



## Annex to Newsletter #3: - Stories from the field (July 11- 26)

### 1. United Purpose

#### Emergency WASH Preparedness for COVID-19

With funding from UNICEF through the Embassy of Ireland and UK Aid, UP is delivering Emergency WASH Preparedness for COVID-19 project in Lilongwe, Blantyre, Mwanza, Mzuzu, Mchinji, Karonga, Mangochi, Nsanje, Chikwawa, Thyolo and Chitipa. Working with District Councils, UP is supporting 11 ETUs located at district hospitals to ensure they have adequate WASH services. To date, **70 gender responsive emergency prefabricated latrines** (EPL's) have been installed in ETUs, Mwanza and Mchinji border posts. 4 additional latrines have been installed and water quality tests conducted at Machinga Teachers Training College where screening of returnees was held. Hand washing stations with soap and water storage tanks have been installed in all ETUs. Trainings have been implemented to enhance DHOs capacity to respond to COVID-19. Community radio jingles and hygiene awareness campaigns have been rolled out reaching over 1,400,000 people.

#### Support to prisons

Through support from UNICEF in Karonga, Lilongwe and Mangochi, UP continues to target prisons with hand washing promotions and delivery of WASH supplies such as MHM kits for women, HtH powder for disinfection, soap, and buckets for hand washing. Mangochi and Karonga prisons have a total of 321 inmates out of which 5 are women and 3 children. Maula prison has 2,268 male and 72 female inmates.

#### Support to Returnees

With funding from UNICEF, UP continues to support those returning to Malawi from South Africa by ensuring access to WASH facilities at screening venues. To date UP has supported 1,369 returnees. Last week UP conducted water trucking at Machinga TTC, provided 20L & 60L buckets, soap, and plastic basins for hand washing, distributed Menstrual Hygiene management (MHM) kits to women and adolescent girls, conducted water quality testing and hand washing demonstrations. This week UP continues with delivery of additional supplies and prepositioning water trucking services at Machinga and Zomba TTC in preparation for another set of returnees coming within the week (W/C 20<sup>th</sup> July).



*Handing over supplies @Mangochi Prison, pic 1 & a woman patronizing Handwashing pic 2*



## 2. UNICEF

UNICEF received funding from UKAID (Covid-19 response) to restore and expand WASH services in Emergency Treatment Units for the affected districts.

The objective is to ensure that medical staff and COVID-19 patients always have access to safe water and access to inclusive sanitation facilities.

UNICEF, through private contractors, is providing solar powered water supply systems to 4 ETUs in Blantyre, Mwanza, Mchinji, Mzuzu Central hospital as well as latrine facilities to Mzuzu Urban Health centre, Zolozolo Health centre, Kameza, Mwanza and, Mchinji.



Completed flush latrine block Mchinji, pic 1, latrine block in progress Blantyre, pic 2 and septic tank for BT latrine block, pic 3

## 3. Christian Aid COVID-19 Response

Christian Aid distributed WASH supplies in Chikwawa, Nsanje and Machinga districts as indicated in the table below

Item Description	Unit	Qty	Chikwawa	Nsanje	Machinga	People/Households (HHs) reached
HTH	25 kg	13	7	6	-	3,000 HHs
Sanitizer	5 litres	4	2	2	-	500 people
Buckets with taps	50 litres	226	146	80	-	3,000 HHs
Buckets without taps	20 litres	226	146	80	-	3,000 HHs
Tablet soap	cartons	226	146	80	-	3,000 HHs
N95 Masks	Boxes	6	3	3	-	120 people
Examination gloves	Boxes	45	25	20	-	300 people
Heavy duty aprons	Units	40	40	-	-	40 people
Posters	Units	2,000	1,000	1,000	-	4,000 people
Golf shirts	Units	50	25	25	-	25 people
Fish vests	Units	12	12	0	-	12 people
Stickers	Units	500	250	250	-	4,000 people
Banners	Units	4	2	2	-	4,000 people
WASH Training	Sessions	3	-	-	3	127 Community Based Volunteers who in turn cascaded to 2,050 ultra-poor HHs



Buckets and soap	Buckets /soap	-	-	-	Yes	1,047 HHs
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The materials distributed in Chikwawa and Nsanje are valued at GBP 16,000 while those distributed in Machinga including the WASH training are valued at MWK10.3 million. Below are a few of the photos for the hand-over ceremonies held in Chikwawa.



Chikwawa District Commissioner, Mr. Ali Phiri, receiving COVID Materials from Eagles Executive Director and Christian Aid Head of Programmes while the Representative of the Director of Health and Social Services looks on.



#### 4. Self Help Africa

The organisation is promoting handwashing among communities by distributing In a bid to fight against Covid-19 pandemic, Self Help Africa (SHA) recently distributed soap to over 140,000 farmers with support from the European Union through the Better Extension Training Transforming Economic Returns (BETTER) Project.

Self Help Africa's Chief of Party, Mr Peter Soko said the aim is to promote good water sanitation and hygiene practices among the farming community to prevent the further spread of the disease.

"Apart from soap distribution we are also disseminating messages on covid-19 through community radio stations and holding community awareness campaigns using mobile vans, we want to the communities to be aware of the causes and prevention and case management, Soko said.

Charity Chithumba, one of the beneficiaries from Thundu Farmer Field School in Salima was very grateful for the timely help rendered to them because the cost of buying soap is not affordable for most people in the rural areas 'We normally use soap for washing clothes once in a month, so with this pandemic we are told to wash our hands more often with soap but not everyone can afford to buy soap, Chithumba said.

The soap distribution was done in 10 KULIMA programme districts namely, Karonga, Chitipa, Mzimba, Nkhatabay, Kasungu, Salima, Nkhotakota, Thyolo, Chiradzulu and Mulanje. The soap was distributed through farmer field schools and each member received 10 tablets of handwashing soap.

The BETTER Project aims to increase resilience, food, nutrition, and income security. The project is being implemented by 5 NGOS namely, Self Help Africa (lead agency), Plan International Malawi, Action Aid Malawi.



The project is part of the national KULIMA program which is being implemented in collaboration with FAO, GIZ and the Department of Agricultural Extension Services (DAES) through District Agricultural Development Offices (DADOs).



Self Help Africa Chief of Party handing over soap to Jane Kambanga of Talandira FFS in Mulanje & Happy beneficiary: Mines Mbotwa from Chitipa district, Malawi



Margaret Silumbu from Tutulane FFS, Chitipa washing hands with soap & Youth also benefitted from soap distribution: Richard Simkonda from Tutulane FFS in Chitipa