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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 18 September. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 18 September. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 18 September. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,385
Harare	3,219
Manicaland	456
Mash Central	184
Mash East	377
Mash West	321
Midlands	591
Masvingo	230
Mat North	126
Mat South	758
Total	7,647

Survey on COVID-19 affected returning migrants call for urgent assistance package



The COVID-19 pandemic remains the biggest shock faced by global health systems with a massive impact on economies and societies.

In response to the pandemic, IOM reinforces its mandate to promote and restore the wellbeing of migrants as well as to advocate for their rights. This is done through the provision of technical capacity to the Government and evidence-based information to the

humanitarian community.

To ensure migrants' vulnerabilities are addressed, IOM has conducted a <u>socio-economic</u> <u>survey</u> to understand the critical needs of migrants returning because of COVID-19. Of those surveyed, 71% reported a negative socio-economic impact on their livelihoods and wellbeing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The reported needs call for an urgent support package to the returnees covering immediate emergency needs and mid-to-long term reintegration packages covering livelihood programmes and cash assistance.

All provinces equipped with COVID-19 compliant ambulance services



This week, WHO's case management supported the training of the last ambulance crew on infection prevention and control measures to follow when transporting and handling COVID-19 cases. As of this week all the ambulance crews in all the provinces have been trained, a major millstone for enhanced case management.

All ten provinces in the country now have a core team of ambulance crew who have been capacitated on how to handle and transport COVID-19 cases. This week, WHO also supported the mentorship training for Mashonaland West and Central provinces, on Case Management and infection prevention and control. WHO brought in the trainers to sensitize them with a combined infection prevention and control, and case management with an integrated curriculum to create synergy in the joint response to COVID-19.

Sport, music stars join hands in the fight against stigma



The outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in a lot of people being labelled, stereotyped and discriminated because of a perceived link with a disease. The Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZRBF) has embarked on a campaign, '#SolidarityNotStigma' that has roped in some of the country's leading sports and musical celebrities in the fight against discrimination.

Survivors are sharing stories of how they fought the disease, and what communities need to know in order to fight both the virus and the stigma attached to it. The campaign has also partnered with celebrities that include Winky D, Ammara Brown and Tamy

Moyo to show support to survivors and speak out against stigma. Among those involved in the campaign are the country's two biggest trams, Dynamos and Highlanders Goalkeeper Ariel Sibanda who called on everyone to fight stigma and discrimination. "We stand firm against stigmatization of COVID-19 patients and its survivors, together we can build a better society", he said.

The campaign is being disseminated on social media and through radio spots on Hevoi, Diamond and Khulumani FM as well as two newspaper supplements contained in the Chronicle and the Manica Post.

Voices from the field: First it was Cyclone Idai COVID-19



For Bezel, a World Food Programme engineer based in Mutare, it has been a hectic period, building destroyed infrastructure in Manicaland last year to fighting COVID-19 this year.

"Honestly after completing some weir dams, dip tanks and construction of nutrition gardens under the Food Assistance for Assets programme I thought 2020 will be a bit clam. But no one knows what the future holds, look at us today fighting COVID-19.

communities fighting hunger as well as COVID-19.," he said.



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