

## Humanitarian Situation Report Template

**Humanitarian Situation Report 1st**  
[Issues: Epidemic of COVID 19 Virus] – [Malawi / Organization for Sustainable Socio-Economic  
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### ■ Part 1: Overall Situation

#### • Situation in the country (Target area)

- As of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Malawi has registered a total of 71 confirmed cases out of 1973 tests conducted. Out of the 71 COVID 19 cases, 41 are active cases, 27 have recovered and 3 have died. So far cases of COVID 19 have been confirmed in 12 out of 29 districts, and the median age for cases is at 34 (6-75) years.
- 39 active cases are being managed as outpatients and are under self-isolation while 2 cases are institutionalized. 5 health care workers in Blantyre have tested positive for COVID 19.
- Malawi has set up 11 testing sites nationwide. Meaning majority of people lack access to testing facilities for the virus especially in rural health centers, Kabudula Community Hospital and other health centers in T/A Kabudula included.
- Active tracing and monitoring of contacts of confirmed COVID-19 are ongoing, currently, with a total of 662 contacts of COVID-19 cases have been traced out of which 430 have been tested.
- To enforce COVID 19 measures and ensure security, Police and Malawi Defense Force officers are deployed to provide border security patrols while road traffic police enforcing new seating capacity for public transportation which is 2 per seat in minibuses.
- Despite the efforts to curtail the impact of COVID-19, prices for items and services have started to increase in Malawi. For instance, the cost of public transport increased after new seating capacity became effective. In an effort to mitigate these changes, Malawian government has decreased the price of fuel per liter by 20.4%.
- Malawi has indefinitely suspended the 21 days lockdown which supposed to begin on 18<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with room for extension depending on the situation. The announcement of a lockdown was met with protests in parts of the country, especially by vendors who lived hand to mouth and could not survive the 21 days in isolation.
- Lack of training and orientation of Health Surveillance Assistants in health centers on COVID 19. This has affected the trickle down of information to communities as they are the main source of health information especially in rural areas like T/A Kabudula.
- IMF Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CRRT), through a decision made by G20 Ministers of Finance suspended debt service payments for the world's poorest countries, including Malawi, through the end of 2020.

- According to a COVID 19 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Economy Report for April, countries under the organization, Malawi included are advised that apart from focus on health and humanitarian sectors due to the damage caused by the virus, countries need to also strengthen early warning systems, response and mitigation of pandemics and disasters that have proved to be major threats to education, tourism, informal sector and other sectors.
- SADC member states are also advised to develop Roadmaps and Action Plans that prioritize investments and channel scarce resources to identified economic sectors to resuscitate their economies, strengthen resilience and improve competitiveness. The relaunched strategies should be premised on the existing SADC macroeconomic convergence programme.

## ■Part 2: Organization's Response or Plan for response

*\* Based on the analysis, summarize the plan for response*

From the current situation in T/A Kabudula, OSSEDI recommends the following activities:

1. Conduct hygiene promotion both in schools and villages
2. Conduct sensitization meetings
3. Train and orientation of staff in COVID 19
4. Procurement and distribution of sanitation and hygiene kits (handwashing buckets, face masks etc.)
5. Raising awareness on COVID 19, and sanitation and hygiene issues using mobile van (P/A system)
6. Provision of psychosocial support to affected populations
7. Monitoring/ follow-up on affected populations

### •○Security and Logistics

The security situation on the ground is normal. Residents in the whole of Malawi including the target area of T/A Kabudula are freely going about with their daily routine and business, except for education institutions which have been shut down due to state of emergency.

### •○Partnership and Coordination

The response is being coordinated by the Ministry of Health and the District Commissioner, specifically the District Health Officer at a district level for Lilongwe. Under this exercise, OSSEDI will work hand in hand with the following Malawian government departments and organizations some of which are currently supporting the response:

1. Ministry of Health
2. Lilongwe City Council (District Health Office)

At a community level, to ensure effectiveness of response, OSSEDI intends to engage the Traditional Authority, chiefs, Area/ Village Development Committees, religious leaders, school structures, school staff, health workers at health posts and many more. The purpose of engage these gatekeepers is to ensure that the response is able to reach the whole population of T/A Kabudula.