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Most Malawians 'fear hunger than Covid-19', survey shows

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A latest survey conducted in Malawi shows that majority of Malawians are not worried and scared of coronavirus but rather are concerned about hunger.

81 percent of those spoken to as part of the survey said they were scared of hunger than the deadly virus which has killed many across the world.

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About 60% of those surveyed were also concerned about the collapse of the healthcare system in the country while another 76% are afraid of stigma from catching the virus.

The poll was conducted between 7 and 28 May by Malawi's Institute of Public Opinion and Research (Ipor) and the Swedish researchers.

Ipor said in a statement that "the majority of Malawians are not very worried about becoming infected with COVID19.

The percentage varies across districts, with the highest amount of concern in Chipita and Karonga, on the Tanzanian border, but most are not very worried."

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According to authors of the survey even persons aged above 55 years who should be worried about the virus are rather less concerned.

For many Malawians, Hunger, healthcare and stigma from the virus is most important to them than the virus itself.

Malawi has so far recorded 284 cases of Covid-19 with fears the pandemic could cause major devastation if containment measures aren't taken.

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