



Cyclone Freddy made landfall in Malawi's Southern Region on 12 March 2023, bringing torrential rainfall, and causing devastating floods and mudslides in Southern Malawi. Assessments are still ongoing, led by the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) but critical infrastructure (roads, houses and hospitals) have been damaged or destroyed. As of 20 March 2023, DoDMA estimates over 508,000 people have been displaced across Nsanje, Chikwawa, Phalombe, Mulanje, Blantyre, Thyolo, Chiradzulu, Blantyre City, Mangochi, Machinga and Balaka districts. An estimated 534 evacuation centers/Internally Displaced People (IDP) sites have been established with over 70 per cent of the IDPs being hosted in public buildings such as schools and churches. The Government of Malawi (GoM) announced a state of disaster in 14 districts on 13 March in response to the floods and landslides, and rescue teams were deployed to the affected areas to provide humanitarian assistance to those most affected.¹ IOM deployed teams on 3 April to conduct a Multi-Sectoral Location Assessment (MSLA) at camp/collective sites level to assist the Government and partners with their response efforts. The first update of the report covers the 168 sites assessed from 31 March to 27 April and provides a snapshot of the current number of displaced households and persons residing in the worst affected three districts (Nsanje, Chikwawa and Blantyre). The assessments also provide an overview of the types of IDP sites, NFI needs, intentions, services provided and other key information.

OVERVIEW



168 sites assessed

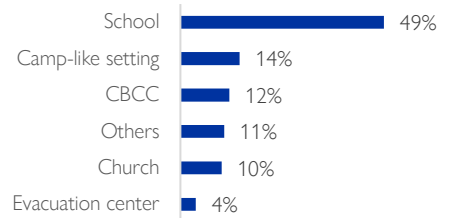


42,604 households displaced

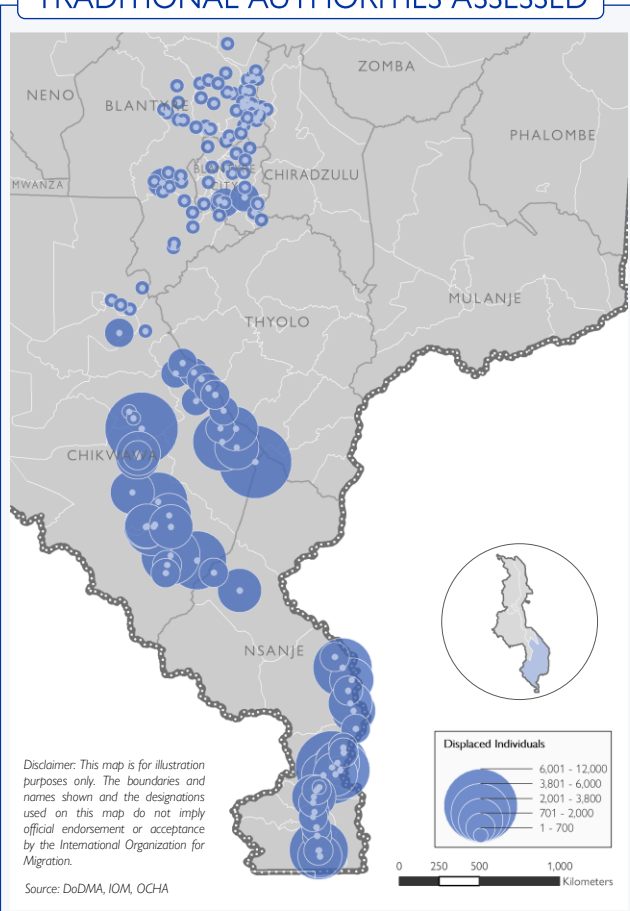


196,975 individuals displaced

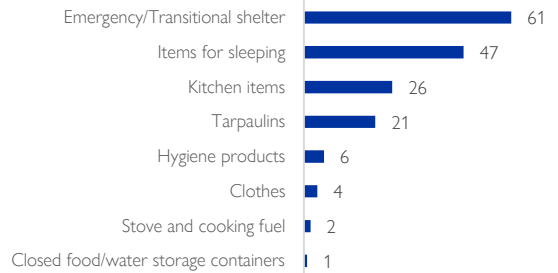
Camp Structure



TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES ASSESSED



TOP NFI NEEDS



Over half (**108**) of the sites reported Emergency/Transitional shelter and sleeping items as their top NFI need

INTENTIONS

92% Intend to move out of the displacement site

79% Intend to return to place of origin

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/malawi/malawi-tropical-cyclone-freddy-department-disaster-management-affairs-dodma-situation-report-no-6-17-18-march-2023>



KEY INFORMATION

TOP NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF RETURN



155 sites (92%)
Shelter construction materials



71 sites (42%)
Multi-purpose cash assistance for daily expenses upon return



39 sites (23%)
Livelihood opportunity

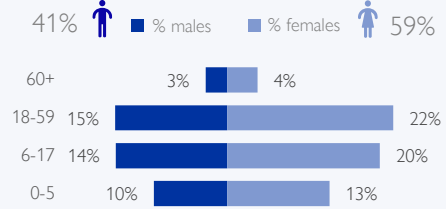


25 sites (15%)
Money for rental payment

VULNERABLE GROUPS

CHILDREN	51%
ELDERLY	7%
NURSING MOTHERS	6%
PREGNANT WOMEN	2%

DEMOGRAPHICS

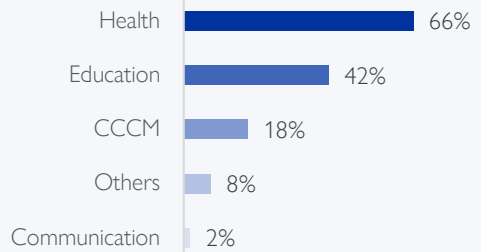


SERVICES PROVIDED



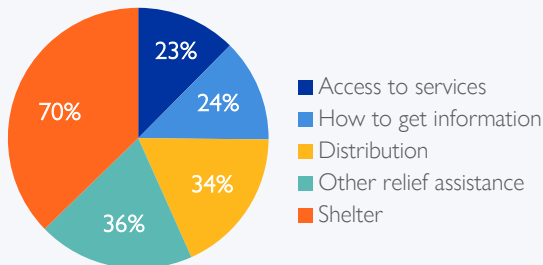
80% (134) of the assessed sites reported that services are being provided at the site

SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SITE



INFORMATION REQUESTED BY IDPS

Top five topics community is requesting information about;



The majority (70%) of IDP sites are requesting information on shelter. Information on other relief assistance (36%) and distribution (34%) are also frequently requested. Means of receiving information (24%) and access to services (23%) are further topics sites are requesting information on.

Methodology

The baseline assessments were conducted at camp level using key informant interview and observation techniques. Enumerators from IOM were trained on the questionnaire and methodology and were deployed across the districts, collaborating with the camp management committees on a range of questions on the situation in their respective camp/collective sites. Questionnaires were administered using mobile data collection technology and analysed using quantitative and qualitative techniques. As some questions allowed for more than one response, graphs and analyses may total to more than 100 per cent.

Limitations

Due to the methodology, results in this report should be considered indicative for the 168 assessed camp/collective sites and should not be generalized to a larger population, or geographic extent. Accessibility still remains the biggest problem for enumerators to reach other camp sites due to floods and road cuts. This report is a brief overview of key indicators within the 168 sites, key figures and information across the sites are dynamic due to factors like, IDP return, camp site relocation, amalgamation and closure; for further analysis, the dataset can be found [here](#).

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