



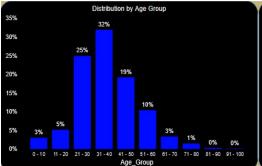
Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

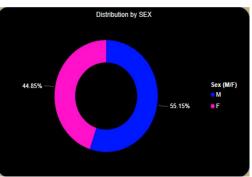
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## Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 04 September. Source MOHCC

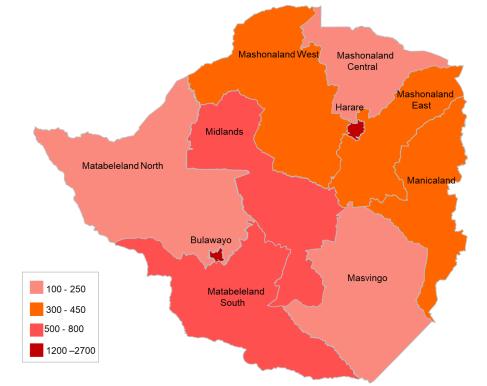


### Cases distribution by age group and sex, 04 September. Source MOHCC





# # of confirmed cases by province, 04 September. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1291
Harare	2699
Manicaland	409
Mash Central	156
Mash East	352
Mash West	312
Midlands	549
Masvingo	218
Mat North	119
Mat South	732
Total	6,837

### Mobile clinics take HIV care, support, treatment services to communities



Mobile Outreach Clinic led by ROOTS in partnership with UNAIDS is providing a broad spectrum of healthcare services to primarily rural, underserved communities with a focus on Covid-19 education and awareness raising initiatives, HIV care, support and treatment services, distribution of SRH commodities such as condoms, sanitary ware, and family planning. During the reporting period, on average, each MOC was supported by a combination of Ministry of Health and Child Care staff – 10 volunteer nurses and– as

and Child Care staff – 10 volunteer nurses and – as well as ROOTS support staff - one counselor, and three Case Care Workers and three Community Champions.

Each mobile outreach team visited one village per day, four days a week, supporting 18 health facilities in an effort to stem COVID-19 lockdown triggered spike in violence against women and girls and challenges to access sexual reproductive health services and HIV prevention and treatment services. Despite progress made in HIV prevention, hard-won gains are in danger of being reversed by the COVID-19 pandemic as evidence from community work is showing that some people on ART are defaulting treatment due to travel restrictions and limited funds to travel.

### Mitigating severe acute malnutrition among children living with HIV



UNICEF through the Organization for Public Health Interventions and Development (OPHID) is supporting many children living with HIV and suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

To increase their chances of survival, these children have been given therapeutic foods to urgently treat malnutrition, combined with antiretroviral treatment to stop the disease from progressing. Plumpy Nut is a peanut-based ready-to-use therapeutic food

(RUTF) that has helped save the lives of thousands of malnourished children in Zimbabwe.

UNICEF supports voluntary and confidential HIV testing to women and their children in pregnancy and at any point in childhood. In the past eight months, 1,389,980 children were screened for acute malnutrition in Zimbabwe through UNICEF's nutrition programmes with 11,760 children admitted for treatment of moderate and severe acute malnutrition.

#### Working to speed-up screening for COVID-19 at point of entry



This week the World Health Organization (WHO) conducted a 3-day verification training exercise at Beitbridge Laboratory. The visit was necessitated by the increase of returnees and shortage of gene cartridges to keep up with COVID-19 testing expansion at the points of entry.

The Ministry of Health and Child Care requested technical support in evaluating a point of care RT-PCR machine which will increase testing coverage as it releases results in 35 minutes. The verification

of this point of care machine will enhance testing emergency cases such as theatre cases, vulnerable groups, like pregnant women and older people, with underlying disease who need to access health care services.

To support this process, a POC machine verification exercise coupled with training of laboratory technicians was conducted at Beitbridge Laboratory by WHO to enable the use of the machines for quick turnaround of results and surveillance activities in an effort to decongest the port of entry.

#### Saving lives and Changing lives



Sibukile from the World Food Programme (WFP) Bulawayo field office says her work is contributing in assisting vulnerable communities fight COVID-19.

"Though in a small way, I feel I am assisting in the fight against COVID-19, my job is to ensure people don't go to bed with an empty stomach and this motivates me. I make sure that all our operations are safe from spreading the virus," she added.



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