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U.S. Government Programs Additional $1.1 Million for Flood-affected Communities

Lilongwe – The U.S. government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is reaching flood-affected communities through an additional $1.1 million (approximately 900 million MWK) in new funding. Since January, the U.S. government has provided a total of more than $1.2 million (approximately 980 million MWK) in international disaster assistance funding to help meet the needs of communities affected by Cyclones Ana and Gombe.

President Lazarus Chakwera and USAID Administrator Samantha Power discussed the new funding during their recent meeting in Washington D.C., during which they also discussed the need for strengthening resilience in the face of climate change and continued collaboration to advance Malawi 2063.

With the additional assistance, USAID is working with Catholic Relief Services, CARE International, and the Department of Disaster Management Affairs to provide shelter, water, and sanitation and hygiene supplies to more than 8,620 households displaced by flooding. USAID is also partnering with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to distribute nearly 1 million water purification tablets to storm-affected populations.

The new funding from the U.S. government builds on the $100,000 (81 million MWK) that was rapidly mobilized in response to President Lazarus Chakwera’s declared state of disaster and request for donor assistance in January. Ongoing USAID projects are also providing essential health services and livelihood opportunities for Malawians in affected districts.

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USAID is the lead U.S. government agency for international development and disaster assistance. In Malawi, USAID partners with the national government to advance a more self-reliant Malawi that is gender-equitable and democratically accountable.

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Photos:

A woman at Kapasula Evacuation Center in Chikwawa receives supplies from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for constructing a temporary shelter. Photo by Dyna Khonde, Catholic Relief Services
A couple from Traditional Area Katunga in Chikwawa District stands outside of the emergency shelter that they constructed with materials provided by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Photo by Killian Mitiro, USAID