



DAILY UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE-19

As of 29 March 2020, no new countries registered COVID-19. WHO reported confirmed COVID-19, 634 835 (63 159 new) cases and 29 957 (3464 new) deaths, CFR 4.6%.

Below is the surveillance update of travellers from *countries/areas/territories* as at 00.00hrs 29 March 2020.

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

Port of Entry	Arrivals 29/03/20	Travel History	Current on follow up	Discharge no symptoms 29/03/02	Cumulative discharges	Cumulative
KIA	6	1 Italy 3 UK 1 ZIM 1 Germany	403	16	257	660
Chileka	0		519	0	40	559
Mwanza	132	54 RSA 2 DRC 48 Mozambique 28 ZIM	1489	0	0	1489
Dedza PoE	85	85 RSA	1827	0	0	1827
Biriwiri	30	27 RSA 3 Mozambique	68	0	0	68
Total	253		4306	16	297	4603

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

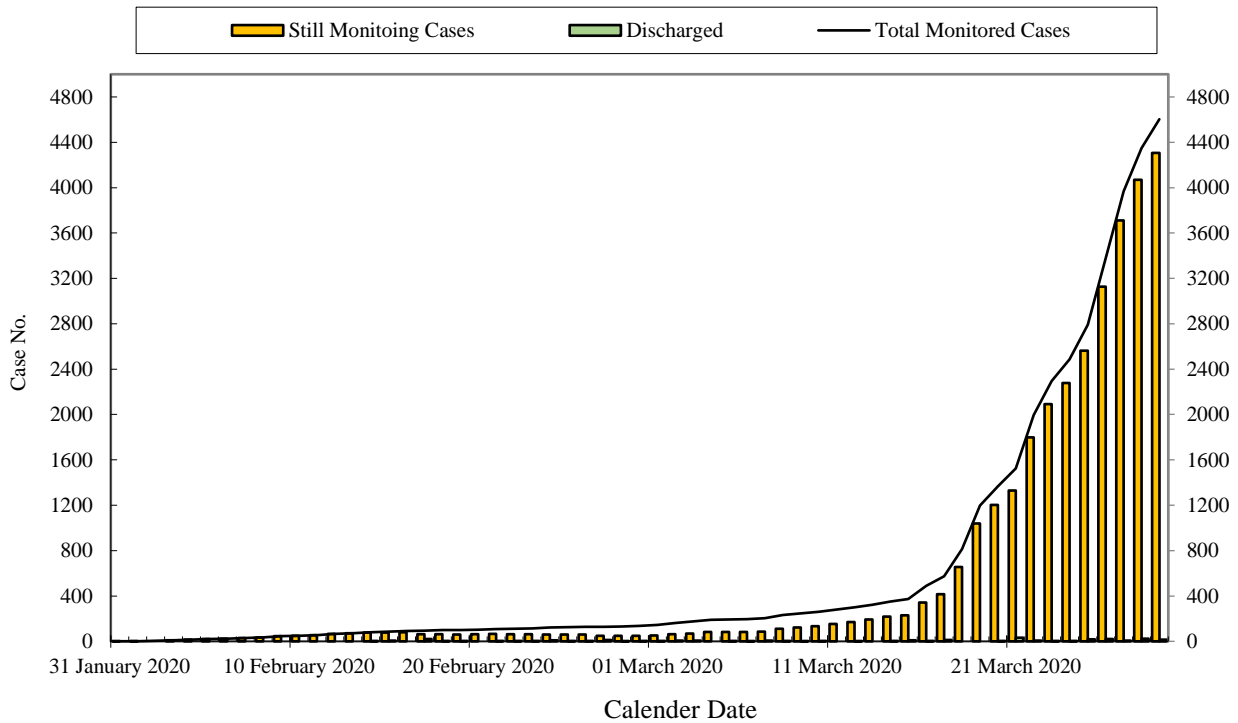


Figure 1: Cumulative people on follow-up for COVID-19 surveillance for Malawi, 29 March 2020

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, 29/03/2020.

Name of Laboratory	Samples Received 29/03/2020	Cumulative Number of Samples	Pending Results	Total Tested	Result	
					Number Positive	Number Negative
NHRL	10	22	10	12	0	12
COM	7	13	7	6	0	6
MLW	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	35	17	18	0	18

In the past 24 hours, our laboratories received 17 samples that are yet to be tested making the cumulative number of samples 35 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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