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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 05 Feb. Source MOHCC

34,33128,1451,303Positive CasesRecoveriesDeaths

Cases in the last seven days 30 Jan to 05 Feb. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 05 Feb. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	5,005
Harare	12,115
Manicaland	3,480
Mash Central	1,594
Mash East	2,434
Mash West	1,922
Midlands	2,311
Masvingo	2,180
Mat North	1,191
Mat South	2,099
Total	34,331

Strengthening surveillance, case management to stem COVID-19 surge



This week, with generous funding from Africa Development Bank, WHO together with Africa CDC provided support and supervision on the job to rapid response teams in five hospitals in Mashonaland West Province.

The support aimed to strengthen the surveillance, case management and coordination between District and Provincial rapid response teams.

Meanwhile, with financial support from the World Bank through ZIRP, WHO handed over a consignment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and IT equipment at Gutu and Silveira Mission Hospitals in Masvingo Province to assist rural facilities and health workers with adequate PPE in the fight against COVID-19.

Spreading health messages through art



Through the World Bank funded Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Programme (ZIRP), UNICEF in collaboration with GOAL Zimbabwe has embarked on an outdoor media campaign using art murals promoting positive health behaviors in Manicaland, Mashonaland East and Masvingo provinces.

The outdoor media campaign is targeting nearly 2.5 million people, including 400,000 children and almost 200,000 pregnant and lactating women in the three predominantly rural provinces to create dialogue and

raise awareness amongst mothers, caregivers, fathers and communities on promoting health messages and COVID-19 prevention.

"The colors are bright, you can't miss it," said a man buying fuel at an adjacent petrol station. He added, "Protecting the wall and spreading the message at the same time, what a clever way to save lives."

Boosting agricultural production during COVID-19 The United Nations Development Programme



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) managed Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZRBF), funded by European Union, Sweden and UK, is supporting irrigation-based farming to transform agriculture production in Beitbridge district.

A consortium of stakeholders including; International Rescue Committee, Cesvi, Bio Hub and Matopo Research Center are running

various projects under the Program for Growth and Resilience (PROGRESS).

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic challenge, Cesvi's Area Co-ordinator for Beitbridge, Mr Munyaradzi Katemaudzanga said, "Recently 8 400 citrus trees were planted translating to 75 trees per person and the trees are expected to start bearing with an estimated crop yield of 3.5 tonnes/ ha,"

The ZRBF, which began implementation in 2017 targets 840,000 people with on-farm interventions such as small grains, vegetables, citrus and off-farm projects in 18 rural districts .

Tackling socio-economic impact of COVID-19



With funding from the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), IOM launched a Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) and nutritional garden training programme for migrant returnees.

Developed and conducted by Foundations for Farming (FfF), the initiative will equip 1200 targeted beneficiaries with a foundation for commercial vegetable production once they have met their own

nutritional requirements and honed their skills as gardeners.

