



Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 09 October. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 09 October. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 09 October. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,497
Harare	3,274
Manicaland	488
Mash Central	206
Mash East	410
Mash West	340
Midlands	631
Masvingo	232
Mat North	139
Mat South	778
Total	7,995

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Information, awareness raising on COVID-19 continues in communities

UN and partners supported COVID-19 prevention Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials for dissemination in primary and secondary schools launched on 7 October in Rusununguko High School, Goromonzi District, Mashonaland East Province. The material contains information on measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools such as social distancing, hand washing and correct use of face masks.

Meanwhile, UNFPA through the community programme partners has continued COVID-19 awareness campaigns in districts through mobile public address systems and loud hailers reaching 35,378 people (16,086 male and 19,292 female). The awareness messages are being disseminated at public places as well as hard to reach areas such as rural areas. In addition, community based BCFs are receiving airtime and data for COVID-19 information dissemination and reporting. BCFs reached 126,893 people with electronic messages on COVID-19, SRHR, HIV and GBV prevention.

Ensuring availability of essential health service while tackling COVID-19 This week, WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA supported nation



This week, WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA supported nation wide integrated rapid assessment on ensuring continuity of care for non COVID-19 patient care and to strengthen the capacity of health facilities to continue delivering essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic in all the 10 Provinces.

"The rapid assessment has helped us remain vigilant as the fight against COVID-19 isn't over yet," says Zolani Tapela, Bulawayo City Community Health Sister.

The assessment will support in planning for the continuity of essential health services and strengthening COVID-19 case management in Zimbabwe. One of the overall objectives included is assessing the status of health service delivery, availability and utilization in the context of COVID-19.

Promoting hand wash in communities, at the marketplaces With the support from Port Health, IOM is collaborating



With the support from Port Health, IOM is collaborating with the rural district council to promote hand washing services in the community especially at the marketplace. A total of five packets of Calcium Hypochlorite (HTH) were distributed.

The IOM nurse took the opportunity to demonstrate the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE), the importance of proper waste management and the correct measurements of HTH.

Meanwhile, IOM distributed 10 boxes of latex gloves, five packets of (HTH) to support hand washing, one carton of hand sanitisers, an infra-red thermometer, 20 face-shields, 20 boxes of disposable face masks and one wheeled bin to Rutendo Primary School. The resources will benefit a total of 10 staff and 425 children.

Voices from the field: A saviour during the pandemic.



Technology has assisted us in making sure that we continue our operations serving the people who need our assistance the most.

Lloyd Tozvireva an IT expert in WFP Masvingo field office says his work has been the nervous system of the operations.

"While frontline COVID-19 warriors like doctors, health and sanitation workers were forced to stay outdoor, for those locked down at their homes, thankfully, technology was a saviour during the lockdown as people were able to do many things virtually as they stayed indoor to stay safe.

"My job has been to makes sure there is no disruption or delays with networks and internet," he added.

