



Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 26 Feb. Source MOHCC

36,044

Positive Cases

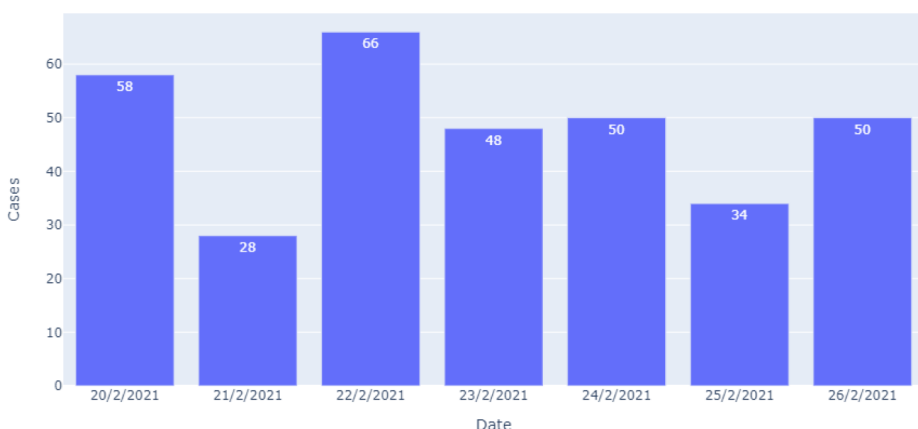
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Recoveries

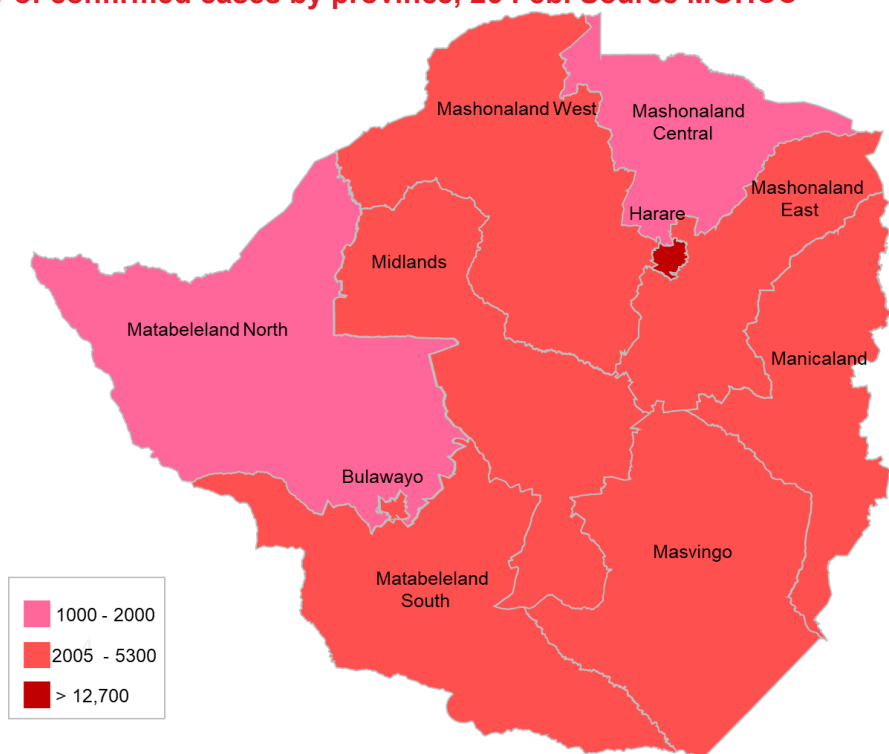
1,463

Deaths

Cases in the last seven days 20 to 26 Feb. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 26 Feb. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	5,272
Harare	12,737
Manicaland	3,691
Mash Central	1,666
Mash East	2,542
Mash West	2,029
Midlands	2,397
Masvingo	2,322
Mat North	1,218
Mat South	2,170
Total	36,044

Scaling up COVID-19 testing in provinces



This week, WHO continued supporting the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MoHCC) scale up phase of the National COVID-19 response laboratory pillar whose main goal is to ensure that the country has rapid access to COVID-19 diagnostic testing.

WHO supported MoHCC train 75 health care workers in Mashonaland East Province on using antigen-detecting rapid diagnostic tests (Ag-RDTs) for COVID-19 to increase the country's COVID19 testing capacity. Testing for COVID-19 remains important in timely detection, isolation and contact tracing to reduce and contain the rapid spread of the virus in Zimbabwe.

“The training enabled us to test patients for COVID-19 at the hospital using the antigen RDT and no longer have to refer people to the provincial hospital. Our community will benefit at large as we will now be testing them at our hospital and provide them their results the same day and this will go a long way in reducing the spread of the virus”, says Perpetua Maradzika, a nurse from Kunaka District Hospital Seke.

Supporting urban communities fight hunger



The health and economic impacts of the COVID19 pandemic have been devastating. The rise in urban hunger has been one of its most tangible symptoms.

Urban hunger has been exacerbated by COVID-19, and the World Food Programme (WFP) together with partners has been supporting Government to reinforce developmental gains achieved in the past

Shrinking disposable income meant less money in people's pockets to buy food while market and supply disruptions due to movement restrictions have created challenges to access food.

Recently Switzerland, through the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) contributed US\$7 million in new funding to assist families living in Zimbabwe's urban areas and to strengthen their skills to cope in the face of economic and climate shocks.

The Government of Japan has also committed US \$4.5 million for emergency food assistance in response to the humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe.

Reintegration support for migrant returnees, vulnerable farmers



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) with support from partners has supported migrant returnees and vulnerable small-scale farmers through the distribution 1525 agricultural kits.

With assistance from the Department of Social Welfare, returnees most in need of reintegration support were identified in Gokwe North and South, Lupane and Hwange.

To prevent migrant returnees from falling further into the crisis as a result of the negative socio-economic impact of COVID-19, IOM had provided this livelihood support tailored to their needs.

Tippy Tap - Promoting handwashing to curb the spread of COVID19



Meet Elton, winner of the UNDP supported 2020 Virtual Start-Up Tour Bus and co-founder of the Tippy Tap foot operated hand washing device.

As one of the competition finalists, Elton received funds to scale up the business operations and production has doubled in the past few months.

The Tippy Tap product idea, conceived by two entrepreneurs from Gokwe, is now being used to help curb the spread of COVID19.



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