Highlights

- With funding from ECHO, UP joins nine of Malawi’s leading INGOs (Save the Children, GOAL, CARE, Trócaire, COOPI, CRS, Concern Worldwide and Oxfam) across two consortia (South and Central / North regions) to launch the COVID-19 response programme working in seven districts across the country.

- In light of World Humanitarian Day on 19th August, with funding from UNICEF and in partnership with AFRipads, UP supported 560 returnees from South Africa. All returnees received AFRipads menstrual health kits and Menstrual Health and Hygiene training at Machinga training college before departing for their respective home districts.

- In addition, UP also distributed AFRipads menstrual health kits to women in Maula prison (Lilongwe), Nsanje, Chikwawa, Chitipa and Karonga prisons as well as at COVID-19 Emergency treatment units.

- With funding from The One Foundation, UP started the implementation of an emergency WASH project in Thyolo district targeting three Health Care Facilities and the surrounding areas.

- In preparation for the upcoming growing season, our UK Aid funded resilience programme (PROSPER) is currently training 829 lead farmers in Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in Mangochi and Balaka districts. The lead farmers will in turn cascade the training to 24,870 follower farmers.

- Under our Embassy of Ireland-funded Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) project, UP conducted Community Management of Acute Malnutrition supervisions to all 16 Health centres in Balaka district.

The Situation

As of 25th August there are 5,423 (2,187 active) confirmed cases of COVID-19; 170 deaths, 3,066 recoveries and 42,902 samples tested. All 28 districts are affected.

Our Team and Operations

Safeguarding and Well-being

United Purpose takes the safety and wellbeing of all those we work with, and our staff, very seriously. Our Safeguarding and Well-being policy and procedures aim to prevent abuse or harm caused by UP personnel, operations or programmes; support a safe, respectful and nurturing culture; respond to any concerns or incidents that arise; and, report these through relevant pathways so that appropriate people are informed and lessons are learnt and implemented.

In August, Alinafe Gama (Gender and Protection Coordinator, PROSPER Programme) and Gift Munthali (Governance and Social Accountability Coordinator, ASPIRE programme) joined the Safeguarding and Well-being Committee. They have been chosen because of their experience and demonstrable commitment to the principles of confidentiality, respect and impartiality.

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Programme Highlights

Livelihoods and food security
- Under our EU funded Pro-Resilience Action project (Pro-ACT), UP trained 42 members (11 men and 31 women) of the Village Natural Resources Management Committees (VNRMCs) in formulation of Forest Management plans. This is one of the strategies the project is using to promote sustainable forest resources management.
- In preparation for the upcoming growing season, our UK Aid funded resilience programme (PROSPER) is currently training 829 lead farmers in Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in Mangochi and Balaka districts. The lead farmers will in turn cascade the training to 24,870 follower farmers (each lead farmer being responsible for training 30 follower farmers). To enhance household resilience, the PROSPER programme also trained 55 livestock committees in livestock management in preparation for the pass-on from the 3,511 (2,254 women) project participants who were supported last year with a total of 10,220 local goats and 139 Boer Bucks for cross breeding. A total of 23 village agents were also trained to support Village Saving and Loans (VSL) groups to enhance a saving and entrepreneurial culture. Finally, the programme conducted a training in beekeeping to 48 participants to enhance benefits from four watersheds.
- In TAs Kamenyagwaza and Kasumbu in Dedza, the FNSP programme conducted training on exclusive breastfeeding in the context of COVID-19 for monitors and promoters, reaching to 265 caregroups.
- With funding from GIZ, UP conducted entrepreneurship training for 27 Monitors and Promoters in TA Chauma, Dedza district who will in turn cascade the acquired knowledge and skills to the care group leaders, Cluster leaders and programme participants.
- Again under the FNSP programme, UP facilitated the establishment and revamping of 14 VNRMCs at Mtemwende VDC in TA Tambala to oversee the afforestation and re-afforestation drive in the area. The 14 VNRMCs were trained on group dynamics, soil and water conservation and feedback mechanisms.
- Under our Embassy of Ireland-funded Scaling up Nutrition (SUN) project, UP conducted Community Management of Acute Malnutrition supravisions to all 16 Health centres in Balaka district. The project also trained 135 Nutrition promoters in Balaka on COVID-19 preparedness and prevention.

WASH and healthier lives
- In light of World Humanitarian Day on 19th August, with funding from UNICEF and in partnership with AFRIpads, UP supported 560 returnees from South Africa. All returnees received AFRIpads menstrual health kits and Menstrual Health and Hygiene training at Machinga training college before departing for their respective home districts.
- In addition, UP also distributed AFRIpads menstrual health kits to women in Maula prison (Lilonwe), Nsanje, Chikwawa, Chitipa and Karonga prisons as well as at COVID-19 Emergency treatment units.
- Through support from UNICEF, 145 members of District Health Offices have been oriented in safeguarding and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) in Thyolo, Nsanje, Chitipa and Chikwawa districts. This is a safeguarding and wellbeing training developed by UP and designed for staff working in the humanitarian sector.
- With funding from The One Foundation, UP started the implementation of a three-month emergency WASH project in Thyolo district targeting three Health Care Facilities (HCFs) and the surrounding areas. The project reached 15,130 people with COVID-19 preventive messages via mobile vans in communities around Khonjeni HCF in TA Kapichi and Makungwa HCF in TA Bvumbwe, Thyolo district. UP also distributed and pasted 100 COVID-19 posters in market places around Khonjeni HCF. The project engaged Mzati community radio station to start disseminating MoH approved messages on COVID-19 prevention reaching to 95,000 people.

Sustainable energy
- Under our University of Strathclyde and Scottish Government funded Rural Energy Access through Social Enterprise and Decentralisation (EASE) project we finalised the Standard Operating Procedures for solar kiosk operation and trained solar kiosk agents. The project continued monitoring the micro-grid system.

Our BMZ/GIZ funded nutrition programme (FNSP) distributed 2,300 cloth facemasks to caregroup volunteers in TAs Kamenyagwaza, Kasumbu, Chauma and Tambala in Dedza district.
The FNSP programme sent nutrition, WASH and COVID 19 blast SMS messages to 1,313 care group volunteers. The care group volunteers will in turn cascade the same messages to the programme participants. The programme also conducted PD Hearth sessions in Likangala Village, T/A Tambala, Dedza district reaching 157 care groups.

Image: The mapping team, including the Chair of VNRMC in TA Mthiramanja, Mulanje district during the formulation of forestry management plans.

Image: Government extension workers demonstrating to participants how to mount a bee hive during PROSPER beekeeping training in Liwonde.

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