



Weekly UN in Zimbabwe Update

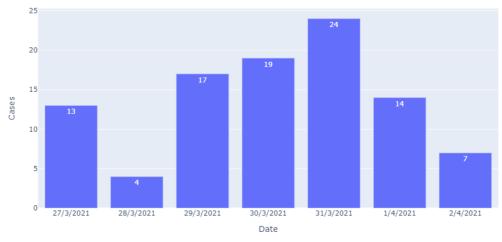
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Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 02 April. Source MOHCC

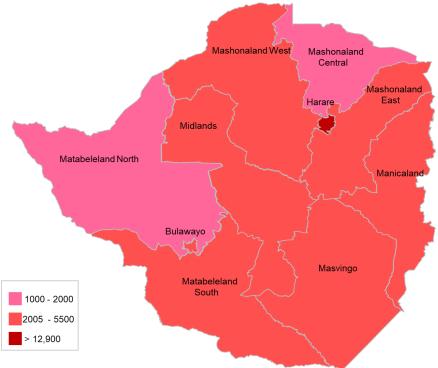
36,903 Positive Cases

34,708 Recoveries **1,524** Deaths

Cases in the last seven days 27 March to 02 April. Source MOHCC



of confirmed cases by province, 02 April. Source MOHCC



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Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	5,480
Harare	12,977
Manicaland	3,770
Mash Central	1,705
Mash East	2,574
Mash West	2,065
Midlands	2,444
Masvingo	2,388
Mat North	1,272
Mat South	2,228
Total	36,903

Mushroom-growing means independence for women farmers



The COVID-19 pandemic has increased prevalence of urban hunger over the past year Zimbabwe. According to Government estimates, around half of all residents of urban areas — some 2.2 million people — go to bed hungry every night.

has been complementing humanitarian assistance through cash grants to build skills within communities to enhance their food security.

In Epworth, a suburb on the eastern outskirts of Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, money Zimbabwe's capital,

received from WFP has enabled a group of women to set up a mushroom farm. Mushroom farming provides both a source of nutrition and income to these vulnerable households beyond the cash assistance programme.

To date, WFP, through Denmark's DanChurchAid and the Future of Hope Foundation, has trained more than 700 women in mushroom production.

Enhancing media coverage on women's resilience



The visibility of issues on women's resilience during COVID-19 pandemics and other during disasters was dwarfed by media coverage of topics related to their survival.

"In the last year, women's voices commenting on withstanding hardships and building resilience peaked at only 25%", read an assessment report by Media Zimbabwe during the webinar held in partnership with United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP) - Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZRBF) and UN Women. "Furthermore, only 4% of the media coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 focused on women", added the report as it pointed to the massive under-representation of women's voices.

Despite a wide array of activities that are currently underway to ensure women are on the frontline, forecasts in the media have not fully portrayed the role of women in protecting development gains. UNDP's interaction with rural women has revealed that young femaleheaded households are particularly vulnerable to shocks and stresses, as their mobility and livelihood options are limited to the burden of caring for younger siblings in the home.

The media webinar attended by over 70 media practitioners across the country discussed ways to mainstream women's resilience issues in reporting to advance their issues and protect their welfare and livelihoods.



Commonwealth Development Office/UK Aid, IOM Zimbabwe is undertaking activities under a regional project which seeks to support Informal Cross Border Traders to do business safely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Chirundu this week, our team distributed PPE, thermometers, COVID-19 prevention kits including sanitizers, masks, gloves as well as washing facilities management systems for front-line officials,

cross border traders, points of entry and border markets. Front-line officials and informal cross border traders received training on COVID-19 infection and control and trade facilitation.











































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