



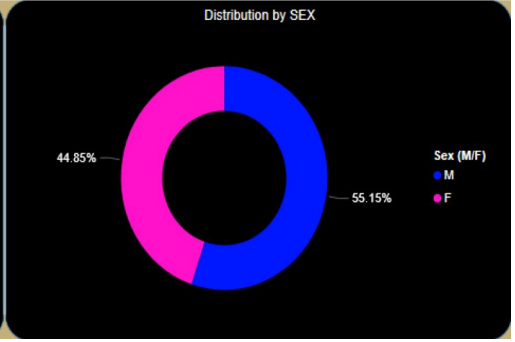
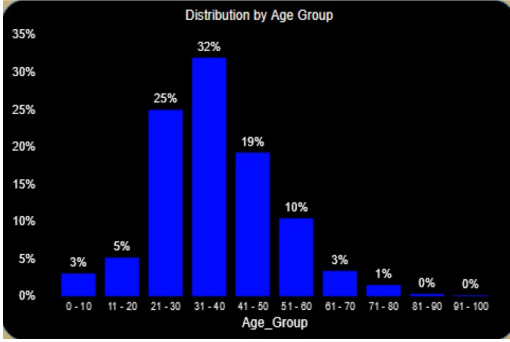
Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 28 August. Source MOHCC

6,388
Positive Cases

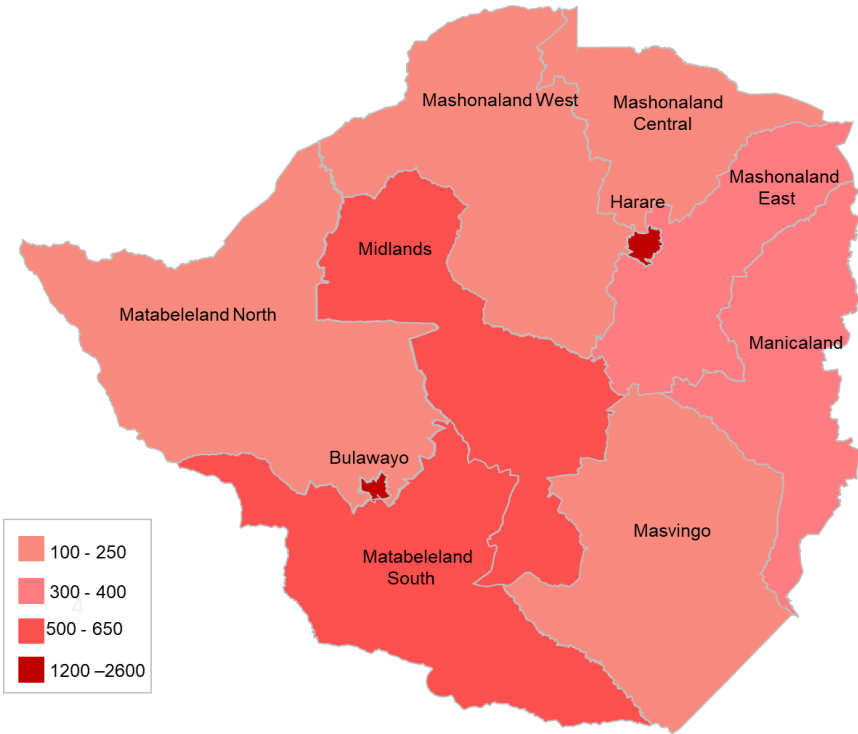
5,043
Recoveries

195
Deaths

Cases distribution by age group and sex, 28 August. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 28 August. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1271
Harare	2532
Manicaland	368
Mash Central	139
Mash East	347
Mash West	239
Midlands	530
Masvingo	212
Mat North	112
Mat South	638
Total	6,388

IoT free mobile learning platform provides option to school closure due to COVID-19



In Zimbabwe schools remain closed since March 2020 to mitigate against the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The continued closure of schools left millions of children at home and needing remote learning opportunities.

[The Internet of Good Things \(IoT\), UNICEF-led initiative, free to use in Zimbabwe from any mobile phone through Econet is reaching populations in most need in the country such as women and children with educational information.](#)

In Zimbabwe, updated content distributed on IoT is localized and is evolving to cover all the main languages – English, Shona and Ndebele. Some of the popular sections include, COVID-19 information and advice for students about the COVID-19 disease, as well as career advice content, education resources and the “All In” section – a special section for adolescents.

The platform and much of the content featured was made possible with the support of donors in Zimbabwe such as those supporting the Health Development Fund, Child Protection Fund and Education Development Fund.

Delivering integrated health services amid COVID-19



WHO continued with the assessment of health care facilities readiness to admit COVID-19 patients in Manicaland. WHO has also resumed scheduled community outreach services in Chipinge and Chimanimani. The outreaches focused on delivering integrated health services in marginalized communities which were affected by Cyclone Idai.

“I am so happy today, got tested for malaria and got some medication all in one place near my house. I did not have to travel 45km to the nearest hospital to visit a doctor and pay for medication which I cannot afford,” explains Patience Mahlatini, a resident of Mundanda Muchaendepi Village in Chipinge.

The outreach also included health promotion, with a particular focus on sensitizing the community on COVID-19 preventive measures such as hand hygiene, social distancing and wearing a face mask. WHO’s implementation of the community outreach falls under the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Programme (ZIRP).

Engaging artists on COVID-19, sexual reproductive health awareness raising



UNFPA is working with local artists on information dissemination on COVID-19 awareness and information sharing on gender-based violence and sexual reproductive health. Information is ongoing through radio and UNFPA social media platforms.

The awareness messages targets public places as well as hard to reach areas such as rural areas. In addition, community based BCFs are receiving airtime and data for COVID19 information dissemination and reporting. In the last week, BCFs reached 36,911 people with electronic messages on COVID19, sexual reproductive health rights, HIV and gender-based violence prevention.

Leaving no one behind



As many frontliners are up and down assisting those without, it is less often to mention those behind the wheel. Lucia from WFP Masvingo Field is one of the many drivers who have been on the fore front fighting COVID-19.

“I love my job, my role is to transport my passengers to their intended destinations and that destination is helping the vulnerable. In a small way I am happy in assisting in making sure that no one is left behind and hopefully COVID19 will be a thing of the past,” she added.

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