



SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

As of Wednesday 1 April 2020, Malawi has zero confirmed case of COVID 19. However, the Government declared a state of disaster on 22 March and introduced a range of measures to tighten surveillance and control of COVID 19, including the closure of schools and colleges, a ban on meetings and events with more than 100 people, a travel ban for incoming foreign nationals travelling from high risk countries/areas, as well as increased deployment of health officials for surveillance at border points. The Government has set up the coordinating mechanism on COVID 19 and UNCT also has set up the Crises Management Team, including UNDP. All countries surrounding Malawi have identified positive cases of COVID 19.

In this context, UNDP Malawi started to review its programme offer, building on the wide range of support it is providing to Malawian stakeholders, including some innovative flagship projects such as National ID project, Malawi Innovation Challenge Fund, as well as eHin (electronic Health Information Network).

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Strengthening Health Systems



Tracking of essential medicines, vaccines and medical supplies to avoid stock-outs, provide real-time visibility of medicines/vaccines/supplies, ongoing disease surveillance and predictive analysis of COVID-19 recurrence.

USSD application to set up with Ministry of Health, TNM and Airtel could be used for collecting data on COVID-19 preparedness and cases down to statistics at community level. This system can also provide medical advice and the nearest health centres one can go to.

Tracking of essential medicines and medical supplies to avoid stock-outs, visibility of medicines/vaccines, ongoing disease surveillance and predictive analysis of COVID-19 outbreaks.

Inclusive and Multi-Sectoral Crisis Management and Response



Recovery interventions focused on emergency employment; keeping businesses open, avoiding job, income and productivity losses, and resumption of essential services.

Socio-Economic Impact Assessment



Post Surge socio-economic impact assessment. Contribute to analysis on quantification of recovery needs.

Assessment of whether the COVID-19 responses are adequately protecting the rights of PLHIV who are at most threat of infection.

BUDGET

Following a programme criticality exercise, UNDP Malawi has re-prioritized and reprogrammed its unspent and uncommitted regular resources from existing projects by approximately US\$1,500,000. UNDP is mobilizing an additional US\$13 million for real-time tracking of medicines, vaccines, and medical supplies; US\$11 million for a COVID-19 Private Sector Support Programme to reduce economic and job losses; funding for rapid prevention interventions and joint COVID-19 socio-impact assessment with World Bank, bringing the total UNDP contribution to the National COVID-19 pandemic to approximately US\$24,000,000 in support the Government of Malawi's National COVID-19 Prevention and Response Plan pegged at US\$123m. The UNDP COVID-19 programme will be implemented for a duration of 12 to 18 months pending unforeseen evolutions in the pandemic.

OUTPUT	BUDGET	AVAILABLE	GAP
Strengthening health systems, including procurement and supply chain management	\$15M	\$2M	\$13M
Inclusive and multi-sectoral crisis management and response	\$387k	\$387k	-
Socio-economic impact assessment and recovery	\$12M	\$1M	\$11M
Total	\$27.3M	\$3.3M	\$24M