



Emergency Supply Chain Preparedness for Disaster Resilience

Background

WFP, as a leading humanitarian logistics organization and co-lead for the National Logistics Cluster, continues to serve as a dependable supply chain support mechanism. Despite unprecedented challenges faced in 2020, many successes were recorded and objectives for the year were mostly exceeded due to investments in logistics preparedness, reliable systems and structures, increased partnerships and great teamwork – all fundamental for serving the people in need.

Pillars of Emergency Preparedness

The project has four main pillars:

Pillar 1 - Humanitarian Staging Area (HSA) and Mobile Logistics Bases (MLB). This pillar focuses on the establishment of an HSA in Bangula, Nsanje district and the repositioning of MLBs in Blantyre to cover districts in the south, and in Lilongwe to cover the central districts. The HSA and MLB will save valuable time and resources in deploying emergency assistance at the onset of disasters. **Budget for pillar 1 is USD 450,000.**



From the sky: the Humanitarian Staging Area in Bangula, Nsanje district

Pillar 2 - Skills and Training . This pillar aims to improve expertise and capacity in humanitarian supply-chain management among Government and humanitarian partners to sustainably respond to emergencies. Trainings and capacity building will target key groups of officials, managers in Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Preparedness. **Budget for pillar two is USD 600,000.**

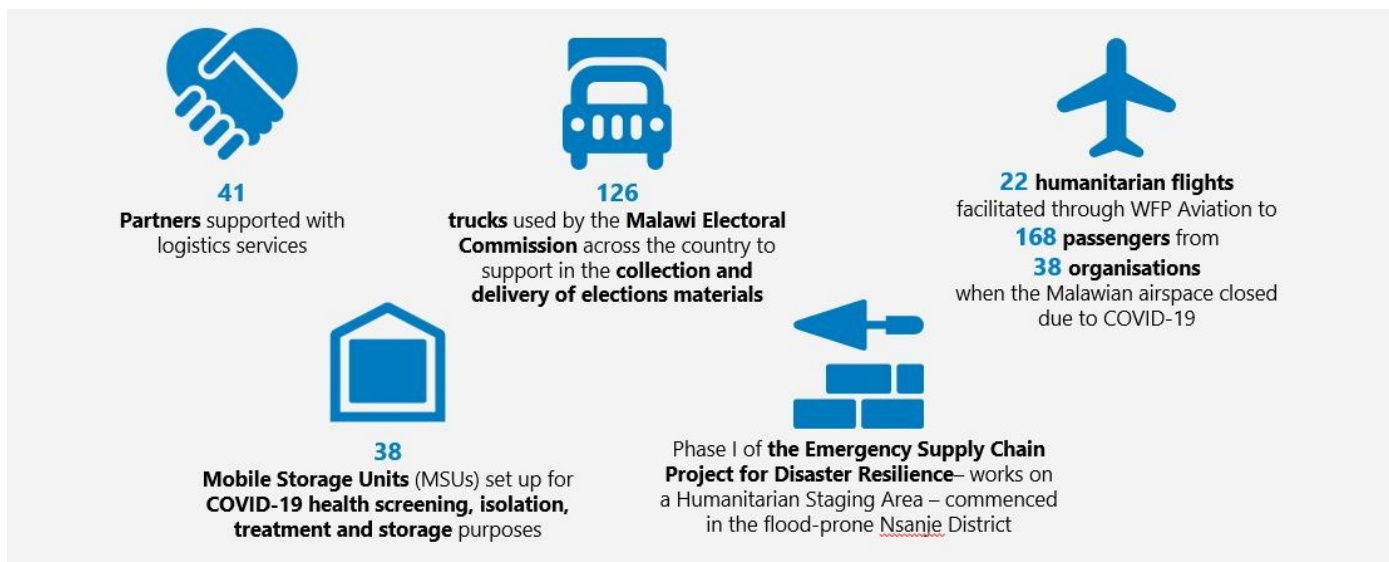
Pillar 3: Innovations in Emergency Access. This pillar aims to build targeted partnerships with the private sector, academic institutions and local authorities to create a network that can help to rapidly re-establish access to those most in need when an emergency strikes. **Budget for pillar 3 is USD 600,000.**

Pillar 4: Regional Supply Chain Linkages to Streamline Sourcing and Importation. To reduce response times in the delivery of humanitarian assistance during emergencies, this project will promote regional linkages to streamline sourcing of regional food reserves and initiate dialogue with regional institutions on the easing of regulations that impede emergency response including cross-border transport of relief items and crucial logistics assets. **Budget for pillar 4 is USD 350,000.**

Geographic coverage

WFP provides logistics, supply chain and emergency preparedness support to the Government and partners throughout all three regions of the country as well as the broader region.

Key results (2020)



Key Achievements

- **Establishment of a Humanitarian Staging Area** in Nsanje District, southern Malawi, as part of the emergency supply chain project to increase access, ensure operational continuity, and enhance national resilience during crisis.
- Support to development and adoption of a **National Logistics Plan** and corresponding roadmap to achieve agreed targets.
- **Logistical support and assistance to 41 organizations** with 600 m2 amount of storage space, handling of cargo, and dissemination of 55 information management products.
- In close coordination with entities such as the Ministry of Transport and Public Works, the Department of Disaster Management Affairs, the Ministry of Health and others, **WPF provided support to emergency responders in 14 districts.**
- **Delivery of timely humanitarian assistance** including the transport and storage of personal protective equipment and other life-saving relief items.
- Set up of **mobile units for health screening, isolation/ treatment, and storage purposes.**
- **Bilateral logistics service provision including boat transports** to inaccessible areas on the east bank of the lower Shire river and storage for UN and NGO partners.
- **Provision of 126 trucks used by the Malawi Electoral Commission** deployed nationwide to support the delivery and collection of election materials.



WFP facilitated 22 humanitarian flights (through WFP Aviation) for 168 passengers from 38 organizations, when the Malawian airspace was closed to commercial flights in 2020.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

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