



COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

OVERVIEW

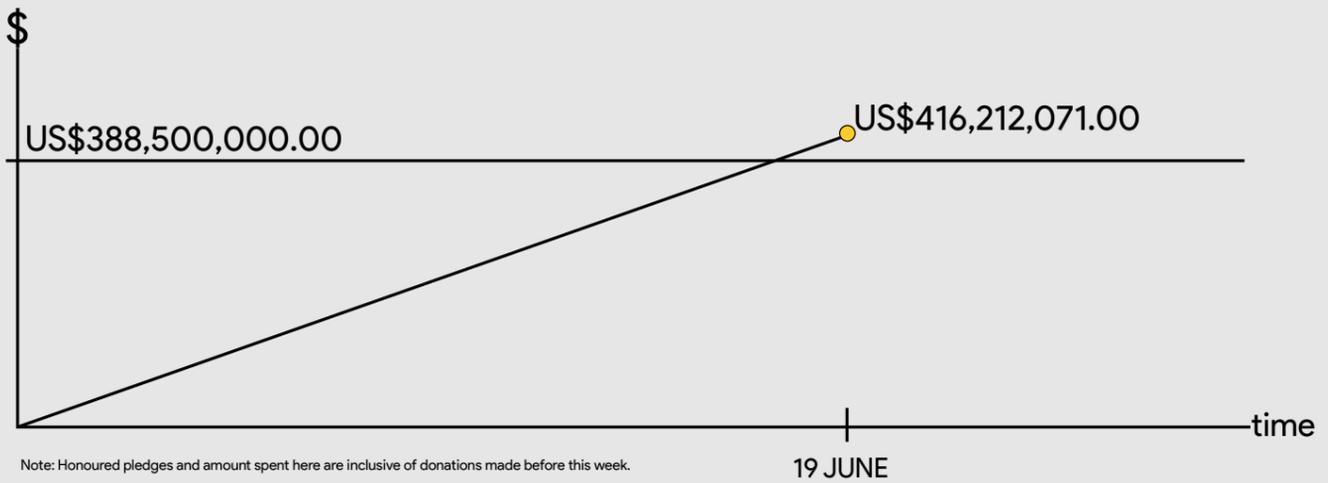
Zimbabwe has been trying to mobilise resources to respond in the best way possible to the devastating social and economic effects of corona virus. The Zimbabwe COVID-19 resource tracker is a civil society initiative by ZIMCODD to keep track of all resources pledged, received and utilised by the government 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 pledges honoured, resources received and resources expended.



THIS WEEK



TOTALS



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

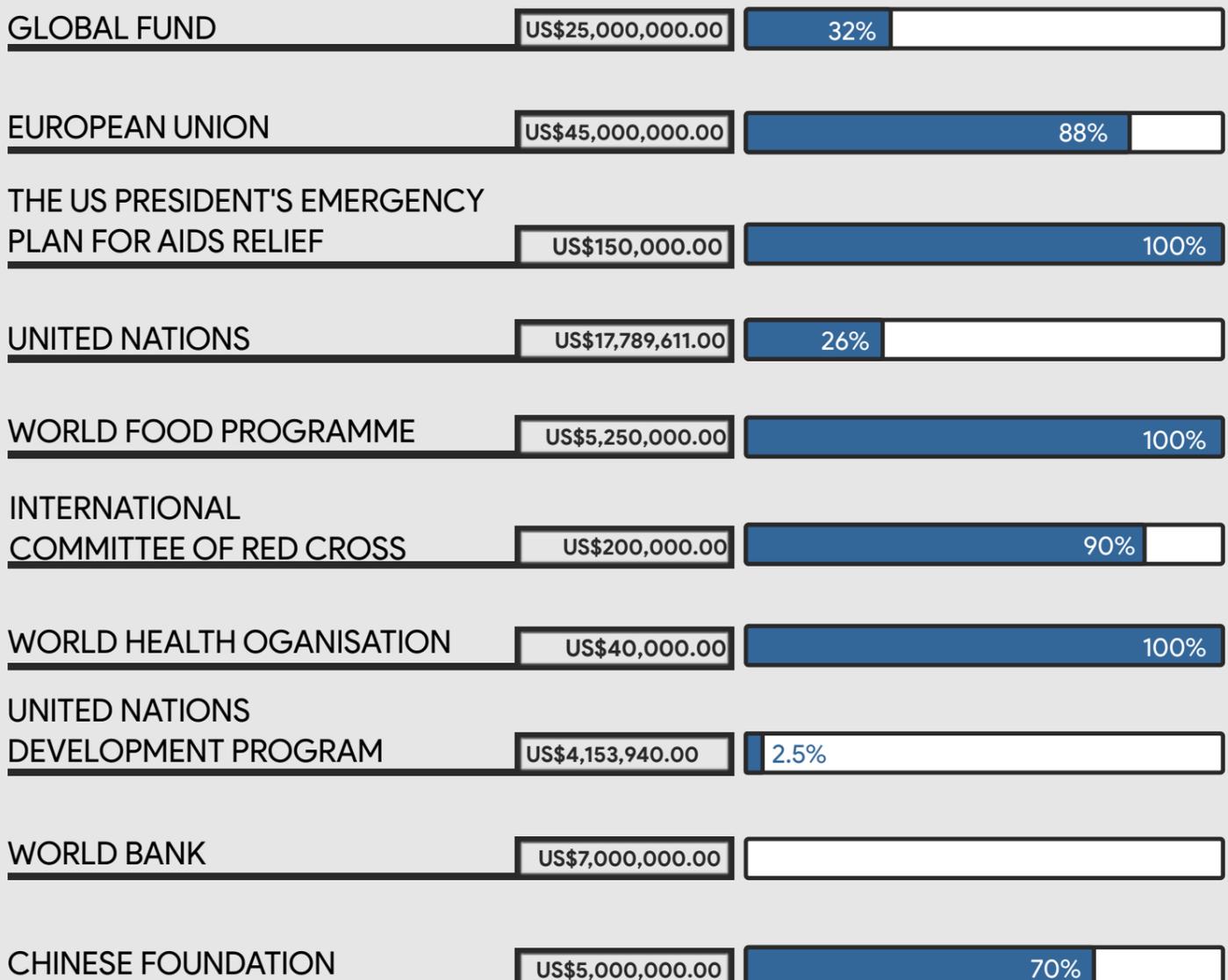
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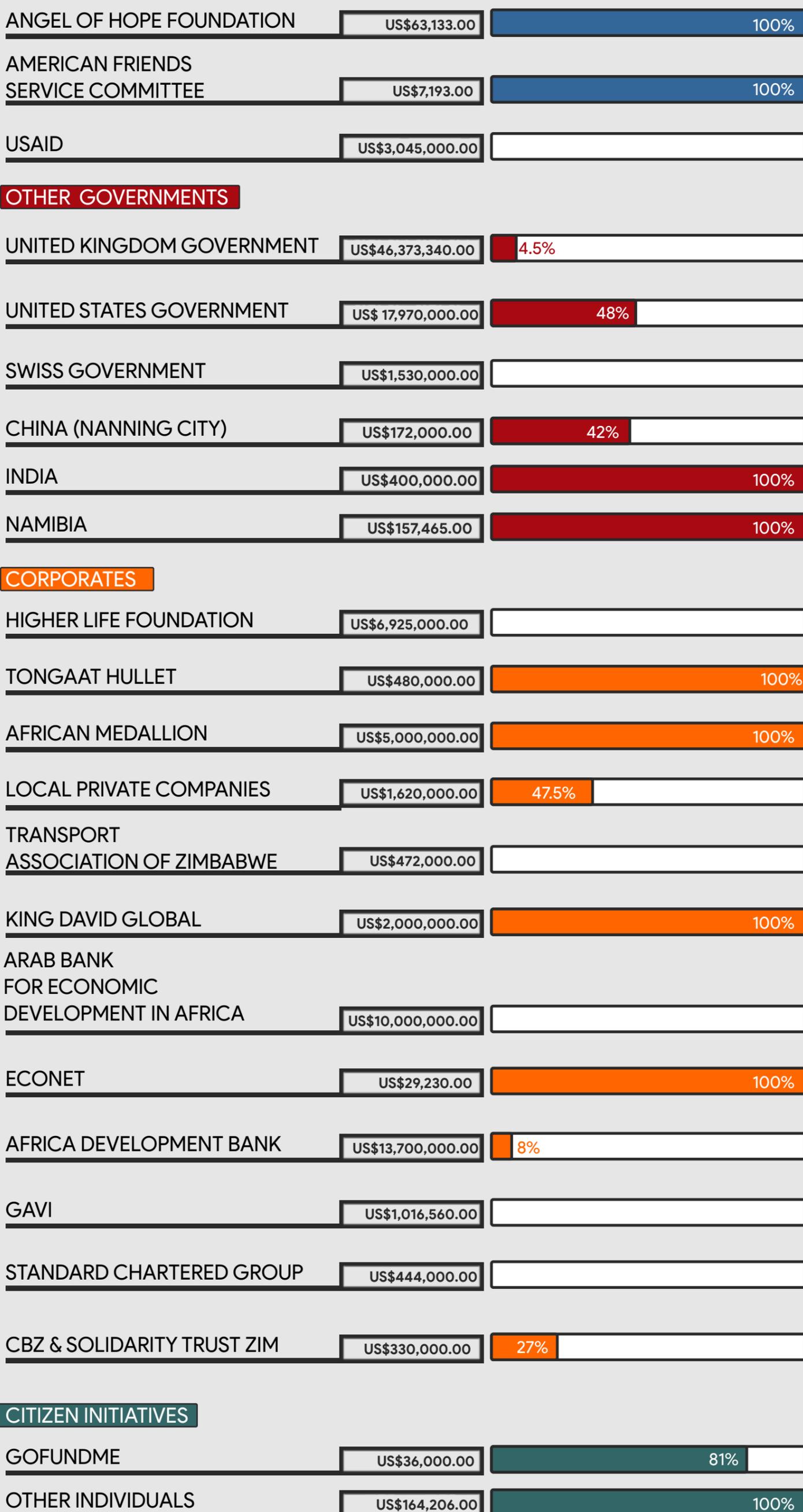
EMBASSIES



DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES



Note: Projected Need was calculated using ZIMCODD financial modelling.
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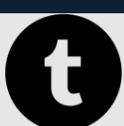
- Citizens are concerned about the allegations of abuse of COVID-19 funds, weak procurement processes characterised by price gouging, skewed procurement and limited systems of checks and balances within government in COVID-19 procurement.
- Public finance management continue to be marred by government profligacy, lack of fiscal prudence, political polarisation and organised criminal activity at the highest level as exposed by the successive reports by the Auditor-General's Office and parliamentary portfolio committees on how public institutions and individuals plunder public resources including donations in the COVID-19 discourse.
- These evils continue to threaten the key facets of transparency, accountability and integrity in the management of public funds thereby violating principles of good public finance management as codified in section 298 of the supreme constitution.
- Citizens also bemoan the lack of protection of whistle-blowers in a bid to fight grand corruption in COVID-19 procurement.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- Enhance transparency and accountability in administering of COVID-19 funds and public finance expenditure during the COVID-19 crisis. This should entail efficient and accountable procurement and overall value for money. The government should track and report all emergency response expenditure according to standard financial reporting systems.
- Set up electronic procurement system (e-procurement) for COVID-19 and other public procurement systems to curb corruption and illicit financial flows. This should be linked to the recently launched Africa Medical Supplies online Platform to allow for transparent regional integration on COVID-19 procurement.
- Draw lessons from countries like Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya which have successfully established online open contracting systems so as to advance transparency and accountability in COVID-19 procurement.
- Enact a fit-for-purpose whistle-blowers legislation to guarantee the protection of whistle blowers so as to promote safeguarding of COVID-19 resources.
- Strengthen the oversight and anticorruption agencies to alleviate the abuse of COVID-19 earmarked resources. Such institutions include the Parliament of Zimbabwe, Procurement Regulatory Authority of Zimbabwe (PRAZ), Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) and the Competition Tariff Commission.
- Due process of the law should take its course on all that fall victim of siphoning public funds for personal gain.



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