



Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

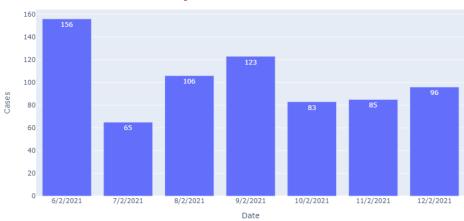
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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 12 Feb. Source MOHCC

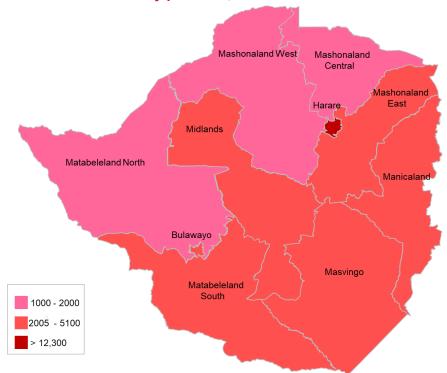
35,045
Positive Cases

29,959 Recoveries **1,393** Deaths

Cases in the last seven days 06 to 12 Feb. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 12 Feb. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	5,088
Harare	12,334
Manicaland	3,635
Mash Central	1,629
Mash East	2,486
Mash West	1,962
Midlands	2,363
Masvingo	2,245
Mat North	1,198
Mat South	2,105
Total	35,045

Addressing COVID-19 infection surge within health workers



This week, WHO supported assessment of health care facilities in Bulawayo and Manicaland Province to determine and address factors surrounding the substantial rate of COVID-19 infection within health workers. With funding from the Government of Germany, the supervision visit's main objective was to improve compliance with COVID-19 precautions with healthcare workers and reduce the incidence of COVID-19 infections amongst healthcare workers in Zimbabwe.

In addition, WHO facilitated integrated support and supervision in Mashonaland East province to strengthen the COVID-19 response in the provinces including risk communication and community engagement, surveillance, laboratory, case management and continued provision of essential health services. The integrated support, funded by the African Development Bank, has enabled to fully investigate all confirmed cases.

Strengthening the last mile food assistance distribution



The recent rains in most parts of the country has affected roads and bridges disrupting the last mile delivery of food assistance.

The World Food Programme (WFP) has erected a mobile storage unit in Chipinge at Tongogara refugee camp to make sure that food is always available for the refugees.

The mobile storage unit has a capacity to stock up to 300 metric tonnes of commodities. The existing infrastructure accommodates Non-Food Items (NFIs) such as detergents and other critical items in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Setting up mobile storage units now allows food to be separated from NFIs, there will be no risk of contaminating the food.

EU-UN Spotlight Initiative provides shelter to survivors of violence



A new shelter to serve survivors of gender-based violence was opened in Mutingwende' under the European Union-funded Spotlight Initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls.

The shelter provides emergency safety services closer to where women and girls are in the district and other surrounding districts. The shelter has admitted 87 survivors, while a total of 348 survivors from Mutingwende' have received support through mobile outreach services conducted by the shelter team.

The Spotlight Initiative is a major collaboration to end all forms of violence against women and girls, supported by the EU and implemented by UN agencies and partners. In Zimbabwe, UNFPA is among the six Spotlight UN agencies; the others are ILO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, and UN Women.

Persons with disabilities experience severe impact of COVID-19



According to recent rapid assessment conducted by UNESCO, income per month for persons with disabilities shrunk by 50% from ZWL 2160.00 (US\$43) per month pre-COVID-19 to ZW1080.00 (US\$13) per month during COVID-19 period. This is against a poverty datum line of ZW 17957.00 (US\$219) per month for a family of five.

The Rapid Assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on Persons with disabilities in Zimbabwe shows that persons

with disabilities experience many challenges brought about and/or worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic and the related lockdown and containment measures.

The assessment found out that due to lockdown regulations, the livelihoods of persons with disabilities have been negatively affected resulting in other social ills such as anxiety and increase in gender-based violence mainly faced by women and girls with disabilities.



































































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