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Malawi recorded **three new** confirmed M-pox cases on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. All cases are from Lilongwe district: a 41-year-old male from Area 25, TA Chitukula; a 17-year-old male from Area 24, TA Tsabango; and a 26-year-old female from Kawale 1, TA Tsabango.

Two cases were reported at Kamuzu Central Hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025, while the third was reported at Bwaila Hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025. All 3 cases presented with fever and muscle aches as common symptoms, while fatigue and skin rash were observed as less common symptoms. No underlying conditions were reported in any of the cases. Samples were collected on the same day of the health facility visits (May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) and sent to the laboratory, where testing confirmed Mpox infection. Two of the cases are business persons while the other person's occupation is not known. Investigations are currently underway to establish the possible source of infection and trace contacts. This brings the **total number of Mpox cases to 10** since the first case was recorded on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Travel history:** The cases have no travel history to outside Malawi.

#### **Actions taken by Lilongwe district**

- Sample (swab from blisters) collection and sent to Lab for testing
- The cases are currently on home isolation.
- DRRT has planned to conduct contact tracing and investigate to establish the possible source of infection

The Public Health Institute of Malawi is mandated to protect the health of the public through surveillance, disease prevention, early warning and containment of any outbreaks in a multi-sectoral approach. The following are measures put in place;

- Activated the Incident Management System (IMS)
- Multi-sectoral collaboration using the One-Health approach in disease surveillance
- Functional Rapid Response Teams at national and district level
- Trained National Emergency Medical Team and surge team.

PHIM will continue to monitor this event and provide updates as they become available.