



Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

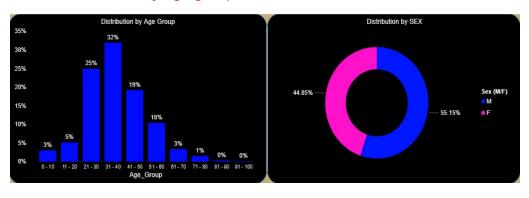
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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 02 October. Source MOHCC

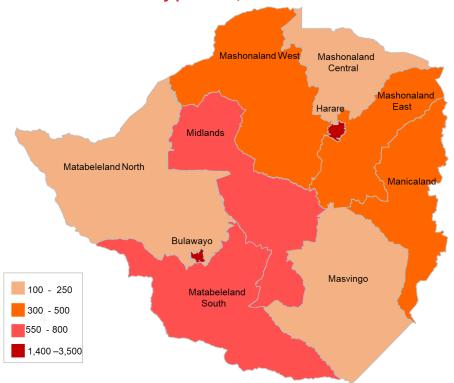
7,858Positive Cases

6,322 Recoveries 228 Deaths

Cases distribution by age group and sex, 02 October. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 02 October. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,456
Harare	3,252
Manicaland	483
Mash Central	206
Mash East	394
Mash West	331
Midlands	591
Masvingo	231
Mat North	136
Mat South	778
Total	7,858

Supporting Cyclone Idai affected communities in the fight against COVID-19



The COVID-19 pandemic has added a new layer of vulnerability to the Cyclone Idai affected communities. Through the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Project (ZIRP) funded by the World Bank and managed by UNOPS, several activities have been supported and implemented by WHO, UNICEF and UNOPS in various targeted sectors.

Recently some 40 new village health workers were trained on COVID-19 awareness, bringing the total number of village

health workers capacitated to 403 to disseminate prevention messages on COVID-19. With technical agencies collaborating, some 539,405 people have been sensitized on COVID-19 since the onset of lockdown in March 2020.

Further, personal protective equipment (PPE), including 10,000 reusable face masks and 15,000 surgical gloves have been delivered under the planned COVID-19 activities. Additionally, 18 motorcycles have been procured to support the deployment of teams to the field and the training of health workers responding to the pandemic. More PPE including reusable and medical face masks, liquid soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizers and knapsack sprayers are in the pipeline to be delivered.



Revamping COVID-19 screening at Zimbabwe's key points of entry pays off

IOM has continued its support in strengthening core
capacities for public health measures at Points of Entry
(PoE). To date 21,187 migrants have returned to Zimbabwe
since March 2020. The recently issued situation report provides a weekly snapshot of the mobility trends at the key PoE; Beitbridge, Namawanda, Forbes, Chi Rundu and Plumtree, highlighting issues around disease surveillance, infection prevention and control and the provision of basic services.

IOM support through advocacy for travelers who were required to produce valid COVID-19 test certificates on arrival have seen numbers in POE quarantine and isolation facilities drop significantly. Those without these certificates are transferred to provincial centers. During this week, IOM has facilitated training for over 100 frontline staff and key stakeholders in the fields of migration and health; over 2000 people have benefitted from infection prevention and control initiatives; and over 700 people (migrants commercial truck drivers and frontline staff) have required basis continues. (migrants, commercial truck drivers and frontline staff) have received basic services.

Reviewing COVID-19 response critical to improve response



This week, WHO continued with the COVID-19 Intra-Action Review (IAR) in Manicaland, Mashonaland Central and Mashonaland South Provinces. The COVID-19 IAR is a process of documenting experiences and collectively analyze the ongoing response to COVID-19 through identifying achievements; challenges; best practices and opportunities so as to improve ongoing COVID-19 response actions in Zimbabwe.

WHO also continued with providing on the job support in Shamva to the National Mass Treatment Campaign (Mass Drug Administration) for Bilharzia and intestinal worms which ended on 30 September.

"I cannot afford to buy this medication, even having food is a challenge, I had not eaten anything the whole day, so I am grateful they took into account providing us with food before we take the medication," says Debra Muhomba at Chipoli Clinic in Shamva during the WHO supported Mass Drug Administration in Mount Darwin and Shamva.



What used to be a male dominated field is now a level playing field for both females and males. Morline Muchena, a World Food Programme driver based in Mutare says over the years she has learnt that the solution to every problem should involve everyone.

She says, "Growing up it was rare to see women driving such vehicles. It was always a man's job. I remember when I started this job people used to look at me and ask me how do I do it? I am glad those barriers have been

broken and we are seeing more and more women doing great things.

"The most affected people by COVID-19 are us, the women, and we should be included in the fight against the pandemic. I am happy I am doing my part".









