

MALAWI CHOLERA RESPONSE

Newsletter



Malawi is currently experiencing one of the worst cholera outbreaks in years. The first case was registered on 2nd March, 2022 in Machinga District in southern Malawi. By 20th November, 2022 the outbreak had registered a total of 8,977 cases and claimed 274 deaths across 29 districts of Malawi.

In response, ActionAid Malawi with funding from International Humanitarian Action and Resilience Team (IHART) has been working with local partners in impact Local Rights Programme of Khosolo and Rumphi to mitigate the devastating impact of the outbreak on the communities living in poverty.

The response was mainly twofold: the first was to do with sensitization and awareness raising and the second one was procurement of medical support materials for use during treatment and cure.

This publication shares highlights of the interventions carried out so far.

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ActionAid partners donate medical supplies to Rumphu and M'mbelwa District hospitals



ActionAid Malawi local partners, Chikulamayembe and Khosolo Women Forums, on 1st November, donated assorted medical supplies worth K14 million to Rumphu and M'mbelwa District hospitals in response to the Cholera outbreak.

The donation is part of the K28 million Cholera response the two organizations are implementing with funding from International Humanitarian Action and Response Team (IHART) under ActionAid

Speaking during the official handover ceremony at Rumphu District Hospital, Chikulamayembe Women Forum leader, Tiwonge Gondwe, said the Cholera outbreak has worsened the unpaid care work burden among women in the communities, expressing optimism that the donation will go a long way in enabling the district hospital to contain the water borne disease that was first reported in the country March this year.

"During any emergency or pandemic, it is women who suffer the most. Women spend their time attending to sick and taking of the homes, thereby limiting their participation in economically productive activities. Our Cholera response is therefore targeting women more because of their roles of preparing food and fetching water" she said.

"Promoting a life of dignity in emergencies."



Khosolo Women Forum leader, Joyce Mwale, explaining how the support is helping communities



ActionAid Malawi local partners in Cholera sensitization drive



Khosolo Youth Activitsa during a Cholera sensitization campaign

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Sara Kumwenda of Kamzinga Village in Rumphi taking treated water



A vehicle mounted with a public address system moving around to relay Cholera messages



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Chimswera communities enjoying access to clean and safe water

Chrissy Ngulube of Chimswera Village in Rumphu District counts herself lucky for surviving the deadly Cholera disease earlier in the month of November. The 44-year-old Ngulube believes that, if she did not seek treatment in good time, she would be part of 274 lives lost to the disease across the country so far.

“My rushing to Bolero Health Centre followed series of sensitization campaigns by Chikulamayembe Women Forum on the signs and symptoms of Cholera and the need to seek early treatment,” recounts Ngulube.



Chrissy Ngulube now has access to clean and safe water

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