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**PROJECTED NEED**

US$388,500,000.00

**THIS WEEK**

- **PLEDGES**
  - GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE: US$4,850,288.00
  - TREASURY: US$25,000.00
  - SOCIAL SAFETY FUND: US$500,000.00
  - DISASTER FUND: US$24,000,000.00
  - CHINESE EMBASSY: US$150,000.00
  - SWEDISH EMBASSY: US$25,000,000.00
  - EMBASSIES: 100%
  - GLOBAL FUND: US$45,000,000.00
  - EUROPEAN UNION: US$17,789,611.00
  - THE US PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF: US$200,000.00
  - WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME: US$7,000,000.00
  - ILO: US$200,000.00
  - INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS: US$40,000,000.00
  - UNITED NATIONS: US$1,087,000.00
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- **HONOURED PLEDGES**
  - GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE: US$38,172,000.00
  - TREASURY: US$25,000.00
  - SOCIAL SAFETY FUND: US$25,000.00
  - DISASTER FUND: US$45,000,000.00
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- **AMOUNT SPENT**
  - GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE: US$635,926.00
  - TREASURY: US$0.00
  - SOCIAL SAFETY FUND: US$0.00
  - DISASTER FUND: US$0.00
  - CHINESE EMBASSY: US$0.00
  - SWEDISH EMBASSY: US$0.00
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• Resuscitate and reform the health service delivery system to address the capacity, equipment and infrastructure gaps in the public health sector, lack of availability of safe and clean water and deplorable sanitation infrastructure is exposing citizens to more infectious diseases.

• Strengthen oversight and accountability institutions and anticorruption agencies to alleviate the abuse of COVID-19 earmarked resources.

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• The deplorable state of public service delivery in Zimbabwe is a cause for concern in the COVID-19 context. The crippled health sector, lack of availability of safe and clean water and deplorable sanitation infrastructure is exposing citizens to more infectious diseases.

• Citizens have condemned the lack of transparency and accountability in COVID-19 resource allocation and expenditure in both central and local government level which has been the breeding ground for corruption, resource leakages, abuses and mismanagement of COVID-19 earmarked resources.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

• Strengthen oversight and accountability institutions and anticorruption agencies to alleviate the abuse of COVID-19 earmarked resources.

• To prioritise effective public service delivery as it plays a greater role in protecting citizens from the deadly coronavirus. This will ensure that citizens’ right to quality healthcare, safe and portable water are guaranteed.

• Drawing lessons from South Africa, the government must disclose and publish all the beneficial owners of the companies that own COVID-19 related contracts in order to track down on corruption.

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