



Republic of Malawi

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET

Department of Disaster Management Affairs

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON EFFECTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY (as at 11AM)

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in the the office of the President and Cabinet would like to inform the general public that it has received fresh preliminary reports from councils, on damages caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy (TCF).

DoDMA has received rapid assessment reports from 12 affected councils namely; Blantyre City, Blantyre District, Chikwawa, Chiradzulu, Machinga, Mulanje, Neno, Nsanje, Phalombe, Thyolo, Zomba City and Zomba District.

Cumulatively, TCF-induced flooding, strong winds and mudslides have displaced over 19,676 households (approximately 88,312 people) with 165 camps set to accommodate the displaced. The death toll has risen from 190 (as reported in our previous update dated 14th March, 2023) to 225 with 707 injured and 41 reported missing.

Meanwhile, the department, humanitarian partners and councils continue to facilitate the provision of relief assistance to affected and displaced households, with search and rescue operations led by the Malawi Defence Force, the Malawi Police Service, the Department of Marine, the Malawi Red Cross Society and communities; underway.

DoDMA has readily available relief items in strategic places and; in collaboration with humanitarian partners and affected councils, is providing the items for use by displaced and affected communities.

The department has mobilized a national interagency assessment team to support affected councils with assessments to establish the total number of affected people and their immediate needs.

Following the declaration of state of disaster by His Excellency the President, Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, DoDMA; through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is liaising with foreign missions, governments and international organizations for support.

As indicated by clusters (sector working groups), the affected people require various relief items as shown in the table below.

CLUSTER	ITEM
Shelter	Tarpaulin (4 x 6 m)
	Family tents/big tents
	Plastic Sheet
	Blankets
	Sleeping mats
Protection	Clothes
	Lighting lamps
	Dignity Kits
Health	Mosquito nets
	Mobile clinic services
Non-Food Items	Plates
	Cups
	Pots
WASH	Mobile toilets
	Water treatment chemicals
	Soap
	Buckets
Food Security	Maize/ Maize Flour
	Corn Soya Blend
	Cooking Oil
	Pulses (beans, peas etc)
	Soya Pieces
	Dry Fish/ kapenta
	Sugar
	Salt

The general public will be duly informed on any developments regarding the effects of Freddy and any related developments.

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