



DAILY UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19

As of 30 March 2020, no new countries registered COVID-19. WHO reported confirmed COVID-19 cases, 693 224 (58 411 new) cases and 33 106 (3215 new) deaths, CFR 4.8%.

Below is the surveillance update of travellers from *countries/areas/territories* as at 00.00hrs 30 March 2020.

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

Port of Entry	Arrivals 30/03/20	Travel History	Current on follow up	Discharge no symptoms 30/03/02	Cumulative discharges	Cumulative
KIA	0		387	16	273	660
Mchinji	125	125 Zambia	125		0	125
Chileka	0		519	0	40	559
Mwanza	132	44 RSA 76 Mozambique 12 ZIM	1621	0	0	1621
Dedza PoE	152	85 RSA	1979	0	0	1979
Biriwiri	14	14 RSA	82	0	0	82
Total	423		4713	16	313	5026

NB: Songwe and Mbirima borders screened all travellers and non were from high risk countries. We trying to migrate to district based reporting on follows. The data displays may change.

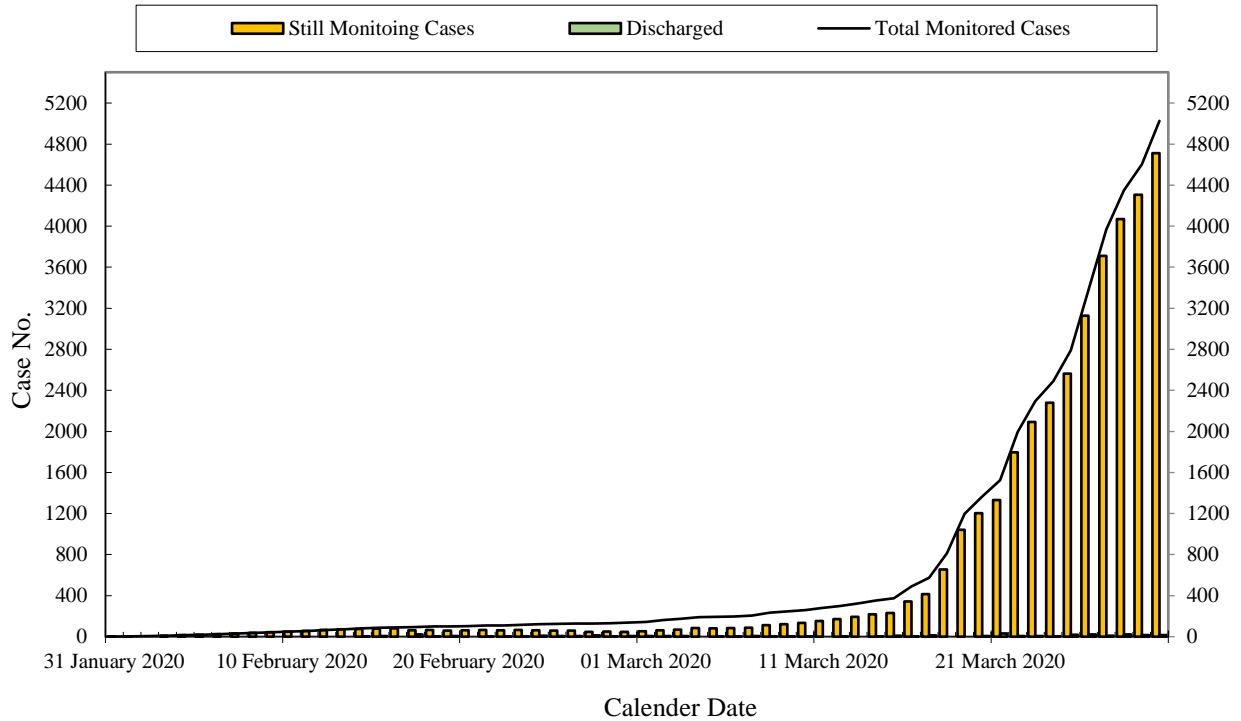


Figure 1: Cumulative people on follow-up for COVID-19 surveillance for Malawi, 30 March 2020

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, 30/03/2020.

Name of Laboratory	Samples Received 30/03/2020	Cumulative Number of Samples	Pending Results	Total Tested	Result	
					Number Positive	Number Negative
NHRL	2	24	2	22	0	22
COM	0	13	0	13	0	13
MLW	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	37	2	35	0	35

In the past 24 hours, our laboratories received 2 samples that are yet to be tested making the cumulative number of samples 37 to date, 18 were tested and were all negative for COVID-19.

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 Fino (number: 54747).
- Training of workforce manning points of entry.

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