DECLARATION OF STATE OF DISASTER AND AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF TROPICAL CYCLONE FREDDY

His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of Malawi has exercised the powers vested in him under the Laws of Malawi and has declared a state of disaster following the devastation effects that Tropical Cyclone Freddy is currently bringing to the most districts in Malawi's Southern Region.

While the updates of the effects are ongoing, the preliminary reports on the damages caused by the Tropical Cyclone Freddy indicates that 10 districts have been severely affected with over 2500 households affected, the death toll at 99 and 11570 people displaced, as of Monday, 13th March, 2023.

Malawi in collaboration with humanitarian partners has provided temporary shelter and food for the affected communities and with the help of the citizenry continues to provide assistance to the affected.

The devasting effects of the Cyclone Freddy are unprecedented and while the Malawi government is responding to the emergencies and rendering urgent assistance to all affected districts, Malawi is appealing to the international community for more humanitarian assistance as the situation is dire.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MALAWI