In light of the threat of Coronavirus Disease Pandemic (COVID 19) and subsequent declaration by His Excellency Prof Peter Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi that Malawi is in state of disaster, the MINISTRY OF HEALTH would like to provide the following guidance to public settings

**SHOPPING CENTRES/ MARKETS**

The following measures are recommended and Shopping Centres/Markets

- Handwashing facilities or hand sanitizers should be placed/mounted at strategic places
- Alternatively, 0.05 chlorinated water should be used for handwashing, this is cheaper and effective as we anticipate huge demand for hand sanitizers
- Traders should stay at home if they have fever and flu like symptoms
- Workers in shops and supermarkets should maintain a social distance (of at least 1 meter) when serving customers and use ALCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZERS. DO NOT USE GLOVES (Gloves will help spread the infections)
- Notify medical authorities immediately if you come across a person with recent travel to COVID-19 affected countries
- District Council and City Council will enforce adherence
- Use ‘Chipatala cha pa Foni’ by calling 54747 for health messages including COVID-19

Your cooperation will be highly appreciated,

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