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DAILY UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19

As of 1 April 2020, 3 new countries registered COVID-19, all of them in Africa. WHO reported confirmed COVID-19 cases, 823 626 (72 736 new) cases and 40 598 (4193 new) deaths, CFR 4.9%.

Below is the surveillance update of travellers from *countries/areas/territories* as at 00.00hrs 1 April 2020.

Table 1. Number of travellers from affected countries/areas/territories under surveillance

Port of Entry	Arrivals 31/03/20	Travel History	Current on follow up	Discharge no symptoms 31/03/02	Cumulative discharges	Cumulative
KIA	0	9 UK 3 Seychelles 1 Japan	360	13	313	673
Mchinji	3	3 Zambia	144		0	144
Chileka	0		482	37	77	559
Mwanza	156	69 RSA 79 Mozambique 7 ZIM	1890	0	0	1890
Dedza PoE	46	11 Mos 26 RSA 9 ZIM	2051	0	0	2051
Biriwiri	13	16 RSA	111	0	0	111
Total	218		5038	50	390	5428

NB: Songwe, Marka and Mbirima borders screened all travellers and non were from high risk countries.

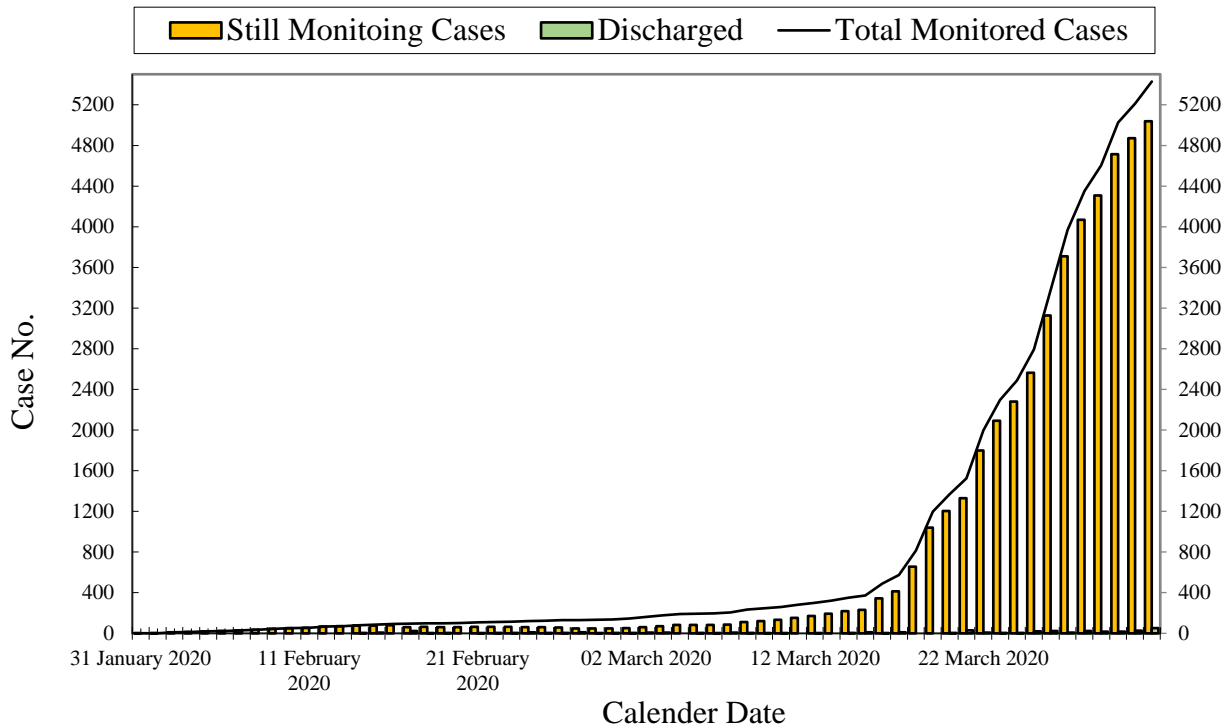


Figure 1: Cumulative people on follow-up for COVID-19 surveillance for Malawi, 1 April 2020

Laboratory testing

Currently we have three laboratories that are testing for COVID-19, National Health Reference Laboratory (NHRL), College of Medicine (COM) Laboratory and Malawi Liverpool Welcome Trust (MLW). Table 2 shows the test counts for each laboratory.

Table 2: Laboratory testing for COVID-19 for Malawi, 01/04/2020.

Name of Laboratory	Samples Received 01/04/2020	Cumulative Number of Samples	Total Tested	Pending Results	Result	
					Number Positive	Number Negative
NHRL	1	27	26	1	0	26
COM	5	20	20	0	0	20
MLW	0	43	40	3	0	40
Total	6	90	86	4	0	86

Cumulatively, 90 samples have reached our laboratories, 86 samples have tested negative and 24 samples are yet to be tested. To date, Malawi has not registered any COVID-19 case.

NB: Lilongwe is investigating a suspect case. Samples have been collected and awaiting laboratory results.

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 and follow up 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
- Upgraded number of laboratories testing COVID-19 in-country to three.
- Weekly technical committee meetings to update strategies as new knowledge comes to light
- Toll-free call line with Chipatala Cha Pa Foni (number: 54747).
- Training of workforce manning points of entry.

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