



**GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI
PRESS STATEMENT**

COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE AS OF 6TH JULY 2020

In the past 24 hours, Malawi has registered **76 new COVID-19 cases, no new recoveries, and no new death**. Of the new cases, 31 from Mzuzu, 18 are from Lilongwe, 15 from Blantyre, four each from Mzimba South and Mchinji, three from Mwanza, one from Karonga. More details of the cases will be shared today through the Situation report from the Public Health Institute of Malawi which will cover the past 48 hours.

Cumulatively, Malawi has recorded 1818 cases including 19 deaths. Of these cases, 703 are imported infections and 1042 are locally transmitted while 73 are still under investigation. Cumulatively, 317 cases have now recovered bringing the total number of active cases to 1484. The country has so far conducted 17,406 COVID-19 tests in 39 COVID-19 testing sites.

It is important to note that there is an increase of local transmission of infection in our country. In this state, it is important to regard everyone you meet as a potential carrier of the disease as out of 10 people infected with coronavirus 8 will not feel sick at all. Therefore, this calls for enhanced preventive and containment measures that

1. promote social distancing to keep ourselves safe,
2. promote frequent hand washing to keep our hands clean all the time,
3. reduce spreading of the virus by wearing face masks and coughing appropriately.

Happy Independence Day to you all, Stay safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19!

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