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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 11 September. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 11 September. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 11 September. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,336
Harare	3,165
Manicaland	436
Mash Central	179
Mash East	374
Mash West	312
Midlands	571
Masvingo	229
Mat North	121
Mat South	756
Total	7,479

Food assistance provides relief in urban areas during COVID-19 pandemic



Prior to the onset of COVID-19, Zimbabwe was already suffering from a dire economic crisis characterised by high rates of inflation and rising food costs. Since, 30 March 2020, when a national lockdown was declared to curb the spread of the coronavirus, almost three quarters of the country's urban workforce, primarily made up of female traders, is currently jobless.

The World Food Programme (WFP) projects that the number of food insecure people living in urban areas will

rise from 2.2 million to 3.3 million between now and April 2021, as the socio-economic consequences of the pandemic become more pronounced.

For 61-year-old Beauty Johannes from Norton, the past six months have been very difficult financially. She says she does not know what her family would have done without food assistance from WFP.

As a beneficiary of WFP's Urban Social Assistance programme, Beauty is one of 30,000 recipients in Norton who receives USD 12 a month, per household member, via WFP's new SCOPE e-voucher system. Through the e-voucher redemption, beneficiaries can purchase more for less with price-adjusted credit from WFP.

The Urban Social Assistance programme is scaling up further to reach 326,004 people across 22 vulnerable urban domains in September, from its target of 292,865 people across 19 domains in August.

Reaching young people during the COVID-19 lockdown



The guidance and counselling radio lessons for Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Grade 1-6 continued this week and seven lessons were aired.

To date 42 of the planned 54 radio lessons which were developed by Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (Mops) with support from UNFPA have been aired on the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation radio.

Meanwhile, since the start of the short vocational training

on mask production for young people, a total of 220 masks were produced with the UNFPA donated Zambias (cloth wrap) in the Tariro Youth Center. Distribution of these masks to the most vulnerable in the communities has started. Additionally, 907 masks were produced by young people in the Belvedere Technical Teachers College in collaboration with UNFPA partner SAYWHAT.

Capacitating health workers on mass drug administration during COVID-19



This week, WHO supported the training of 155 health workers in preparation of the 2020 schistosomiasis and soil transmitted helminthiasis (SCH/ STH) Mass Drug Administration campaign in Mashonaland Province.

The training focused on strengthening health workers' capacity for implementing mass treatment, active casefinding and population-based surveys for neglected tropical diseases in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I have learnt a lot about implementing Mass Drug Administration in the context of COVID-19, especially on the importance of involving local leaders in the mobilization the community during the scheduled campaign which will begin on 20 September," says Getrude Putirwa, a nurse from Chihuri Clinic in Shamva.

Increasing COVID-19 infection prevention, control measures at border points



IOM has erected five isolation tents in Beitbridge, Plumtree, Forbes, Nyamapanda and Chirundu to support the registration and screening process and to increase collaboration with Port Health personnel to aid migrant returnees. Trainings in waste management and case management were facilitated by the IOM Zimbabwe Migration Health specialist.

To ensure COVID-19 prevention, IOM has set up 50 Handwashing facilities at four key Points of Entry and Border quarantine and isolation facilities to improve hygiene practices among migrants and front-line

workers.



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