

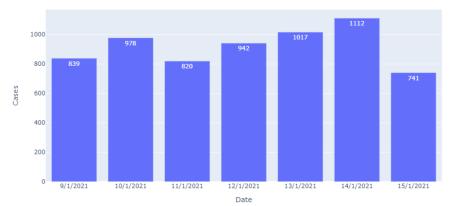


Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

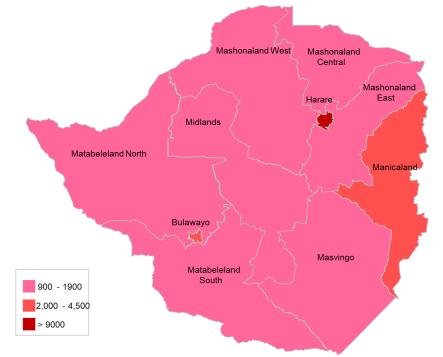
# Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 15 Jan. Source MOHCC



## Cases in the last seven days 9-15 Jan. Source MOHCC



## # of confirmed cases by province, 15 Jan. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	4,255
Harare	9,280
Manicaland	2,335
Mash Central	1,052
Mash East	1,807
Mash West	1,239
Midlands	1,654
Masvingo	1,633
Mat North	955
Mat South	1,899
Total	26,109

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## Supporting Interfaith group to mobilise communities in COVID-19 prevention



decontamination purposes.

# This week the Apostolic Women and Empowerment Trust (AWET) with support from UNICEF rolled out orientation for focal persons in 27 districts to lead Interfaith engagement for COVID-19 behaviour, social change and delivery of essential services.

The interfaith group are working to implement guidance on home isolation for COVID-19 cases, to address burden of care on women and girls and availability of disinfectants for daily use and

### Ramping up food assistance to COVID-19 affected households in urban areas



In response to the surge in COVID-19 cases and the subsequent lockdown that began on 5 January, many people in urban areas who rely on the informal sector have not been able to operate and generate any income.

The UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has allocated £4 million (approx. US\$5.4 million) to support 110,000 food insecure people living in eight urban areas. The programme implemented by the UN's World Food

Programme will deliver monthly cash transfers or electronic vouchers which can be redeemed in supermarkets.

The targeted people for the assistance include the elderly, people with disabilities and childheaded households and families severely impacted by COVID-19.

## Intensifying public information to stem increasing COVID-19 cases



To intensify public information in response to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, this week, UNICEF, WHO and other partners supported the Minister of Health and Child Care to review the national Risk Communication and Community Engagement Strategy and key messages. The review was informed by COVID-19 epidemiological data, behavioural insights gathered through rapid assessments, community

feedback and community engagement activities implemented in 2020.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 weekly update by the National Chief COVID-19 Coordinator with support from UNICEF has resumed on Zimbabwe TV on 8 January. The weekly update is also now accessible on UNICEF's data free <u>#loGTzw</u> platform and the COVID-19 WhatsApp information hub.

In addition, this week, IOM supported the Beitbridge district Risk Communications and Community Engagement team to raise awareness on COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures. A total of 1800 people were reached with messages on adhering to lockdown, wearing masks, social distancing and hygiene.

#### VERIFIED information is critical in the fight against COVID-19



The importance of reliable and relevant information is critical in controlling the spiking COVID-19 cases. Here below are some tips for sourcing and consuming reliable information as well as avoiding dis/misinformation:

Check the credibility of the source.

• Click on supporting sources to see where the information is emanating from and whether the sources provide evidence

based information.

- Consult multiple sources before considering information as factual.
- Check your own biases when looking at information. Consider if your own beliefs could affect your judgement of the information you are taking in (confirmation bias).
- Whenever possible, ask the experts in the field such as health care workers. Beware of false experts who are often used to manipulate information.
- Before sharing or reacting to content, try to think where it comes from, who might benefit from it and who might be hurt from it. Always think before clicking the share or forward button.

Only share information that you know is accurate and from reliable sources. Remember truthful information saves lives and disinformation helps spread COVID-19.



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