

Malawi | Drought Response

Needs and Access to Services

Displacement Tracking Matrix

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1 Introduction

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1.2 Methodology

The DTM drought assessment, supported by government partners and local stakeholders, targeted southern Malawi to identify districts (Admin2) and traditional authorities (Admin3) affected by drought-related displacement. Enumerators collected information about movements between November 2024 and 15 December 2024 through focus group discussions and key informants' interviews, focusing on the village headperson level (Admin4). These movements occurred since September 2023. The assessment focused on three types of movements: returnees, departures, and IDP arrivals.

Data was collected through onsite and online methods, depending on accessibility, using a mobile data collection form to ensure quality and integrity.

1.2.a Definitions

IDP Arrivals: People that came to the traditional authority from another place in Malawi since September 2023 (Those that stayed or planning to stay for at least 3 months)

Departures: People that left this traditional authority for more than 3 months and have not yet returned (Since September 2023)

IDP Returnee: People that had left the traditional authority for at least 3 months, but returned (Since September 2023)

1.2.b Coverage

Data was collected in 78 Traditional Authorities, in 10 Districts, in 1 Province.

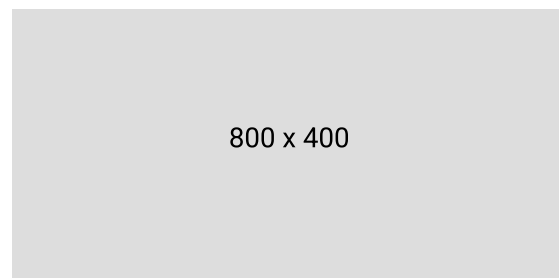


Figure 1: Map of Traditional Authorities covered by the assessment.

1.2.c Limitations

Data was collected through focus group discussions and key informant interviews, both in-person and online, which have inherent limitations: - Results should be considered indicative rather than statistically representative - Information is based on perceptions and estimates from community leaders and key informants - Numbers reported are best estimates and should be interpreted as trends rather than exact figures - Coverage may be limited in some areas due to accessibility constraints

1.2.d Disclaimer

The maps used in this dashboard are for illustration purposes only. Names and boundaries on the map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by IOM.

2 Overview

Number of assessed locations with the number of locations with arrivals; departures and returnees.

67 locations reported arrivals 59 locations reported departures and 60 locations reported returnees (the maps will use the highlight colors.)

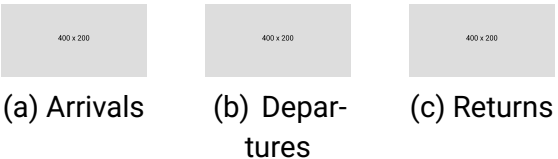


Figure 2: Map of assessed locations by movement type

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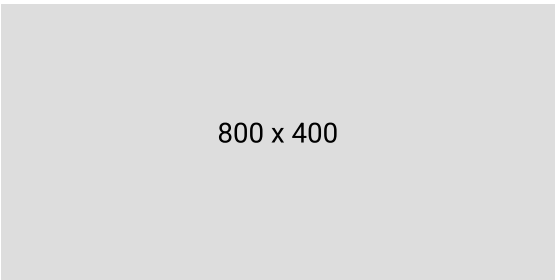


Figure 3: Number of assessed locations by settlement type

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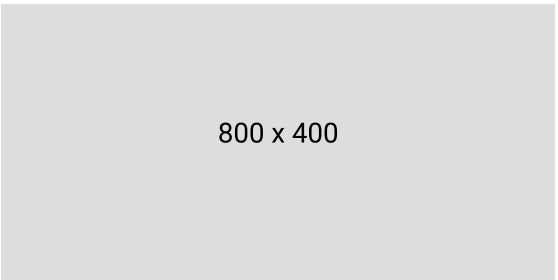


Figure 4: Number of assessed locations by urban/rural classification.

3 Displacement

Population by movement type. (individual and households)



Figure 5: Population by movement type

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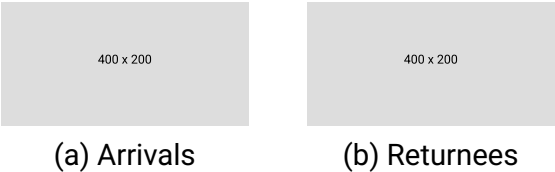


Figure 6: Demographic breakdown for arrivals and returnees.

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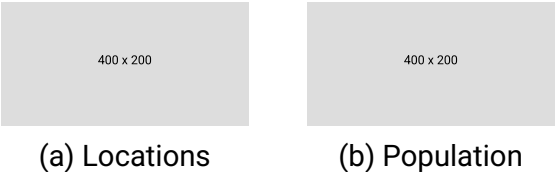


Figure 7: Urban/rural classification of locations and population

3.1 Arrivals

Total arrivals sankey of origin.

Drivers of displacement.

Reason for choosing location

Provinces and districts of origin.

Displacement type.

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3.2 Departures

Total departures.

Geo distribution of departures.

Destination of largest group (bar). Network diagram.

Drivers of displacement.

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3.3 Returns

Total departures.

Geo distribution of returnees.

Time of arrival for the majority of returnees.

Place of last displacement for returnees.

Main reasons for returning.

Main type of displacement type

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4 Needs

Overall top needs.

Corellation between needs and different geographic areas - adm1 and adm2.

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5 Arrivals needs

What are the top needs for arrivals. Compare to overall/returnees.

Corellation between arrivals needs and different geographic areas - adm1 and adm2.

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6 Returnees needs

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