



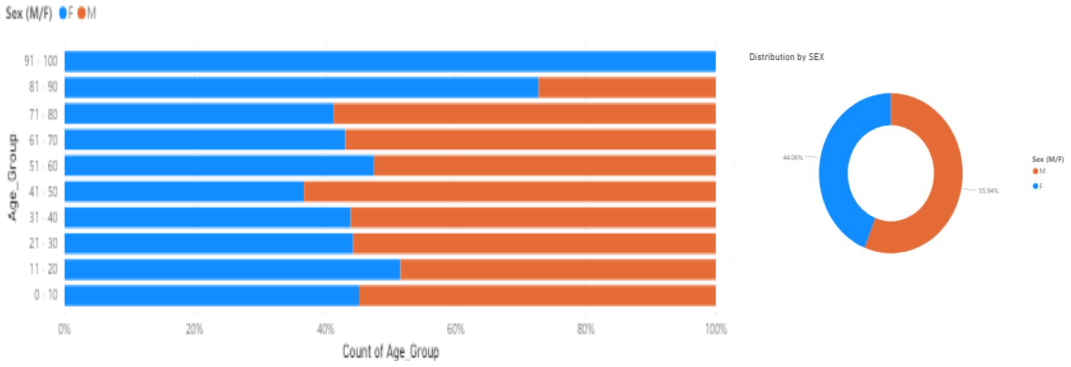
Figures on COVID-19 in Zimbabwe, 14 August. Source MOHCC

**5,072**  
Positive Cases

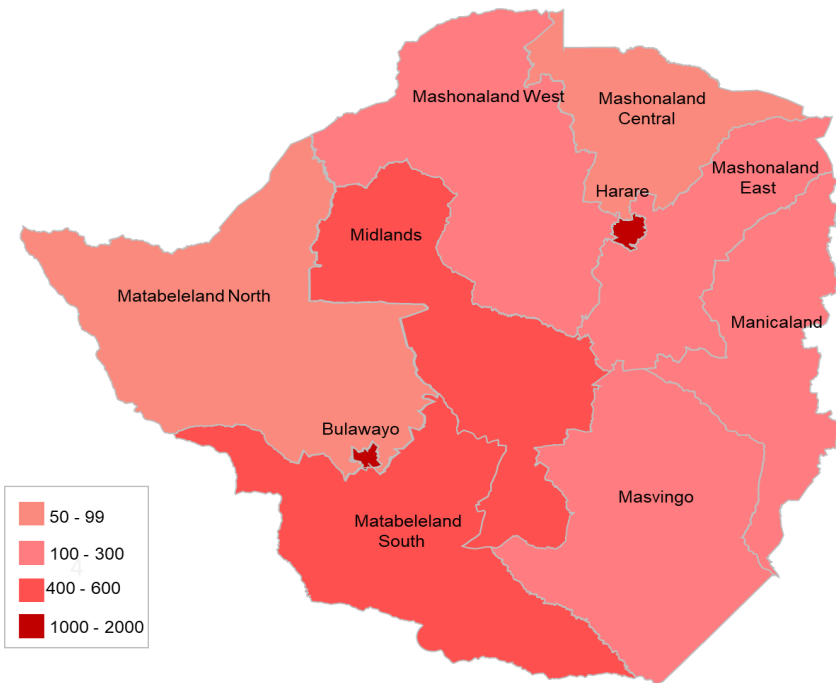
**1,998**  
Recoveries

**128**  
Deaths

Cases distribution by age group and sex, 14 August. Source MOHCC



# of confirmed cases by province, 14 August. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	1170
Harare	1947
Manicaland	285
Mash Central	66
Mash East	256
Mash West	156
Midlands	460
Masvingo	129
Mat North	96
Mat South	507
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,072</b>

## Ensuring schools are safe to reopen



As schools worldwide struggle with reopening, the latest [WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme \(JMP\) report issued on 13 August, identifies several resources necessary for COVID-19 prevention and control in schools](#), including 10 immediate actions and safety checklists. The report reveals in the least developed countries, 7 out of 10 schools lack basic handwashing facilities and half of schools lack basic sanitation and water services.

It builds on guidelines on the safe reopening of schools issued by UNESCO, UNICEF, WFP and the World Bank with practical advice for national and local authorities on how to prepare for safe school reopening and keep children safe when they return to school. The guidelines include several WASH-related protocols on hygiene measures, use of personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfection, as well as providing access to clean water, handwashing stations with soap, and safe toilets.

The report stresses that governments seeking to control the spread of COVID-19 must balance the need for implementation of public health measures versus the associated social and economic impacts of lockdown measures.

Evidence of the negative impacts of prolonged school closures on children's safety, wellbeing and learning are well-documented, the report says.

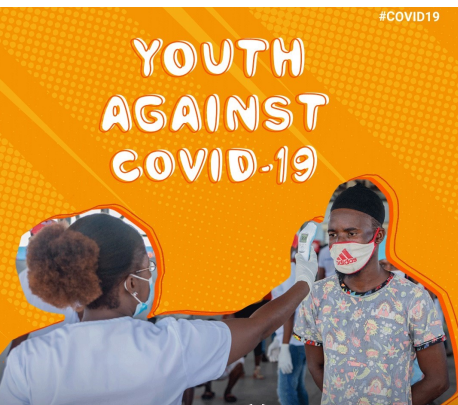
## Health promotion integrates COVID-19 risk communications, community engagement



This week WHO and UNICEF supported the MoHCC with the training of 177 Environmental Health and Health Promotion Officers from 59 districts on integrated COVID-19 Risk Communication and Community Engagement.

The trainings were held concurrently in Kadoma and Harare. WHO also supported the integrated Infection Prevention and Control trainings in Mashonaland East province covering four of the nine districts. Meanwhile, WHO delivered 8000 dry swabs and 8000 falcon tubes for the corresponding viral transport mediums (VTMs) as well as 10,200 sample collection kits (Swabs with VTMs) to NatPharm.

## Mobilizing youth in the fight against COVID-19



UNFPA rolled-out #YouthAgainstCOVID19 social media campaign on 12 August coinciding with the commemoration of International Youth Day.

Young people, many of them through their youth networks, were invited to join tweetathon by sharing their engagement and contributions in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic through videos, pictures or posts on International Youth Day, throughout the week and will continue until end of August.

The interaction and engagement on social media was encouraging as young people also shared information raising awareness on young people's sexual and reproductive health. One of the major challenges highlighted during the Tweetathon was accessing services.



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