



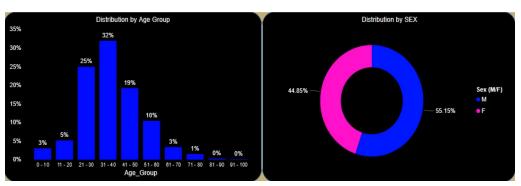
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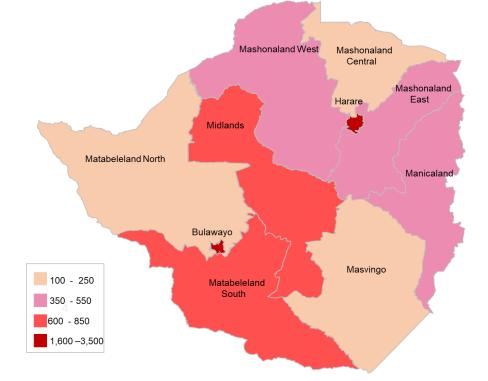
Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 30 October. Source MOHCC



Cases distribution by age group and sex, 30 October. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 30 October. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1,651
Harare	3,327
Manicaland	526
Mash Central	209
Mash East	414
Mash West	352
Midlands	686
Masvingo	240
Mat North	153
Mat South	804
Total	8,362

Government, UN, partners rollout roadmap for new cooperation framework



Government of Zimbabwe and the United Nations The <u>system convened a high-level review meeting on 23</u> October 2020 to validate the 2016-2020 Zimbabwe UN <u>Development</u> Assistance Framework (ZUNDAF) independent evaluation report. The high-level meeting also assessed progress, the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on development and discussed a roadmap for the next Cooperation Framework.

Under the 2016-2020 ZUNDAF, the UN with generous financial support from development partners delivered USD 1.7 billion in various development projects and programmes as of the end of 2019. Despite a challenging year in 2020, the UN stepped up efforts to support the national COVID-19 response plan, which includes awareness raising, procurement of PPEs, strengthening laboratory events for events of the end control and control in the stepped in the steppe system for surveillance, infection prevention and control, and continuity of essential services.

The UN in Zimbabwe together with national and international partners has rolled out the process to formulate a new UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) which will be informed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Agenda 2063 of the African Union; and the new upcoming National Development Strategy (NDS 2021 - 2025).

Community action tackles gender-based violence, COVID-19



The Apostolic Women's Empowerment Trust (AWET), supported by the joint UN-EU Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls, trained 47 behavior change facilitators in Umzingwane, Matabeleland Province to sensitize communities on prevention of sexual genderbased violence and COVID-19.

Closely looking at best practice, AWET has gone a step further to ensure the behavior change facilitators become "information kiosks" around a range of issues within their

communities. Community engagement, empowerment and partnerships through the behavior change facilitators remains critical.

AWET has been working with other stakeholders from the Police Victim Friendly Unit; Ministry of Women Affairs, Community, Small and Medium Enterprises Development; Ministry of Health and Child Care, and from the Ministry of Youth, Sport, Arts and Recreation among others.

COVID-19 intra-action team reviews progress on national response



This week, a national COVID-19 intra-action review was convened from 28-29 October 2020 in Bulawayo bringing together 67 experts from MOHCC, WHO, UNICEF and other partners.

Led by the Chief National Coordinator of the COVID-19 response, Dr Agnes Mahomva, the intra-action team reviewed achievements, best practices, opportunities and challenges of the national response to the pandemic and drew a series of activities which will be implemented within

a range of 3 to 6 months.

Meanwhile, UNFPA, WHO, Musasa Project and FACT supported Ministry of Women Affairs in conducting an inception meeting under Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Programme (ZIRP) on improving access to multisectoral services for gender-based violence survivors in Chimanimani.



Health promotion campaigns in ports of entry continues IOM together with Beitbridge district Risk Communication and Community Engagement team on COVID-19 carried out health promotion campaigns among communities during ongoing cattle sales gatherings.

The outreach campaign began on 26 October 2020 and has so far reached a total of 290 (130 males and 160 females) at three sites. The people reached include

traditional leaders, religious leaders, village health workers, vendors and local community members.

Targeted and focus group discussion were held on infection prevention and control in the fight against COVID-19. IEC in the form of posters and flyers was distributed to nearby schools and business centers during the campaigns.



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