



# 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\$124,043,000.00

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$124,043,000.00

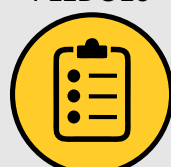
AMOUNT SPENT



US\$20,043,000.00

## TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$639,341,159.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

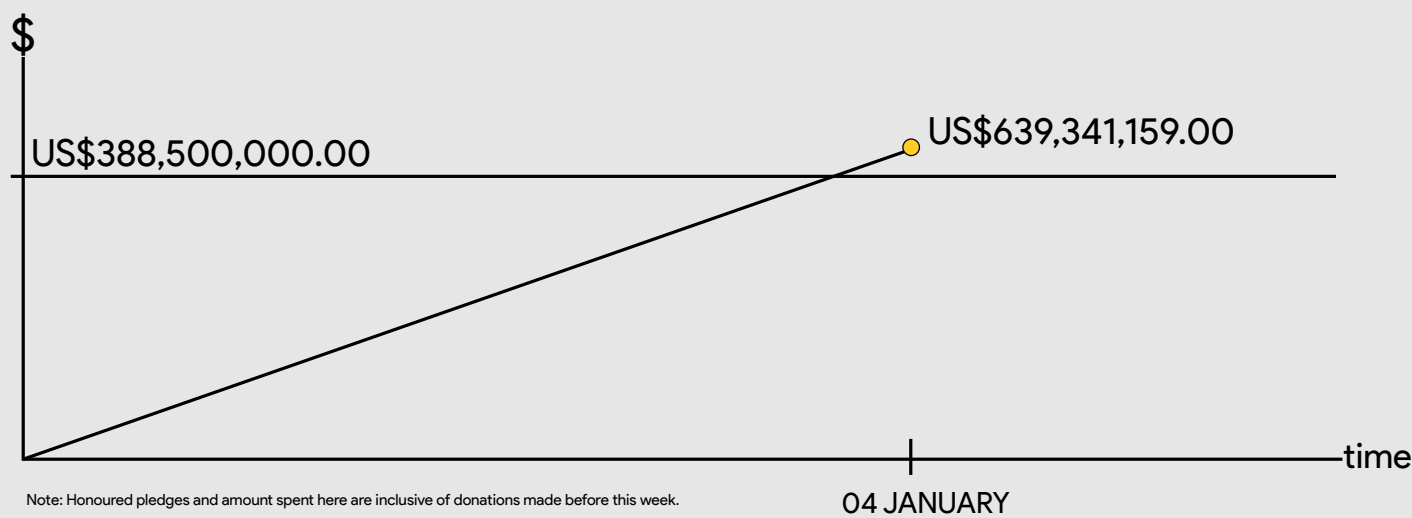


US\$473,681,4922.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$267,251,438.00



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	

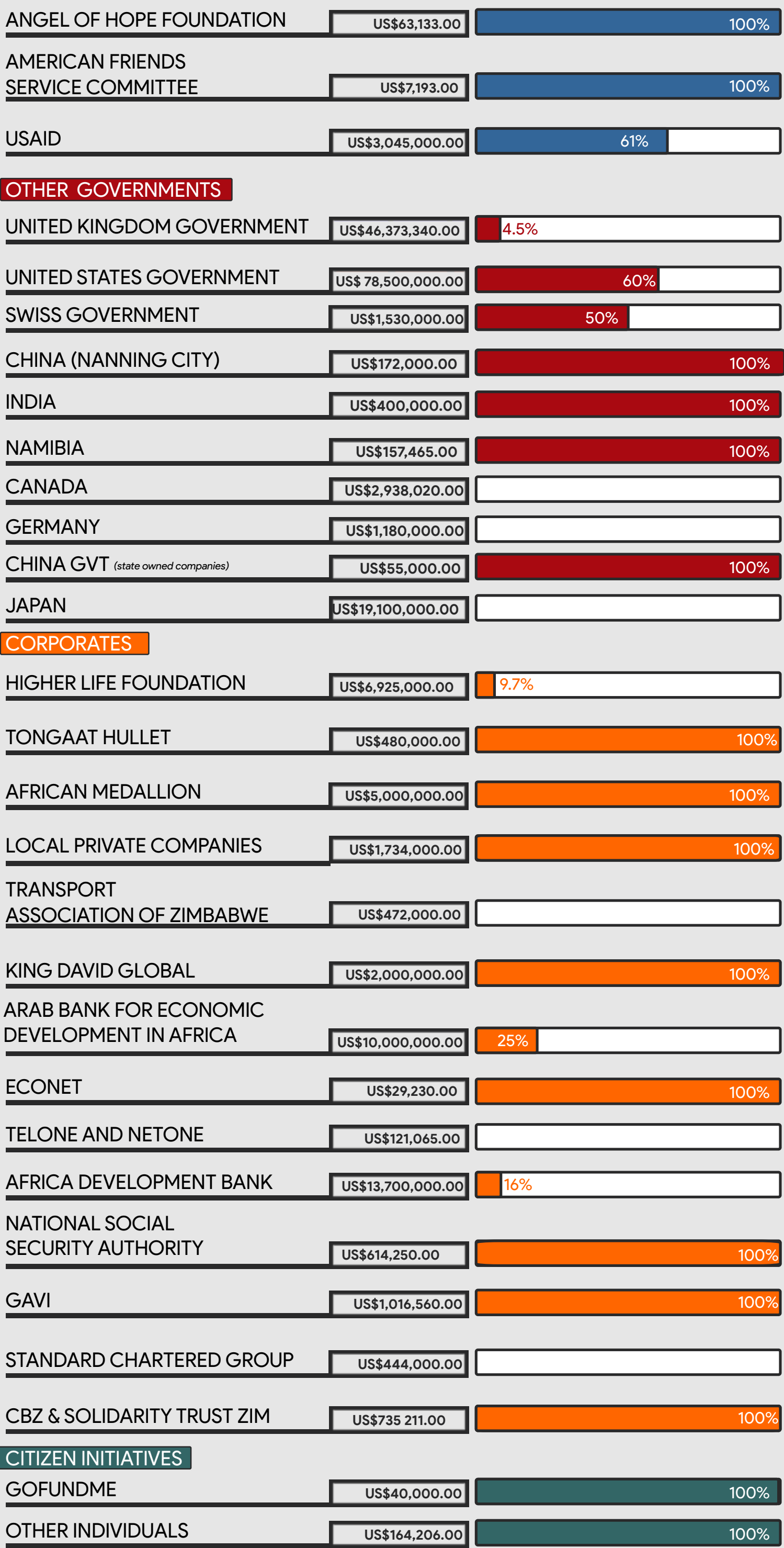
## EMBASSIES

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  
Find the projection at: <http://imcodd.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Response-Mechanism.pdf>



## MAJOR CONCERNS

- While government efforts are commendable in securing US\$100 million for the procurement of 20 million vaccines targeting approximately 10 million people, endemic corruption continues to be a major cause for concern as it cripples the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Zimbabwe still ranks poorly on the Corruption Perception Index with a ranking of number 157 out of 180 countries as revealed by the 2020 CPI report
- The Minister of Finance and Economic Development Minister has recently announced that "all donated vaccines will be made available for free to citizens of Zimbabwe." However, citizens bemoan the absence of a clear and inclusive roll out plan for the vaccine which should ensure that the most vulnerable receive the vaccine.
- Citizens applaud the Ministry of Public Service Labour and Social Welfare for upward revision of the Cash Transfer Programme amount from the initial ZWL\$200 to ZWL\$1500 by January 2021. Citizens are however, concerned that before the revised amount is disbursed to cushion the vulnerable, the hyperinflationary environment has since eroded this amount which still falls short of acquiring the basic commodities for most families.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- The government needs to assure the country that corruption will not undermine procurement processes as well as the official distribution channels. The oversight role of the parliament becomes very critical in ensuring the safeguards are in place to plug corruption, diversion and misappropriation associated with procurement procedures especially in these disaster contexts.
- For an inclusive roll out plan, there is need for the government to conduct public consultative meetings to garner public opinion and buy-in into proposed vaccine selection, procurement and roll-out plans. Tied to this is the need for the government to timely share all relevant information pertaining to the developments around the vaccine including a detailed roll-out plan.
- The government should provide meaningful safety nets to the vulnerable to cushion them against high inflation. The cash transfer should be pegged above the poverty datum line or at least seek to match the Total Consumption Poverty Line which has been estimated by ZIMSTAT at ZWL\$4 987.00 for January 2021.



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