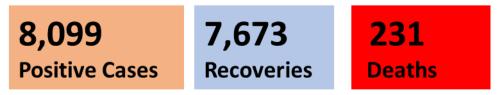




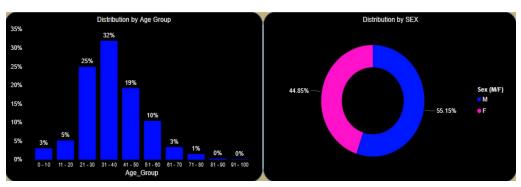
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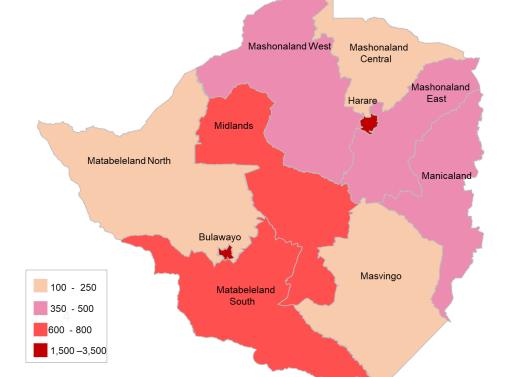
# Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 16 October. Source MOHCC



## Cases distribution by age group and sex, 16 October. Source MOHCC



## # of confirmed cases by province, 16 October. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,545
Harare	3,286
Manicaland	499
Mash Central	208
Mash East	412
Mash West	350
Midlands	644
Masvingo	236
Mat North	141
Mat South	778
Total	8,099

### The people's award



WFP is deeply honoured to be awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize, which would not be possible without the strong support and collaboration from our donors and partners in Zimbabwe. Many of the nearly wells are strong support. the people we help around the world are fleeing conflict.

Hunger is both a cause and an effect of conflict. Without peace and stability, we will struggle to achieve the goal of Zero Hunger.

Unfortunately, hunger is also on the rise in Zimbabwe, following consecutive droughts and economic challenges. In collaboration

with all partners, WFP is aiming to provide food assistance to over 4 million of the most vulnerable Zimbabweans over the next six months, in both rural and urban areas.

There can be no lasting peace when children are hungry. By saving lives during times of crisis and changing lives in times of peace, WFP is delivering an invaluable service to humanity.

#### COVID-19 reverses gains in poverty reduction, increases hunger



In two major events held concurrently on 16 October marking the World Food Day and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty bringing together senior Government officials, <u>UN</u> <u>Resident Coordinator and Representatives of FAO, UNDP,</u> WFP and World Bank and representatives from the private sector and civil society organisations noted that COVID-19 pandemic threatens to reverse gains made in poverty reduction and the fight against hunger.

The messages at the two interrelated events noted that COVID-19 pandemic has been a double crisis for the world's poorest

people including in Zimbabwe. Recent estimates indicate that the COVID-19 could push millions of people into poverty, reversing decades of hard-won gains. Women and girls are at greatest risk because they are more likely to lose their jobs, and also more likely to not return to school. Here in Zimbabwe and elsewhere, poverty and hunger remain a sad reality which robs humanity from attaining personal advancements such as access to housing, food, water, hygiene and sanitation, education, healthcare and social protection.

The trending messages from guests featured at the events were a call to redouble efforts to recovering and building back better from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, build resilience to economic and natural shocks, design robust social protection programmes that empower people and provide equal opportunities, and accelerate economic transformation by investing in a green and sustainable recovery. It was also noted on the need for enhanced investments in infrastructure, especially in rural areas, including roads and capacity to better link farmers to the markets.

### ddressing COVID-19 related mental health among health professionals



This week, WHO supported a two day training of 30 Registered General Nurses from Harare and Chitungwiza on Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).

The training's main objectives were to build the capacity of provide health workers, affected communities with psychosocial support, enable the health workers to deal with the issues of stress, anxiety, discrimination and fear in dealing with COVID-19; strengthen health worker ability to deal with issues of bereavement and coping with deaths of

colleagues and relatives. The training will also enable health workers to quickly identify signs that one of them is having psychosocial of any mental problems.

The first phase targeted training nurses at the central hospitals and local authority clinics of Bulawayo and Harare which are the most COVID-19 affected cities.

## Promoting hygiene in schools to keep COVID-19 at bay



This week, IOM has provided five handwashing stations to schools in Nyamapanda: Muzezuru Primary 1, Nyamapanda Primary 2 and Nyamapanda Secondary 2.

The schools also received four infrared thermometers, 100 face shields and 100 latex gloves.

Receiving the goods on behalf of the schools, the District Coordinator Mr. Muzezewa. Development expressed

gratitude for the timely support for the remote schools.



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