



# COVID-19 RELIEF FUND GUIDELINES

## **Introduction**

Covid19 has rendered the year 2020 a dead year in as far as sports is concerned. Football was expected to start in April 2020 for the 2020 season but failed to take off because of the pandemic. This has affected Football players and officials in different ways that includes loss of economic benefits and diminishing playing knowledge of the players.

Due to the impact of the pandemic towards the Football industry, FIFA announced a relief package that has been made available to all its member Association and confederation including the Football Association of Malawi.

## **Objective of the Relief package**

The objective of FIFA covid19 relief package is to enable beneficiaries protect and safeguard football from adverse economic effects of the pandemic thereby allowing football to continue developing and strengthening in all its forms.

## **Beneficiaries**

Art 3 of FIFA Covid-19 Relief plan indicates that the organizations eligible for funding from FIFA under this plan are the Member Associations (FA Malawi falls in this category) and the Confederations.

## **Local Beneficiaries**

The Executive board of the Football Association of Malawi has come up with a list of beneficiaries that may benefit from the funds upon fulfilling certain conditions. Below is the list of beneficiaries;

- 1) Super League Teams
- 2) Super League of Malawi
- 3) Regional Associations
- 4) Coaches Association
- 5) Referees Association
- 6) National Youth Association
- 7) Beach Soccer Association
- 8) Football Players Association
- 10) Football Journalist and Sports writers Association(SWAM)

Article 7.4 (4) of the FIFA Covid-19 Relief Plan states that redirected funds will be subjected to terms and conditions to the Forward 2.0 regulations applicable to the member association.

## **Some of the conditions applicable on the 2.0 regulations are as follows;**

- Financial reporting shall be through special forms using the template as provided by FIFA
- At the end of a year the beneficiary shall provide annual financial statements and corresponding Audit report compiled by the statutory auditor
- Minutes of the Annual general meeting of the beneficiary
- Proof of bank account
- Signature arrangements

**Under article 7.4(5) of the FIFA COVID19 relief plan subsequent beneficiaries shall be subjected to the following conditions**

- a) Beneficiaries must clearly demonstrate need of funds by itemizing costs and principle of transparency and non- discrimination
- b) Beneficiaries have to use the funds as per submitted cost items.
- c) Beneficiaries shall not use the funds to pay previous debts
- d) The beneficiary must be an affiliate of the Football Association of Malawi of must in one way or the other associate its activities with the Football Association of Malawi
- e) The beneficiary should have a clear operation structure that has positions of Chairman/Chairperson, General Secretary and Treasurer
- f) The beneficiary should have a verifiable bank account number in its name
- g) The beneficiary together with its members should have been registered in Mpira connect and have been licensed to operate by the Football Association of Malawi

**Other requirements**

The Football Association of Malawi shall also require the following from the beneficiary;

- a) Minutes of the executive meeting of the beneficiary detailing how the beneficiary intend to use the funds
- b) Upon receiving the funds which shall be paid in instalments, the next instalment shall be released upon submission of expenditure return of the first instalment and upon the Football Association of Malawi satisfying itself that the returns are in good order.

Under the concept of pandemic-Caused Losses and needs, relevant losses may include, but not limited to, lost revenues due to the pandemic, and relevant needs may include, but are not limited to, the use of funding for the following purposes;

- a) Restart of competition costs
- b) Implementation of return to play protocols(including covid19 testing)
- c) Payment of staff costs and hiring of essential staff e.g. health personnel
- d) Payment of general administration and operational costs where situation requires.

*Source: FIFA COVID-19 Relief plan-Stage 3 regulations page 13*

**Monitoring**

FAM shall monitor proper use of funds in accordance with conditions set in these regulations. Any time FAM shall request from the beneficiary information and documentation necessary for monitoring and any other such purpose.

Should it come to the attention of FAM that Funds are being spent outside the scope of these regulations FAM shall take necessary measures towards the beneficiary.

FAM Auditors may at the end of the year visit each beneficiary to confirm the information that the beneficiary will give to FAM

## Obligations

- 1) All beneficiaries shall apply the funds from FAM using special forms to be provided by FAM secretariat.
- 2) All beneficiaries shall acknowledge by signing a form that they agree to the terms and conditions of the relief funds.

## CASH FLOW

Item	Beneficiary	Oct-Dec 20	Jan-Mar 21	April-June 21	July 21	Total
1	Super League Teams	80,000,000.00	64,000,000.00	0	16,000,000.00	160,000,000.00
2	SULOM	7,500,000.00	3,750,000.00	1,500,000.00	2,250,000.00	15,000,000.00
3	Regional Leagues	10,500,000.00	10,500,000.00	24,000,000.00	0	45,000,000.00
4	Coaches Association	3,750,000.00	1,875,000.00	1,125,000.00	750,000.00	7,500,000.00
5	Referees Association	3,750,000.00	1,875,000.00	1,125,000.00	750,000.00	7,500,000.00
6	National Youth	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	33,750,000.00	0	41,250,000.00
7	National Teams	75,000,000.00	75,000,000.00	75,000,000.00	0	225,000,000.00
8	Beach Soccer	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00	15,000,000.00
9	PPE	70,000,000.00	64,800,000.00			134,800,000.00
10	Governance	12,500,000.00	25,000,000.00	37,500,000.00		75,000,000.00
11	Football Equipment	75,000,000.00				75,000,000.00
12	Secretariat Staff	15,000,000.00				15,000,000.00
13	FPA	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00			7,500,000.00
14	FJA/SWAM	3,750,000.00	3,750,000.00			7,500,000.00
15	Operational Costs	18,750,000.00	25,000,000.00	6,250,000.00		50,000,000.00
16	E-ticketing solution	15,000,000.00	15,000,000.00			30,000,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>369,750,000.00</b>	<b>285,800,000.00</b>	<b>232,000,000.00</b>	<b>23,500,000.00</b>	<b>911,050,000.00</b>

