



DAILY UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19

As of 31 March 2020, no new countries registered COVID-19. WHO reported confirmed COVID-19 cases, 750 890 (57 610 new) cases and 36 405 (3301 new) deaths, CFR 4.9%.

Below is the surveillance update of travellers from *countries/areas/territories* as at 00.00hrs 31 March 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	13	9 UK 3 Seychelles 1 Japan	373	27	300	673
Mchinji	16	16 Zambia	141		0	141
Chileka	0		519	0	40	559
Mwanza	113	28 RSA 76 Mozambique 7 ZIM 2 Zambia	1734	0	0	1734
Dedza PoE	26	26 Mozambique	2005	0	0	2005
Biriwiri	16	16 RSA	98	0	0	98
Total	184		4870	16	340	5210

NB: Songwe, Marka and Mbirima borders screened all travellers and non were from high risk countries. We still working on migrating to district based reporting on self-quarantine and follows up. The data displays may change. The number of people coming through out PoEs seem to be decreasing.

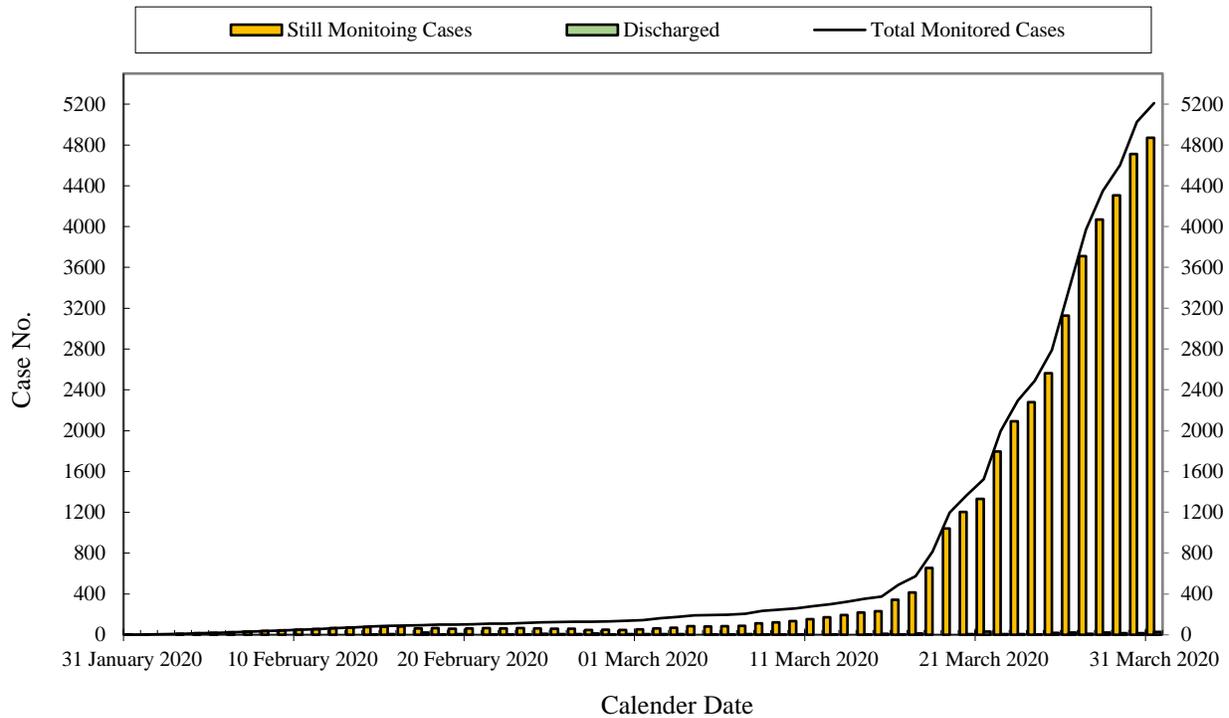


Figure 1: Cumulative people on follow-up for COVID-19 surveillance for Malawi, 31 March 2020

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, 31/03/2020.

Name of Laboratory	Samples Received 31/03/2020	Cumulative Number of Samples	Total Tested	Pending Results	Result	
					Number Positive	Number Negative
NHRL	2	26	22	4	0	22
COM	2	15	15	0	0	15
MLW	43	43	23	20	0	23
Total	47	84	60	24	0	60

Cumulatively, 84 samples have reached our laboratories, 60 samples have tested negative and 24 samples are yet to be tested. To date, Malawi has not registered any COVID-19 case.

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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