

MALAWI COUNTRY OFFICE

CYCLONE FREDDY SITREP#8 - 20 APR 2023



Save the Children



HIGHLIGHTS

DEATHS	DISPLACED HOUSEHOLDS	DISPLACED PEOPLE	AFFECTED PEOPLE	MISSING	INJURIES	CAMPS
679	143,487	659,278	2,267,458	537	2,178	747

EDUCATION SECTOR UPDATES

OVERVIEW

113	Learners lost their lives	2	Female teachers have lost their lives
550	Primary Schools affected	74	Secondary Schools Affected
408	Schools being used as camps	1,481	Classrooms occupied
586	Teachers affected	724,811	Learners affected

SCHOOL REOPENING HIGHLIGHTS

- 94% of all the 2025 primary schools in 13 affected districts have fully reopened on having closed on 13th March 2023
- 107 schools have partially re-opened. Only grade 8 learners are attending school in some cases as most classes have been damaged. These learners are a priority as they will be sitting for final primary school exams in May.
- 7 schools have not yet opened due to severe structural damage.
- 8 schools have not yet opened as they are still fully occupied by affected families
- In most of the occupied schools, affected families are only using the classrooms at night to allow learning to take place. However, pressure of WASH facilities and the health risks form poor hygiene and bed bugs are still high
- Government is currently relocating affected people from, at least, 134 out of the 408 occupied schools
- Government has indicated it will take \$30m to rehabilitate affected schools
- Government determining support for affected teachers

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- Teaching and learning materials
- Temporary learning spaces as rehabilitation of damaged structures will be under-way
- Intensifying school feeding programme. Currently WFP and Mary Meals together have school feeding programmes in only five districts. There is urgent need to scale up the programme
- Recreational facilities to keep learners active
- Volunteer teachers are required in the short-term to assist with remedial classes to make up for the lost school days
- The volunteer teachers will also assist with provision of psychosocial support to learners as well as reinforcing adherence to WASH minimum standards and provision of child protection services

PROTECTION SECTOR UPDATES

SITUATION UPDATE AND IMMEDIATE NEEDS

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| OVERVIEW
1,269,952
(622,263F, 647,661M)
children affected representing
56% of all affected people | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Access to protection, Early Childhood Development (ECD), Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and other essential services (social, legal, and security) have been disrupted.There is stress among the protection workforce due to increased workload. As such, there is a need for referral pathways, complaints and feedback mechanisms and other grievance redress systems to facilitate reporting cases of violence, harassment and abuse.There is a need for improved coordination among service providers and orientation of protection structures in provision of protection services, as well as provision of psychosocial and recreational materials |
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HEALTH SECTOR UPDATES

OVERVIEW

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">63 health facilities affected through infrastructure damage, power cuts, loss of drugs, damaged medical equipment, and loss of medical files.24 of the 63 facilities were severely damaged while 35 were partially damaged | <ul style="list-style-type: none">There are 16,824 pregnant women who are internally displaced and residing in camps who will require delivery kits, essential health care medicines and other supplies.Other necessary reproductive health services for women of childbearing age will include family planning, dignity kits, and post abortion care.There are 99,552 under five children in camps who require integrated services. |
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NUTRITION SECTOR UPDATES

OVERVIEW

340,267 Under Five Children Affected.
Of these, **99,552** are in camps

181,098 Pregnant and Lactating Women
Affected. of these **52,742** are
in camps

SITUATION UPDATE

- It is likely that Tropical Cyclone Freddy (TCF) will accelerate undernutrition through the disruption of household food security child feeding practices, environmental health and access to health services.
- The adverse conditions due to effects of TCF may worsen the already existing nutrition gaps

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH) SECTOR UPDATES

OVERVIEW

944,784 People have no access
to WASH services

37 Piped water
systems damaged

918 Boreholes
submerged

90,809 Latrines collapsed across
households, schools

SITUATION UPDATE

- Water supply infrastructure and Sanitary facilities have been washed away.
- Water quality for submerged boreholes has been compromised. There is increasing the risk of waterborne diseases, including cholera spreading
- There is low sanitation coverage, limited access to safe water and poor hygienic practices among the affected communities.
- The Lack of toilets, which will increase open defecation, and the contamination of the available water sources magnifies the risk of emergence of new cholera infections and other water related diseases.

AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS SECTOR UPDATES

OVERVIEW

202,095.5 Hectares of crops
destroyed

1,637,351 People affected

467,958 Farming Households
affected

1,428,584 Livestock were either
killed or injured

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

- There is a need to support affected households with farm inputs and livestock to improve the households' food security and sustain their livelihoods.
- Priority food items to be supplied are cereals, pulses, and oil; and corn soy blend for under-five children, pregnant and lactating women for the prevention of malnutrition.

SAVE THE CHILDREN RESPONSE

EDUCATION

- Procured 2,000 exercise books and 80 boxes of pens as well as other essential learning materials for affected children in Mwanza and Nenodistricts.
- With support from Cummins, we are ensuring that learning environments are clean and safe, ready for the safe return of learners in Zomba district. We have conducted a rapid assessment to identify key priorities in the affected schools,

and procured cleaning materials.

- District, Community and school structures have been engaged to own the activity. School structures across 88 school in Zomba have identified 1,600 workers within school surrounding communities. A small incentive based on the government daily minimum wage for labors (MK2,000 about 1.5\$) will be given after individuals have worked for 6-8 hours.



An assessment of affected school in Zomba District

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Supported integrated outreach clinics in 24 camps in Blantyre, Mwanza and Nsanje reaching 3,223 people (1277 males, 1946 females). Out of these 514 were children under-five, 750 children aged 6 to 17 years, and 39 persons with disabilities.
- Distributed 300 bags of 25kg Likuni Phala, 85 pots for communal cooking, 1,346 spoons, 1,319 plates and 1,259 cups.
- Conducted nutrition screening for under-five and pregnant women under the integrated during outreach clinics.

PROTECTION

- Supported government with assessments and withdraw of 31 unaccompanied and separated children (15F 16M) from camps in Blantyre district. The children have been placed in Child Care Institutions (CCIs). Save the Children will further support reintegration and re-union with their families and relatives.
- Supported establishment of 16 temporary CBCCs and Children corners in camps (10 in Blantyre, 6 in Zomba district)
- Distributed 15 bales of clothes and 14 bales of shoes targeting children, 1,205 blankets, 4 bales of toys and 813 mosquito nets.
- Conducted group therapy psychosocial support to children and adults, as well as individual psychosocial support in camps.
- Conducted awareness meetings on protection issues such as prevention of gender based violence, reporting mechanism of cases of any abuse, mental health and psychological first aid, reaching 3,087 individuals (1,155 males, 1,932 females) out of these individuals, 695 are under-five children (265 males, 430 females),

1,243 children < 18 years (532 males, 711 females), 1,142 are adults (355 males, 787 females) and 7 persons with disabilities (3 males, 4 females).



Malawi Country Office Protection Officer Daisy briefs SCI Global Child Rights Director Dreeni Geer about protection response during her visit to one of the camps in Blantyre

SAVE THE CHILDREN RESPONSE

WASH/INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

- Following a WASH assessment in affected areas, Save the Children has distributed 1,067 (20l buckets with taps) for hand washing, 1,107 (20l buckets), 1,079 basins, 10,083 tablets of U-fresh Soap, 1,850 water guard bottles to 8 camps in Blantyre, 3 camps in Zomba,

Mwanza District Health Office, Chikwawa District Health and Education Offices and Nsanje District Health Officer.

- Supported pot-to-pot chlorination across nine districts where more than 274,400 households accessed 1% chlorine solution.

RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Conducted orientation of teachers on cholera prevention in Zomba and Nkhosakota reaching to 578 (M: 285, F: 293) teachers.
- Supported cholera mass awareness campaigns using a mobile van in all the districts targeting market places, trading centers and other busy places. A cumulative more than 103,600 (M: 62,367, F: 41,233) community members were reached out of which 25,965 (M: 13,756, F: 12,209) were youths.

- Conducted 22 engagement meetings with community leaders including religious leaders and local leaders reaching out to 1562 (M: 896, F: 666) leaders.
- Supported production and airing of two Cholera prevention jingles in community radio stations in Nkhosakota, Chikwawa, Nsanje, Balaka and Mzimba North.

MONITORING AND COORDINATION

Supported and participated in Interagency assessment for Cyclone Freddy in Chikwawa, Zomba, Mulanje and Chiladzulu districts

EARLY OUTCOMES OF OUR RESPONSE

HEALTH AND WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

- Our integrated outreach clinics in Blantyre have helped to reduce congestion in hospitals. Cases are being diagnosed and treated early, avoiding complications.
- Our interventions have brought down Malaria, scabies and bilharzia cases which were on the increase in camps.
- Our interventions have helped to keep camps cholera free, despite all favourable conditions for spike.



Modesta Mwangomba
District Nursing Officer
(Blantyre)

Expert Testimony

“There is increased accessibility of Health Services as a result of Save the Children work. The outreach clinics have also helped in reducing complications which come due to delayed diagnosis. As a result, there is a reduction in referrals and reduction of workload in hospitals.

“Reduced referrals also mean reduced operating costs for us. We need fuel to move around referred patients, we need hospital space, we need food when people have been admitted, we need electricity, we need water. We have reduced these costs. We would be happy if Save the Children can be flexible and expand these services.”

PROTECTION:

“The playing materials are very helpful to us. I feel so good when I play, my anxieties disappear.” **Jane, 11, Zomba District**

“I lost my home and everything. I was worried about how I would feed and clothe my three children.

“I depend on piece works. I can't leave children in the camp and go out to look for work. Save the Children has supported us a lot and that has been a huge relief. Me and my children have received clothes, blankets, household items. And I am particularly happy that Save the Children are doing distributions by themselves. They don't just drop items for camp management structures to distribute. There is better accountability that way.”
Linily, 26 Zomba District

ADVOCACY, CAMPAIGNS, COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA

PARLIAMENT PASSES DISASTER RISK MANAGE BILL

- On 12th April 2023, Malawi Parliament passed the long-awaited Disaster Risk Management Bill which replaces the Disaster Relief Preparedness Act of 1991.
- Among key provisions, the new bill proposes the establishment of office of the Commissioner for Disasters and a Disaster Risk Management Trust Fund. The bill also empowers Government to declare certain areas High Risk areas and shall relocate all people occupying such places.
- Save the children in collaboration with its strategic partners Civil Society Network on Climate Change, and National Youth Network on Climate Change have been pushing for this Bill for more than five years. [READ MORE](#)

MALAWI HOSTS REGIONAL LOSS AND DAMAGE REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- After a devastating Cyclone Freddy which caused a lot of loss and damage in Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar, and others, Civil Society from across hosted a Regional Conference on loss and damage which aimed at consolidating a common understanding of the extent of loss and damages, and strengthening the African Civil Society position on climate finance, especially for Loss and Damage. Find copy of the Regional communique [HERE](#) Malawi communique [HERE](#)
- Save the Children mainly pushed for need to ensure the loss and damage targets children differently as it impacts them differently. The Conference was organised by Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, alongside SCI strategic partner Civil Society Network on Climate Change (CISONECC). [READ MORE](#)

STORY: After Cyclone Freddy, Zomba Innovates to get Scholars Going



Learner from four schools share notes

While most schools have reopened, a few have not due to several factors. In Zomba district, grade 8 learners from schools that are yet to open have been relocated to other schools to enable them still sit for final primary school exams. We visited, one of the schools that is hosting learners from three other schools. Read this story [After Cyclone Freddy, Zomba innovates to get scholars going](#)

IMPACT VIDEO: Watch how our Psychosocial Support response work is helping children cope with stress and trauma through this [LINK](#)



RESPONSE FUNDING

SECURED FUNDING

- Cummins – education in emergencies (\$54,182)
- Humanitarian Fund - (\$200k, \$350k)
- Scottish Government - (£200k)
- UNICEF - Reducing morbidities and mortalities in the cholera and Tropical Cyclone Freddy affected districts (\$300k)

PIPELINE FUNDING

- Old Mutual MK240m (\$190,000) for rehabilitation of schools
- Wellcome Trust: Helping Mothers and Children get effective support and services to mitigate the impacts of climate change on their mental and physical