

# Newsletter

## Mother and Child in Cape Maclear

### December 2020

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Dear all,

In this email an update from Malawi. To give you a complete picture, I've added Covid-19 statistics in Malawi for June and December 2020. In the rest of the world we see a second wave, here we've never really had a first wave. The reason for that is still not clear. We're very grateful for this!

Life goes on, street picture in the village hasn't changed. No social distance only few people wearing masks.. In the cities this is a little different, masks are mandatory in public areas, but social distance is very difficult in this cultural environment.

In the clinic we try to follow all preventative measures as good as possible. Mandatory

masks, social distance and hand hygiene. Patients have to wait outside instead of cluttering in corridors and patients with airway symptoms are seen in a separate area.

Testing has never really started in the communities, even in town, testing takes place on very small scale. So it's hard, if not impossible, to say anything about numbers and percentages of infections. We can only say that up to now Covid-19 doesn't have a huge impact on morbidity and mortality in Malawi.

Statistics June 2020:

## Statistics December 2020:



In the mean time rainy season has started. We got the first showers and the first mais plants are coming up. Agriculture is done all manual here. Lots of work for the entire family. Hopefully we'll get a good crop this year. Even though Malawi as country has only a few confirmed positive cases, the pandemic has definitely huge impact on the economy here, same as everywhere else in the world. Absence of tourists has a big negative effect in all layers of society.

The feeding program continues as before, but with fewer physical assessments. Currently we have 130-140 children, divided in two groups who receive feeding supplements every fortnight.

We still haven't been able to go back to Holland for our annual leave, hopefully we'll manage to go in April or May. Would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a great new year. Hopefully 2021 will be a better and healthier year all over the world!

Thanks a lot for all your support!

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