

# Agenda

## Joint Malawi Cross-Party Group (CPG) & All-Party Parliamentary Group on Malawi (APPG):

*The Aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Freddy* 17 May '23 Livingstone Room, Scottish Parliament & on Zoom

Chair: Alexander Stewart, MSP

Start: 6pm (UK time); 7pm (Malawi time)

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting
4. Tonight's Presentations - *The Aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Freddy*

Context: Over 2.2 million people in Malawi have been affected by Tropical Cyclone Freddy, with loss of life, injury and nearly 660,000 people displaced. The Cyclone has also caused significant disruption to shelter, agriculture, food security, transport, education, health, and the water, sanitation and hygiene sectors.

- **Fyaupi Mwafongo**, Deputy director response, **Fedson Chikuse**, Deputy Director Preparedness and **Madalitso Mwale**, Chief Disaster Response Officer from **Malawi's Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA)** on Malawi's priorities and needs in the cyclone's aftermath. DoDMA are joining online from Malawi.

### Q&A & Discussion

- **The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund's Dr Blessings Kachale** was in Blantyre, Malawi when the cyclone hit and back in Scotland, where Blessings lives, has been part of the Malawian diaspora's response and that of SCIAF.
- **Malawi Fruits' CEO, Kevin Simpson and their Development Executive, Atusaye Kayuni** on Empowering Women and Girls in Agriculture.
- **The Mamie Martin Fund's Country Director, Mrs Mercy Sibande**, visiting from Malawi will speak of her organisation's work in supporting the secondary education of girls in Malawi.

### Q&A & Discussion

7pm (UK time) 8pm (Malawi time)

Formal meeting closes followed by networking over Malawi Gin & Tonics for those in-person in Holyrood.

7.30 (UK time) 8.30pm (Malawi time)

Close for all