoing. Innovative nutritional vouchers of this kind are being implemented for the first time in Malawi's history. They are targeted to households with pregnant/breastfeeding women and/or children under 2-years-old in targeted areas of Blantyre and Lilongwe districts to purchase locally-produced Super Cereal.
- Behavior change communication messages on good agricultural practices (crop diversification, composting and agroforestry) and nutrition practices (infant and young child feeding and diet diversity) continue to be broadcast on national radios to reach the general population with important information to address underlying causes of food insecurity. The messages were prepared jointly with inputs from the agriculture, food security and nutrition clusters.
- Early recovery work is continuing as part of WFP's commitment to link relief to longer-term resilience and development work. An early recovery plan for WFP and key partners is being coordinated by the food security cluster along with other clusters. The plan centres on early recovery support to facilitate return and realign livelihoods to the seasonal calendar, and the sequenced transition from unconditional to conditional food assistance.

Logistics

- WFP urgently requires USD 720,000 for emergency logistics support to the entire humanitarian community. Without this funding, access to 42,000 people in Nsanje district will be cut off.
- The two WFP-contracted helicopters have returned to South Africa. WFP's Mi8 helicopter will be operational until 23 March.
- Along the East Bank roadway, WFP has resumed road transport using its all terrain fleet. Surveys are ongoing to assess the feasibility of boat operations to continue reaching areas that remain entirely cut off from road access.

• To date, WFP's air operation has transported 620 mt of food and non-food relief items for the flood response, as well as 1,268 humanitarian passengers to areas that remain cut off.

Clusters

- Local coordination of the response is through a government-led and UN co-led cluster system (i.e. working groups), through which WFP co-leads national clusters on food security and logistics and actively participates in all other clusters.
- In response to increased nutrition needs from the floods disaster, WFP is scaling up its supplementary feeding programme to treat moderate acute malnutrition to reach 100 percent of health centres in Ntcheu district. This district was deemed one of the most in need for nutritional support by the government-led nutrition cluster.

Partnerships

- WFP continues to work closely with DoDMA, the UN humanitarian country team and its NGO partners to provide food assistance to the flood victims.

Resourcing Update

- WFP is grateful for confirmed contributions from Government of Malawi, Canada, CERF, Germany, Japan, Spain, the UK and the USA towards the floods and MVAC responses.
- **WFP requires USD 12.4 million**, including urgent needs of USD 1.6 million to cover associated costs to draw-down, transport and distribute the full in-kind maize contribution of 14,000 mt from the government's Strategic Grain Reserve (SGR); USD 6.3 million to scale-up the floods response to meet need of all 616,00 food insecure flood victims until July and USD 3.5 million to continue food assistance to 438,000 food insecure people under the MVAC response.
- To help meet these needs, WFP is advocating for the release of an additional 9,225 mt of maize from the SGR. If approved, WFP would require additional funds to cover the associated costs.
- An additional USD 720,000 is also urgently needed for emergency logistics support to the entire humanitarian community.

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WFP Operation							
	Project Duration	Planned number of people	Total requirements (in US\$)	Total contributions (in US\$)	Funding gap (%)	People Assisted	
						Planned (current distribution cycle)	Reached (current distribution cycle)
PRRO 200692 (flood component only)	6.5 months	616,000	23,800,000	14,800,000	38%	368,182	357,858
IR-EMOP 200810	2 months	77,000	981,875	0	100%	25,537	*Still being reconciled
SO 200685	7 months	—	1,940,000	1,219,275	37%	—	—