



Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 21 August. Source MOHCC

**5,815**

**Positive Cases**

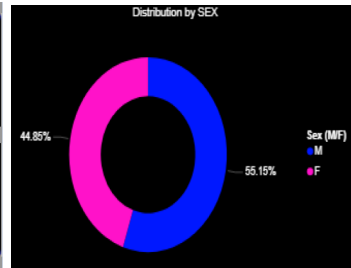
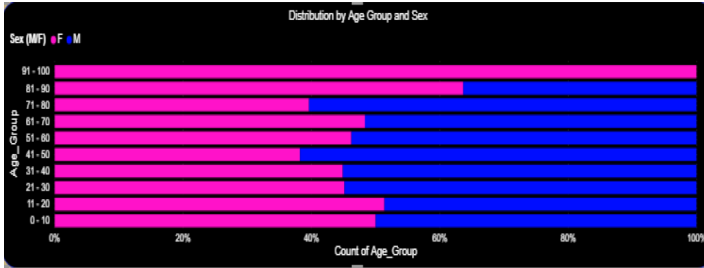
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**Recoveries**

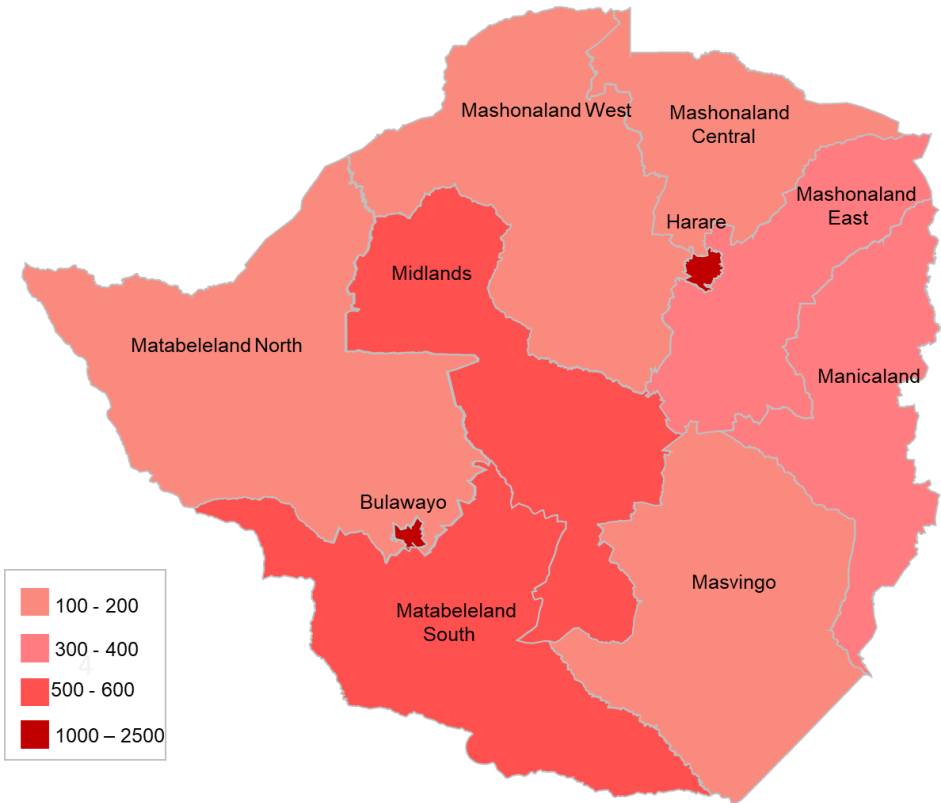
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**Deaths**

Cases distribution by age group and sex, 21 August. Source MOHCC



# of confirmed cases by province, 21 August. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1225
Harare	2315
Manicaland	354
Mash Central	100
Mash East	306
Mash West	175
Midlands	502
Masvingo	157
Mat North	105
Mat South	576
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,815</b>

## Rehabilitating COVID-19 isolation, case management in Manicaland Province



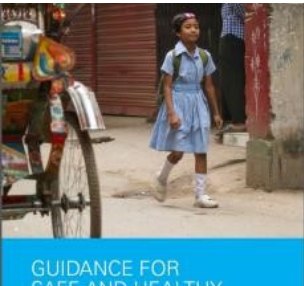
This week the World Health Organization (WHO) and UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) conducted an assessment of Rusitu Mission Hospital (Chimanimani), Mt Selinda Mission hospital (Mutare), Chipinge District Hospital, St Peters, Checheche (Chipinge) Birchenough Bridge and Nyanyadzi community isolation center for their readiness to admit and manage COVID-19 cases.

WHO assessment provided technical guidance related to the minimum criteria across Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), Case Management (including continuity of essential health services and referral pathways), Risk Communication & Community Engagement, Laboratory and Surveillance thematic areas.

With the increasing COVID-19 outbreak in the country, the World Bank allowed Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Programme (ZIRP) managed by UNOPS and implemented by six UN agencies to have a portion of the USD 72 million funding be re-programmed towards support for the COVID-19 outbreak.

UNOPS is providing financial support to rehabilitate isolation wards for COVID-19 cases management in Manicaland province particularly in Chimanimani and Chipinge Districts as these activities are being implemented within the context of the larger ZIRP project.

## New guidance for safe, healthy journeys to school



Integrating key actions into school reopening plans will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 during school journeys while also addressing the risks of road traffic injury and air pollution.

Children have the right to an education. Schools remain closed in Zimbabwe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. UNICEF and UNESCO are supporting the Government to ensure children have access to learning alternatives through online and offline, including radio programmes.

Meanwhile, as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves and countries start easing lockdowns, UNICEF has called for schools to reopen. When schools reopen, there is need to look at not only measures to help keep students safe on school premises, but also on the journey to school.

The measures in the guidance will help to keep students safe during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and to address other safety issues such as road traffic accidents, which are the number one killer of young people aged 5-29 years.

## Promoting human rights for returning migrants in COVID-19 response



The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) with the support of the Embassy of Sweden in Zimbabwe has expanded its support of promoting human rights of migrants returning at Points of Entry as part of the COVID-19 response.

IOM has scaled up operation at the main points of entries in Nyampanda, Forbes, Beitbridge, Plumtree and Chirundu to assist migrant returnees and border

communities, increasing dissemination of COVID-19 preventive measures and safe migration.

## Voices from the field: the chain that coronavirus cannot break



When supply chains break, the most vulnerable still need food to survive.

As the COVID-19 pandemic causes border closures, travel restrictions and supply chain complexities never faced before, the World Food Programme (WFP) must find ways to continue saving and changing the lives of the most vulnerable.

Modesta is a warehouse manager and proud to break the barriers to lead in a man dominated society. "What motivates me is seeing the people we serve going home smiling with food. In this pandemic, supply chain is critical," she said.



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