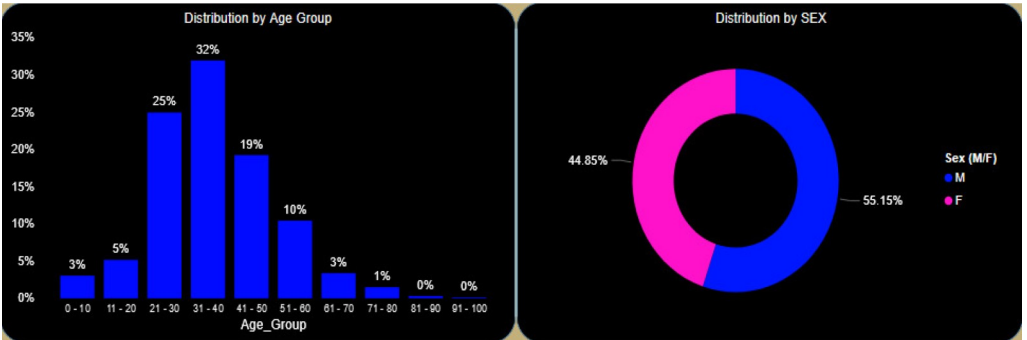




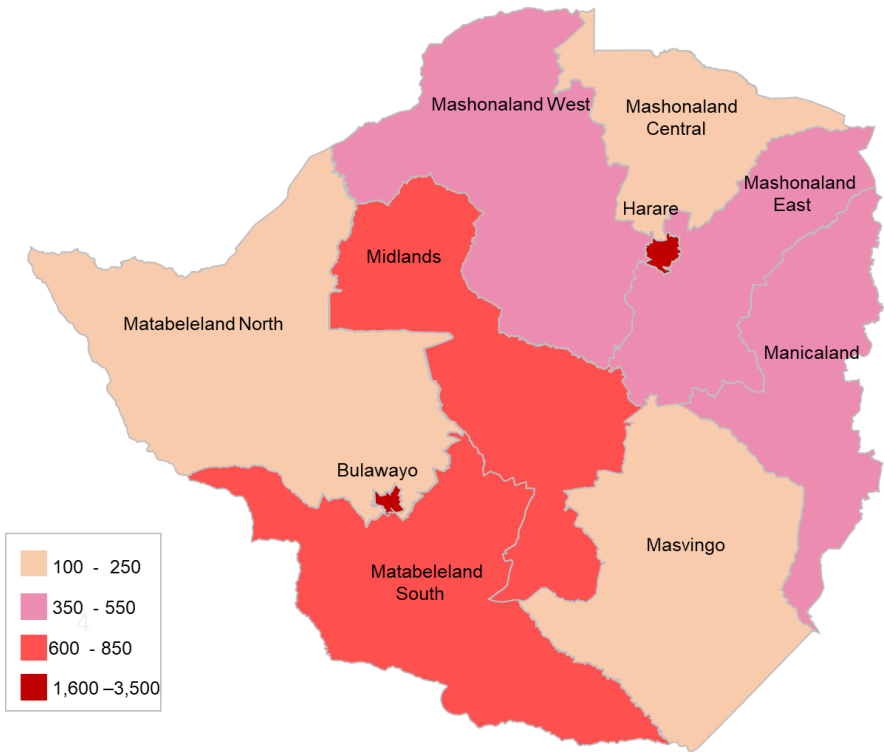
Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 23 October. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 23 October. Source MOHCC



# of confirmed cases by province, 23 October. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,609
Harare	3,304
Manicaland	518
Mash Central	208
Mash East	413
Mash West	351
Midlands	669
Masvingo	239
Mat North	142
Mat South	804
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,257</b>

## Using puppetry to educate children on COVID-19, gender-based violence



In partnership with UNICEF Zimbabwe, Vuka Afrika Performing Arts Trust has conducted community engagement awareness using theatre for development under the joint UN-EU Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls.

[The theatre and puppetry is sending the message on sexual and gender-based violence and COVID-19 prevention to the children at a tender age.](#)

This comes at a crucial time as the phased reopening of schools has begun in Zimbabwe with all pupils expected back in school in November. The puppetry is helping to develop imagination, creativity and observation skills in the children.

An officer within the Police Victim Friendly Unit, Thukani Ngwenya, who coordinated the children explains how puppetry and theatre boosts social behaviour change in the children. "We have been teaching them about COVID-19, how to properly wear masks, but the addition of the puppets and theatre today captured their imagination. We expect positive results," he said.

## Planning ahead best way to prepare for emergencies



The Logistics Preparedness Project co-led by the Department of Civil Protection and World Food Programme held a training which was sponsored by the Global Logistics Cluster. The main objective is to build the capacity for logistics preparedness and response through a partnership arrangement between Government, UN, humanitarian partners, and private sector.

In the last two weeks the project assisted Government to do emergency warehouse assessment to look for existing government buildings or land space in high risk areas for flood preparedness and food assistance. Where no buildings exist, Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) will need to be prepositioned and government and humanitarian actors working in those locations, will need to know how to lead their assembly.

Participants covered areas of Mutare, Bulawayo, Masvingo, Harare, Buzura, Chipinge, Nkayi, Mwenzi and Chiredzi, Muzarabani, Hurungwe.

## Strengthening institutions for effective COVID-19 response continues



IOM and WHO facilitated training and roll out of Population Mobility Mapping and Flow Monitoring.

Some 36 participants were in attendance from Immigration, Zimbabwe Republic Police, Local Authorities, Ministry of Health and Child Care, Department of Social Development, Zimbabwe Statistics Agency, Ministry of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage.

The exercise identified high mobility wards and Points of Entry congregation sites. The training will inform intervention and health operational plans.

## Intensifying training of frontline workers on mental health



In response to the plight of stressed frontline health care workers in the COVID-19 response, WHO and the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) expanded training of health workers on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).

A total of 36 healthcare workers were trained in Bulawayo at Rainbow Hotel this week.

"I have been at the frontline of testing for COVID19 and I have been anxious everyday and I really learnt a lot about how to calm down and manage my stress, no one needed this more than I did," explains Mr Wellington Muroyiwa Annexe, General Nurse at Parirenyatwa Hospital.

## Wishing you happy United Nations Day

The timeless values of the [UN Charter](#) must remain our guide. Our shared duty is to "unite our strength" to serve "we the peoples", *Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary General*



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