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Malawi recorded a **new** confirmed M-pox cases on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. The case is a 40 year-old male from Area 24, TA Tsabango, Lilongwe district.

The cases reported at Bwaila hospital on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, with fever, abdominal pain and skin rash. No underlying conditions were reported. Sample was collected on the same day of the health facility visit (May 19<sup>th</sup>) and sent to the laboratory, where testing confirmed Mpox infection. The occupation of the case 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 11** since the first case was recorded on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Travel history:** The case has no travel history to outside Malawi.

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

- Sample (swab from blisters) collection and sent to Lab for testing
- The case is 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.