



Association of Malawians in Scotland (AMS)

Cyclone Freddy Co-ordination meeting

Wednesday, 26 April 2023 – 10:30am (UK time); 11:30am (Malawi time): Duration 90mins

With over a million people in Malawi impacted by Tropical Cyclone Freddy, this meeting will seek to hear from Malawi about its priorities and needs in the aftermath.

Hosted collaboratively by the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP), the Association of Malawians in Scotland (AMS) and the Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP), there will be updates from the Government of Malawi, key agencies involved in relief efforts, members of the Malawian diaspora in Scotland and members of these organisations. All are warmly invited to participate in this event.

AGENDA

UK Time	Malawi Time	Item	Speaker/s
10:30am	11:30am	Welcome	Stella Masangano – MaSP CEO Joyce Phiri, Chair, AMS Stuart Brown, Interim CEO, SMP
10:45am	11:45am	Report from the Malawian Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)	Fyawupi Mwafongo - Deputy Director Response
Agenda addition		Scottish Government International Development Team	Niall McCumesty - Malawi Development Officer
11:00am	12:00pm	Report from SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) And Caritas Malawi	Jonathan Dames- Emergencies Program Officer (SCIAF) Richard Kusseneni - MEAL Officer, Caritas Malawi
11:15am	12:15pm	Malawi Red Cross	Chisomo Teputepu - Acting Disaster Management Manager
11:30am	12:30pm	Report from the British High Commission, Malawi	Heidi Carrubba - Humanitarian Adviser, British High Commission, Lilongwe
11:45am	12:45pm	Members comments, questions and contributions	All in attendance
12:00pm	1:00pm	Meeting closes	

Pre submitted questions on pages 2 & 3. (as of 14:00 24.04.23)

Proposed question you would want to be addressed at the event?

1. How can we prevent hunger and ensure aid gets in quickly. I am supporting the village of Namadidi with basic food. through my son
2. Can Malawi be compensated by the Western countries for the effects of Tropical Cyclone Freddy since such countries have heavily contributed to climate change?
3. Possibility of engaging and funding new partners to help in recovery activities of the aftermath of the cyclone
4. Low cost methods of transferring money to Malawian counterparts and partners
5. In this perilous period whereby many people are depressed and youths were called by the state president following his speech recently: Some needs material resources whilst others needs psychosocial counselling even earlier as possible, Could there be any coordinated support given to the youths or youth led organizations who have organized to provide psychosocial counselling? (Such that there hasn't been a positive impact of youth interventions)
6. Can there be a well coordinated initiative for youths towards innovative responses to build a more resilient society? (In these affected areas and other vulnerable areas to climate change impacts)
7. What are the efforts that need to be undertaken to reduce vulnerability of people to disasters?
8. long term plans for displaced people? plans to address deforestation as these events will likely happen more frequently in the future?
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 1. Do we have any recovery plan, considering that some of the victims that are in the temporary shelters had life (businesses, formal employment etc) before cyclone?
 2. How best can we help the victims to live with the floods? This is because I am looking at the trends of the disasters especially in the Southern region, it appears the magnitude is increasing each and every year which gives us a sense that Malawi is far from avoiding the floods (considering the damage of the catchment areas etc).
10. What is our long term for Cyclone Freddy survivors?
11. What is the Scottish Government considering doing to help, and how will those of us working closely with our long-standing, community-rooted partners gain some of this money?
12. How have the crops fared? Has the cost of maize increased again.
13. What the Malawi government proposes to do to coordinate a plan looking ahead to the future - how to prevent further loss of life and to coordinate responses to inevitable future events? Do they have an international team of experts collaborating on this in a formal work party/committee format? I imagine there must be academic departments around the world keen to cooperate and to have real life applications to their work and could this will be harnessed thoughtfully to Malawi's advantage and kept under Malawi's control?
14. What definite commitments (if any) have been made by the UK government for extra aid to support recovery from the cyclone? Or has it only given some short term humanitarian aid?
15. How many health facilities have been damaged and how much will it cost to rehabilitate all of them
16. How prepared is Malawi against the future cyclones? Due to climate change and other factors, cyclones are likely to hit Malawi again, how ready is Malawi in terms of effect mitigation?
17. Is there any support for Recovery plan
18. How can Malawi learn from the recent natural disasters in other countries within and outside Africa to ensure a proper transitioning to the lives of the cyclone freeddy survivors while on the other hand focusing on prevention of a similar disaster in the near to long-term future?
19. What are the possible solutions both long term and short term that have been put in place to minimise the effects of the cyclones in Malawi?

20. Any plans for children in Cyclone Freddy's camps ...in terms of Safeguarding, and Mental health, school assimilation for these children as they have traumatized as more support is going towards adults and material support?
21. What is Malawi's capital city?
22. How are schools coping now that teaching has resumed but many are still accommodating displaced persons?
23. Would a construction organisation wish to partner? We intend to train villagers on eco-construction methods, giving them income generation which will empower them to participate actively in re-building. Alex Evan-Wong. Director. Ecolodgy and Challenges Worldwide charity .
24. How can Out partnership work to help in Practically Rebuilding and food sustainability?
25. What has happened so far and what are the plans going forward?
26. What could have been done years back, say may be 10 or 20 years ago, to avoid the occurrence of cyclone Freddy in affected countries or elsewhere (say may be USA, China, UK, India, just to name but some)? And is that opportunity/option still there or not? If yes, what are the strategies which have been put in place to avoid the such circumstances in the near future?
27. What should we do that this problem shouldn't happen again.
28. What Government support will be provided for rebuilding and future proofing houses and infrastructure against further cyclones for eg and providing food in rural areas where crops have been destroyed. Thanks
29. Can Malawi be supported with more money from climate justice fund
30. 1. What are the lessons learnt from Cyclone Freddy?
2. How would we address if such cyclones happens again in future?
31. What is government doing to provide for those affected
32. what items are most needed on the ground and how do bc we get them to Malawi
33. What have we learnt from Cyclone Freddy to strengthen our preparedness to future events?
34. The way forward as a country
35. How can we help rebuild Malawi
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37. 1. What are the lessons learnt from Cyclone Freddy? 2. How would we address if such cyclones happens again in future?
38. How best could flood survivors be protected from cholera outbreaks?
39. How could flood survivors be protected from cholera outbreaks in camps?