



COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

OVERVIEW

The second wave of COVID-19 is hitting hard in the country with a spike in infection and death cases. Zimbabwe like other countries, has continued to put in place measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19 and to avert the effects of the pandemic on the economy and its citizens. As such, from the 5th of January 2021, Zimbabwe entered into a 30-day level 4 lockdown, to curb the spread of the pandemic. Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19 in the best way possible. Among other efforts, the government in the 2021 national budget has set aside ZWL7 billion to recruit more health personnel, procure PPEs, testing kits and sundries required in fighting COVID-19. The government has also budgeted ZWL3.5 billion to cushion 500 000 vulnerable households whose beneficiaries comprise the informal sector, returning residents and children living in the streets. The COVID-19 resources tracker is a ZIMCODD initiative to keep track of all resources pledged, received and utilised by the Government of Zimbabwe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to date. The aim of the COVID-19 resources Tracker is 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 pledges honoured, resources received and resources expended.



THIS WEEK

PLEDGES



US\$0.00

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$14,500,000.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$15,093,065.00

TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$653,891,159.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

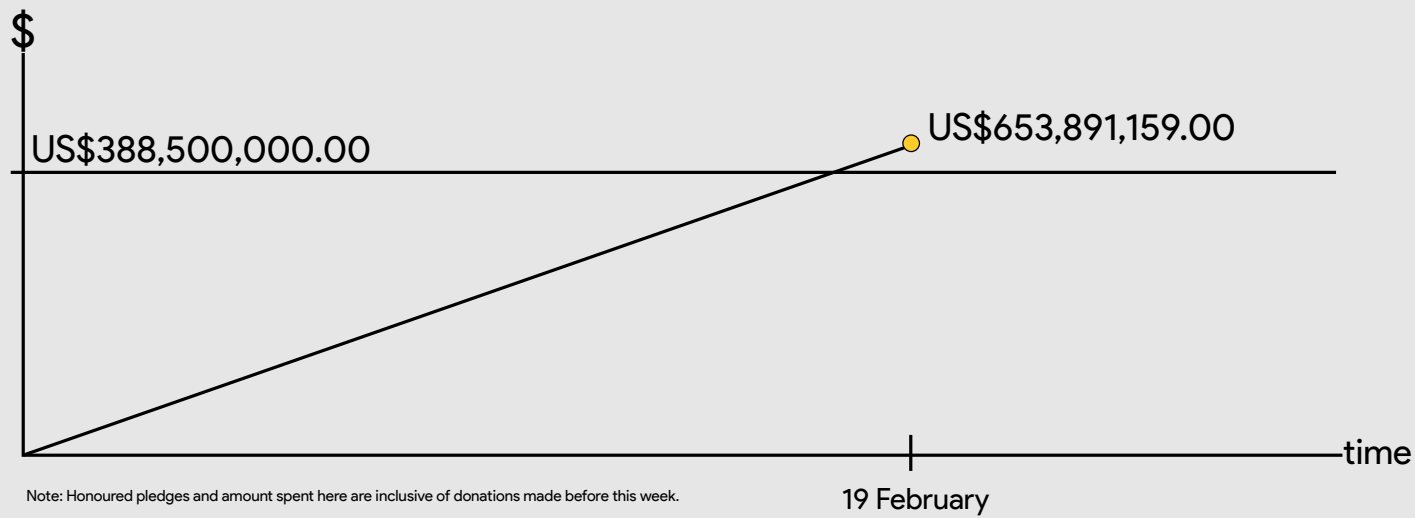


US\$488,231,492.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$282,344,503.00



Illustrated below are sources of the resources pledged, honoured and utilised, All other forms of contributions have been converted into monetary value. All currencies were converted to USD at Government of Zimbabwe interbank rate. Percentage (%) indicates resources utilized

GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE

TREASURY	US\$100,000,000.00	
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

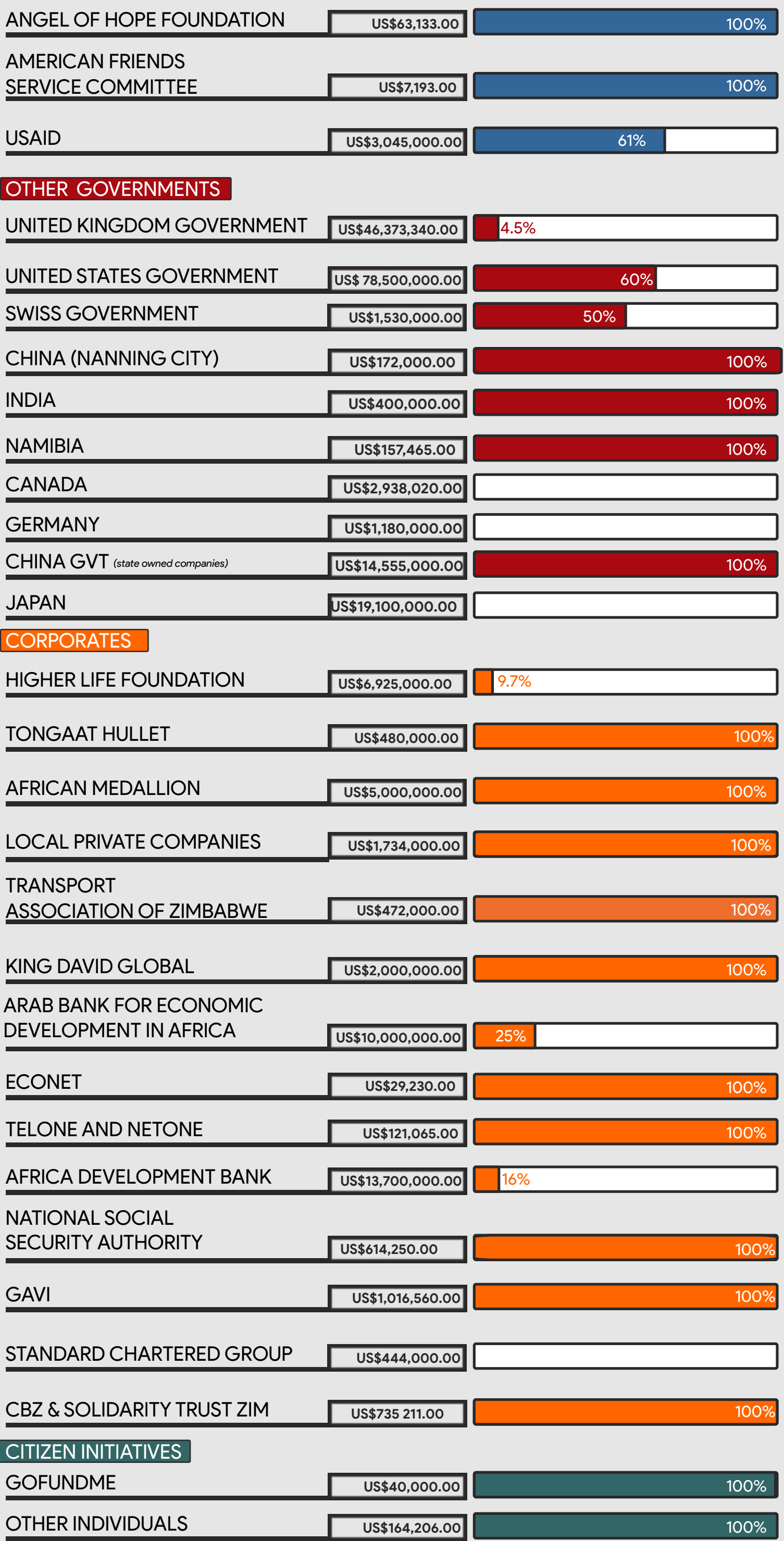
EMBASSIES

SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

GLOBAL FUND	US\$49,000,000.00	92%
EUROPEAN UNION	US\$45,000,000.00	88%
FAO	US\$1,000,000.00	
THE US PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS RELIEF	US\$150,000.00	100%
UNITED NATIONS	US\$17,789,611.00	77.5%
ILO	US\$20,000.00	
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME	US\$5,250,000.00	100%
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS	US\$200,000.00	90%
WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION	US\$40,000.00	100%
UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	US\$4,153,940.00	100%
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION	US\$7,000,000.00	
WORLD BANK	US\$7,400,000.00	32.4%
CHINESE FOUNDATION	US\$5,000,000.00	100%

Note: Projected Need was calculated using ZIMCODD financial modelling
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MAJOR CONCERNS

It is commendable that the government, through the post cabinet briefing meeting this Tuesday, confirmed the 61% dominance of the new South African COVID-19 variant in Zimbabwe and for publishing the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out program. This new variant spreads faster and has a higher fatality rate and this underscores the need for vigilance on the part of the government in securing the much needed COVID-19 vaccines to get the country out of the current predicament. This however, presents a set of challenges including the following:

- Zimbabwe is targeting to achieve a head immunity of 10million people however, the proposed roll out plan projects segmentation where government is targeting at the first level the frontline workers i.e. those in the security sector, health sectors, ZIMRA and immigration officials constituting only about +/-8% of the population thereby leaving out the over 90% of the population who are outside formal employment.
- Historically, government programmes in Zimbabwe have been marred with partisan and exclusionary biases. Citizens are therefore concerned that if the vaccination programme is not systematically tracked and monitored, politicization of the vaccines will water-down the government's efforts in fighting the virus.
- The country is grappling not only the COVID-19 pandemic but together with a multi-layered socio-economic challenges. Citizens therefore lament the lack of a clear strategy on how the government intends to balance COVID-19 financing against a pool of other social and economic challenges.
- Public mistrust stemming from lack of transparency by the government is a key issue of concern for citizens given the massive vaccine procurements to be incurred against a backdrop of weak institutional and accountability mechanisms, a weak political will and a weaker culture of integrity.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- A clear vaccine roll-out strategy that ensures inclusivity and accessibility of the vaccine by all should be devised to ensure achievement of a just vaccination programme for all. As such, all national accountability institutions and institutions already deployed in the mitigation of COVID-19 should work together for this to be achievable.
- Leadership is critical to help the country navigate through this complex situation. A clear strategy involving both immediate and long-term interventions are employed to ensure that resources are effectively allocated to address the competing demands.
- The Executive should publish how it's sourcing and spending COVID-19 resources through a government gazette. This calls for the government to publicly disclose all grants, all procurements and all contracts. The role of the parliament is critical in this context to ensure there is fiscal scrutiny.



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