

## **Republic of Malawi**

## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET

## **Department of Disaster Management Affairs**

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# UPDATE ON EFFECTS OF MODERATE TROPICAL STORM ANA AS OF SUNDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022

The Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA) in the the office of the President and Cabinet would like to update the general public that it has received new preliminary reports on effects of Tropical Storm ANA.

As of today, a total of 187, 930 households, which is approximately 845,685 people, have been affected. DoDMA has recorded 32 deaths, 147 injuries and 20 missing persons [19 in Chikwawa and one in Mwanza].

The two missing persons in Phalombe, as indicated in our update issued on 27<sup>th</sup> January, have been found dead.

The department has dispatched a total of 985 metric tonnes (MT) of maize, 125 MT of maize flour, 60 MT of beans, 15 MT of salt, 6,000 plastic plates, 1,500 plastic pails, 800 plastic basins, 7,500 plastic cups and 200 sacks of clothes to affected councils.

Concern Worldwide, Malawi Red Cross Society, Partners in Health and Gift of the Givers have also provided relief assistance in affected councils.

Feed the Children have also provided 400, 000 sachets of waterguard through the Department of Nutrition, to be distributed to affected households.

Meanwhile, the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services (DCCMS) says currently, the weather is improving and there will be no hostile weather conditions between today and Friday.

The general public will be duly updated regarding the effects of ANA and any related developments.

For more information, please contact the Public Relations Officer, Mr. Chipiliro Raymond Khamula, on +265 (0) 999 043 228, (0) 884 572 844 E-mail; info.dodma@dodma.gov.mw.

**NOTE:** In our previous update, we erroneously indicated that **1,130** injuries were recorded instead of **130.** We sincerely regret any inconveniences this human error may have caused.

Issued this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2022

#### Charles Kalemba

## COMMISSIONER FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS

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