

STRENGTHENING HUMANITARIAN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT IN MALAWI FOR ENHANCED RESPONSE (SHIMMER)

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Malawi is a landlocked, low-income country with over 80% percent of the population consisting of smallholder farmers. The country is highly dependent on rain fed agriculture making it vulnerable to climatic shocks driving up rural poverty with around 70% of the population living under the poverty line.

Malawi is also highly susceptible to natural disasters triggered by climate change. The recent disasters, caused by Tropical Cyclone Freddy (TCF) in 2023, Tropical Storm Ana in 2022, and Tropical Cyclone Ida in 2019, have inflicted widespread devastation on the lives of numerous individuals, particularly in the southern districts of the country.

Humanitarian Data and Information Management has been a reoccurring challenge in Malawi hindering humanitarian response and preventing necessary coordination and information dissemination between the different humanitarian actors.

3iSOLUTION IN MALAWI

3iSolution has been present in Malawi since 2021, and by the end of the first mission, it had supported the United Nation Resident Coordinator Office in mapping information management. Additionally, also provided capacity building training of data/IM personnel in both government and UN agencies.

The main objective of the project is to enhance and strengthen existing humanitarian Information Management systems in Malawi by supporting the immediate response and by strengthening IM staff capacity, IM tools, and data management systems at the national and local levels.



Project Name

Strengthening Humanitarian Information Management in Malawi for Enhanced Response (SHIMMER)

Project Duration

April 2023 – December 2023

Donor

UNRCO

Partnerships

WFP

Stakeholders

DODMA, WFP, OCHA, UNDP, UNICEF

SUPPORTING



Department of Disaster Management Affairs



UN Resident Coordinator Office



Assessment Working Group



Information Management Working Group

PRODUCTS



5 Documents



1 Dashboard

ACTIVITIES

JUNE 2023 - PRESENT

HARMONIZATION OF IM TOOLS

Established good coordination and close collaboration with the key stakeholders working in humanitarian information management including the United Nations Resident Coordinators Office (UNRCO), UNDP, OCHA ROSEA, WFP, and the Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DoDMA).

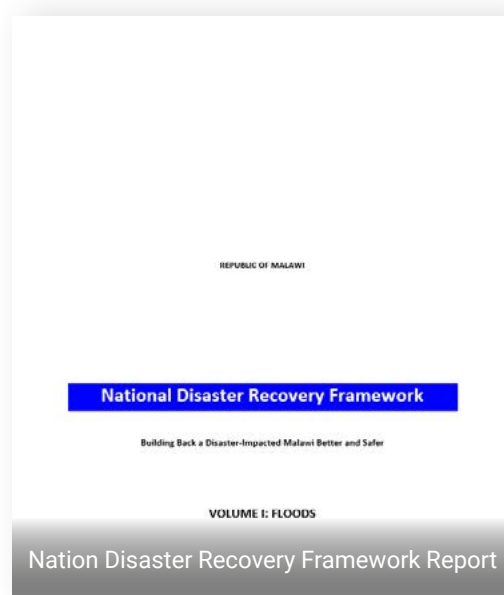


3iSolution joined Information Management Working Group (IMWG) and is therefore in a strategic position to provide supported in the development of unified IM tools.

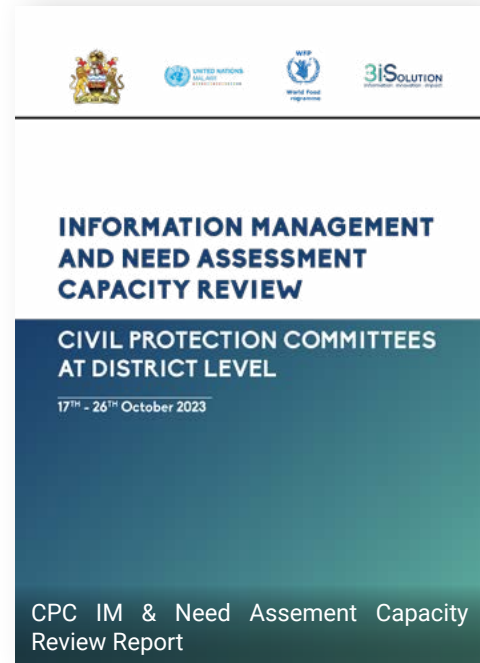
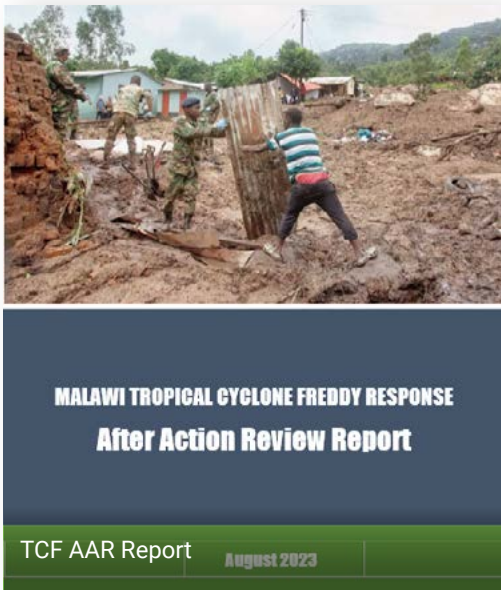
3iSolution advocated for the establishment of Assessment Working Group. It also led the drafting of standards operating procedures (SOPs) and guidelines for assessments processes in collaboration with IM stakeholders include UNRCO, OCHA, WFP and DoDMA.



Supported DoDMA in developing the National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) by compiling and organization data from all sectors. The data was also used to development an interactive NDRF Dashboard. Both the report and dashboard were by the Government of Malawi during the UN-General Assembly to advocate for support in relief efforts.



Supported DoDMA in drafting the Tropical Cyclone Freddy After Action Report (TCF AAR). This involved organizing a workshop to discuss the lessons learned from TCF



response, and the compiling of five months preparedness plans from all clusters as well as five-year work plans for all sectors.



CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

For this project, 3iSolution is focusing on four priority disaster-prone districts, namely Nsanje, Chikwawa, Mulanje, and Phalombe.



Drawing inspiration from the TCF AAR, 3iSolution conducted a capacity review in Information Management (IM) and a needs assessment. This review targeted Civil Protection Committees (CPCs) at district, area (traditional authorities), and village (group village) levels within the identified working districts. The objective was to identify gaps, challenges, and gather feedback on these committees' effectiveness in conducting need assessments during disasters.

The results will be documented in a report to be shared with key stakeholders, including DoDMA, UNRCO, WFP, and AWG.

Building on the insights gained from the CPC capacity review, 3iSolution is poised to initiate the assessment and training of IM capacity in the working districts. The focus will be on District Civil Protection Committee (DCPC) members and other relevant information officers. This strategic approach ensures that the training addresses specific needs identified in the capacity review.