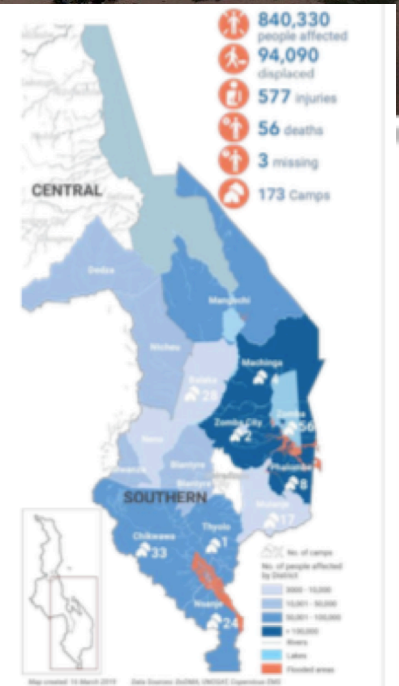




# Cyclone Idai Malawi Flood Relief Update April 2019



## Overview

Following the heavy rains which resulted from Cyclone Idai in early March 2019, a number of districts in Malawi were affected by floods with nearly 100, 000 people displaced. Chikwawa was one of the hardest hit Districts, with over 50, 000 people displaced. Those displaced have been living in over 35 emergency camps, schools and churches since the 6<sup>th</sup> March where they have been struggling with accessibility, shelter, food and disease prevention issues. Through the FROM Scotland and University of Strathclyde appeals, we have received £21 thousand from the UK and over 2 million Malawi Kwacha in cash as well as donations amounting to over half a million Malawi Kwacha locally. This has all gone towards supporting the flood relief effort in Chikwawa District. The generosity of the local and international community has been overwhelming and we cannot thank enough those who have provided money and goods as well as their time to assist with distribution.

Our thanks go to all those who have helped including: *FROM Scotland and those who have donated through them, University of Strathclyde Malawi Millennium Project, Bluezone, and the many individuals and families how have been incredibly generous in their support.*

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## How the money has been used so far:

Since 15th March 2019, we have been coordinating the purchase and delivery of flood relief items across Chikwawa District. This has been in coordination with the District Council and District Health Office to ensure goods are going where they are most needed and to the correct people.



To date the following has been provided:

- 4000kg of corn soy blend (likuni phala)
- 8000kg of maize flour
- 1600kg soy pieces
- 1500 litres of cooking oil
- 2000kg of salt
- 900 blankets
- 12000 bars of soap
- 50kg of chlorine and 480 bottles of water guard to treat drinking water
- 800 buckets
- 2 water filtration systems
- 600kg of black plastic for shelters
- various donations of clothes



## Distribution and Oversight

Distribution of the items has focused on camps which were yet to receive support. Working hand in hand with the

District Council and Department for Disaster Relief, the team have made a total of 5 trips to Chikwawa with goods so far. Over 5 visits to the district, items were distributed to over 2000 households in eight camps across the District (Kasambwe, Mateyu, Malemia, Nkhungubwe, Nkwangwa, Nchenga, Chimoto, Ndelema, Mafale, Chipakuza, Chilongoma).



Items distributed were based on household needs and on short term support, particularly for households who had been displaced. In a number of cases camps were revisited

to support needs identified during initial distribution. For example, households in Chipakuza and Mafale camps where families were found sleeping in the open under makeshift shelters with no waterproofing, having lost their homes and all of their personal belongings.



## Continued support

Although the flood waters have now subsided, it will still take a number of months for some families to rebuild their lives. With the remaining funds

we have (approximately £2800), we will continue to support those who are in need, and support families to replant suitable crops. A significant number of households have lost their crops, on which they rely for both income and a year's supply of maize. As such, food security will be a significant problem in the coming months.

