Zimbabwe has been trying to mobilise resources to respond in the best way possible to the devastating social and economic effects of the coronavirus. The Zimbabwe COVID-19 resource tracker is a civil society initiative by ZIMCODD to keep track of all resources pledged, received and utilised by the government of Zimbabwe in the COVID-19 response. ZIMCODD notes with concern that accountability for these resources is equally important as the resources themselves. This tracker has been developed to strengthen transparency and accountability by the government on COVID-19 resources while empowering citizens with information to hold the government to account on allocation and utilisation of COVID-19 resources. The tracker is updated on a weekly basis to show pledge holders, honoured, resources received and resources expended.

### Major Concerns

- The porous nature of Zimbabwe’s public finance management system and the immunity of corrupt public officials who are faced with allegations of abuse of office and misappropriation of COVID-19 and other public funds is a key concern for Zimbabwean citizens.

- Citizens continue to lament state capture which has greatly undermined the rule of law and supremacy of the constitution in as far as COVID-19 procurement is concerned.

- The state of the country’s preparedness in terms of the capacity and infrastructure of health institutions is very worrying given the surging Coronavirus confirmed cases including local transmissions. Equally worrying is the continued industrial action by frontline health workers owing to low wages and poor working conditions.

- The absence of meaningful and effective social safety nets from the government to cushion the vulnerable who have been hard hit by the ravaging Coronavirus is a cause for concern. The delayed disbursement and limited reach of the safety nets package further exposed the government’s inefficacy and killed public confidence in the system.

- Government should exercise transparency and accountability in managing resources earmarked for the fight against COVID-19. This must include: Efficient, open and accountable procurement; Disclosure of beneficial owners of all companies awarded COVID-19 contracts; and prosecution of those who abuse public offices.

- Respect, implement and abide by the provisions of the supreme constitution. Government to invest in genuine efforts to curb corruption so as to restore public confidence.

- Channel resources towards strengthening the capacity and infrastructure of health institutions nationwide and improve the working conditions of health personnel and other key demands they have to increase readiness and capacity to manage COVID-19 cases.

- The Government must expedite the implementation of social protection measures to cushion vulnerable citizens who have lost sources of livelihood. The government should not only allocate resources but timely disburse funds considering the hyperinflationary environment.

### Recommendations to the Government