



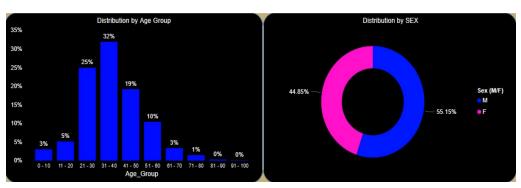
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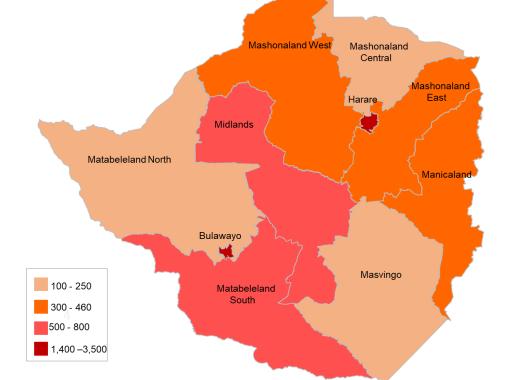
Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 25 September. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 25 September. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 25 September. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,428
Harare	3,249
Manicaland	471
Mash Central	204
Mash East	382
Mash West	323
Midlands	591
Masvingo	230
Mat North	133
Mat South	776
Total	7,787

Capacitating health workers for community-led solutions to COVID-19



In response to COVID-19, UNICEF through funding from the Health Development Fund (HDF) in collaboration with WHO, and Population Services International (PSI) <u>facilitated capacity building</u> workshops for almost 180 Environmental Health Technicians, Health Promotion Officers and Social Mobilisers from 59 districts.

The participants converged in Kadoma for a workshop on integrated COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement. The trainings among other things, encompassed interrogating social norms, attitudes, behaviors and practices on COVID -19. The trained health workers will spearhead local level behavior change in communities with their own capacity to implement local level designed and implemented solutions targeting communities in 59 districts.

"This workshop has taught us that constructive and meaningful engagement with local communities and trusted leaders is essential for COVID-19 prevention measures to be adapted, accepted, well understood and successful," said Tendai Mhloro, Environmental Health Officer at the Ministry of Health and Child Care in Midlands Province.



Free treatment for bilharzia rolled out in Mount Darwin, Shamva This week, WHO facilitated integrated Site Support Visits (SSVs) for COVID-19 Case Management, Surveillance, Risk Communication and Communication Surveillance, Risk Communication and Communication Engagement (RCCE) and Infection Prevention Control (IPC) compliance in Bulawayo Province, Matabeleland South, Harare Metropolitan District and Chitungwiza City.

The SSVs goal was to build the capacity of the provincial teams to respond to COVID -19, identify and address gaps in management of COVID-19 cases and IPC compliance with policies, guidelines and protocols among health workers and provide on-the-job capacity building and mentorship. Furthermore, WHO supported MoHCC led Intra Action Review (IAR) in Mash West, Central, Bulawayo, Harare and Masvingo Province. IAR's main object was to review how all the COVID-19 pillars have been onerating in the different provinces document how all the COVID-19 pillars have been operating in the different provinces, document weaknesses and strengths and identify areas of further improvement.

Meanwhile, WHO also supported National Mass Treatment Campaign (Mass Drug Administration) for Bilharzia and intestinal worms which began on 21 September and will run until 30 September reaching some 300,000 people with free treatment in Shamva and Mount Darwin.

Zimbabwe, Zambia conduct joint cross-border COVID coordination



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) supported the Governments of Zambia and Zimbabwe to convene a cross border coordination and training workshop at Chirundu One Stop Border Post (OSBP).

Participants explored ways to improve and strengthen coordination amongst key border stakeholders, such as Customs, Ministry of Health, Social Immigration,

Welfare, Local Government and others at the OSBP.

The workshop was an opportunity to explore how the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted migration and trade at Chirundu OSBP. With indications that border posts will soon reopen, participants developed border specific COVID-19 sensitive action plans to facilitate Human Mobility and Trade Facilitation.

Voices from the field: Careers that serve lives



It's almost eight months since the first COVID-19 case was reported in Zimbabwe and a lot has been done to stop the spread of the virus.

Weldone Mashora a field monitor working with the World Food Programme (WFP) Bulawayo field office looks back and say he is proud of what has been done so far but there is a lot ahead.

"Looking back from the first days when all this started and comparing it to where we are today, I am so glad on the ground covered. In parts of Matebeland where WFP is operating, information has been sent out and people are now aware of COVID19. We aren't done yet, but I am proud to be part of careers that serve lives," he said.



