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



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



of confirmed cases by province, 26 March. Source MOHCC



Province	Number of cases
Bulawayo	5,457
Harare	12,948
Manicaland	3,768
Mash Central	1,699
Mash East	2,569
Mash West	2,060
Midlands	2,442
Masvingo	2,378
Mat North	1,259
Mat South	2,225
Total	36,805

Increasing access to services for safer motherhood



The Apostolic Women Empowerment Trust (AWET), one of UNICEF's key partners, is providing support through engaging hesitant communities to address social norms that hinder young women and girls from the uptake of Maternal Neonatal Child Health (MNCH) services.

With the presence of qualified and experienced birth attendants and health workers embedded in these hesitant communities, safe deliveries are now possible for mothers. Recently over

7,600 pregnant women reached with health education activities in Mashonaland Central.

UNICEF has been supporting the MNCH services under the Health Development Fund, funded by the EU, UK Aid, Sweden, Irish Aid and Gavi. The Health Development Fund has been instrumental in improving facilities, training the health workers, and providing essential medicines and medical supplies. Under the Health Development Fund, AWET has also been working on changing behaviors in skeptical communities around COVID-19 prevention and prevention of Gender-Based Violence.

Supporting holistic services to address sexual, gender-based violence



Under the Zimbabwe Idai Recovery Programme (ZIRP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) have been providing critical lifesaving services to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence with mobile outreach clinics.

Services provided through the mobile outreach clinics

include:

- Health promotional services covering prevention and control of communicable diseases,
- and promoting water, hygiene and sanitation.
- Preventive services such as immunization, antenatal and post-natal care, family planning, and growth monitoring.
- Screening services, including diabetic screening, BP screening among other services.

The mobile one stop centres have been instrumental in reaching survivors in marginalized and rural communities, particularly during the COVID-19 lockdown.



Back to school with access to clean, safe water One of the most important things during the Covid-19 pandemic is the provision of clean and safe water.

> World Food Programme assists the Government in policy formulation, a water source development programme and an initiative to supply clean, fresh and safe water to schools in Zvishavane, Mt. Darwin, Mbire, Mudzi and Binga Districts.

> Chipo, one of the students who returned to school recently says she wants to be a doctor when she grows up and staying

at home made it clear why she wishes to be in that profession. "I am glad to be back at school and the good news is we now have clean and safe water at the school. Water is life and it is important because to avoid the spread of COVID 19 we need to wash our hands," she said.

Raising awareness on migration during COVID-19



With funding support from the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (UKAid), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is running a series of radio campaigns targeted at migrants and migration affected communities during COVID-19 during COVID-19.

The radio programmes are part of a wider project supporting migrant returnees affected by the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

The series currently broadcasted on Star FM, Capitalk FM, Nyami Nyami FM and Diamond FM helps listeners understand migration drivers and explores the impact that COVID-19 has had on mobility and migration.

The programme also explores the impact of fake news related to COVID-19 and how it can breed stigmatization and social exclusion of returning migrants in their home communities.

