DAILY UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19
As of 26 March 2020, 3 new countries registered COVID-19. Two new countries in the WHO Afro Region. Mozambique now has local transmission, 5 (2 new) cases.

WHO reported confirmed COVID-19, 462 684 (49 219 new) cases and 20 834 (2401 new) deaths, CFR 4.5% have been reported globally. In WHO Africa Region, 1937 (275 new) confirmed cases and 31 (2 new) deaths, CFR 1.6% in 39 countries.

Figure 1. Countries, territories or areas with reported confirmed cases of COVID-19, 26 March 2020.

Below is the surveillance update of travellers from countries/areas/territories as at 00.00hrs 26 March 2020.

Table 2. Number of travellers from affected countries/areas/territories under surveillance
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<th>Port of Entry</th>
<th>Arrivals 26/03/20</th>
<th>Travel History</th>
<th>Current on follow up</th>
<th>Discharge no symptoms 26/03/02</th>
<th>Cumulative discharges</th>
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NB: Songwe and Marka borders screened all travellers and non was from high risk countries.

In the past 24 hours, one sample collected at Kameza Treatment-Unit from a patient who was referred by QECH and the rt-PCR result was negative. The patient was returned to QECH for further management.

At Kamwendo Trading Center in Mchinji District, the police rescued a woman from a mob that demanded that she cannot self-quarantine in the community after her return from Tanzania. Note that Tanzania is not on the list of high-risk countries. There is a need to intensify awareness so that people are well informed of COVID-19.
Figure 3: Cumulative people on follow-up for COVID-19 surveillance for Malawi, 26 March 2020

The Ministry of Health and partners continue in its efforts to ensure the citizens are protected from the Coronavirus outbreak and that the country is able to detect and respond to any cases that may arise.

Some of the activities Being Conducted

- Continue screening of travellers in all points of entry
- Providing media updates of current global and local situation
- Radio jingles on COVID-19
- Press release
- Private sector engagement
- Dissemination of information through social media (MoH Facebook page : https://www.facebook.com/malawimoh )
- Responding to rumours and misinformation to counteract infodemic
- Continuous media engagement
- Capacity building for health workers
- In-country laboratory confirmatory testing for COVID-19
- Weekly technical committee meetings to update strategies as new knowledge comes to light
- Toll-free call line with Chipatala Cha Pa Fino (number: 54747).
- Training of workforce manning points of entry.

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