



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\$23,144,194.00

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$52,216,675.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$15,296,675.00

TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$677,035,353.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

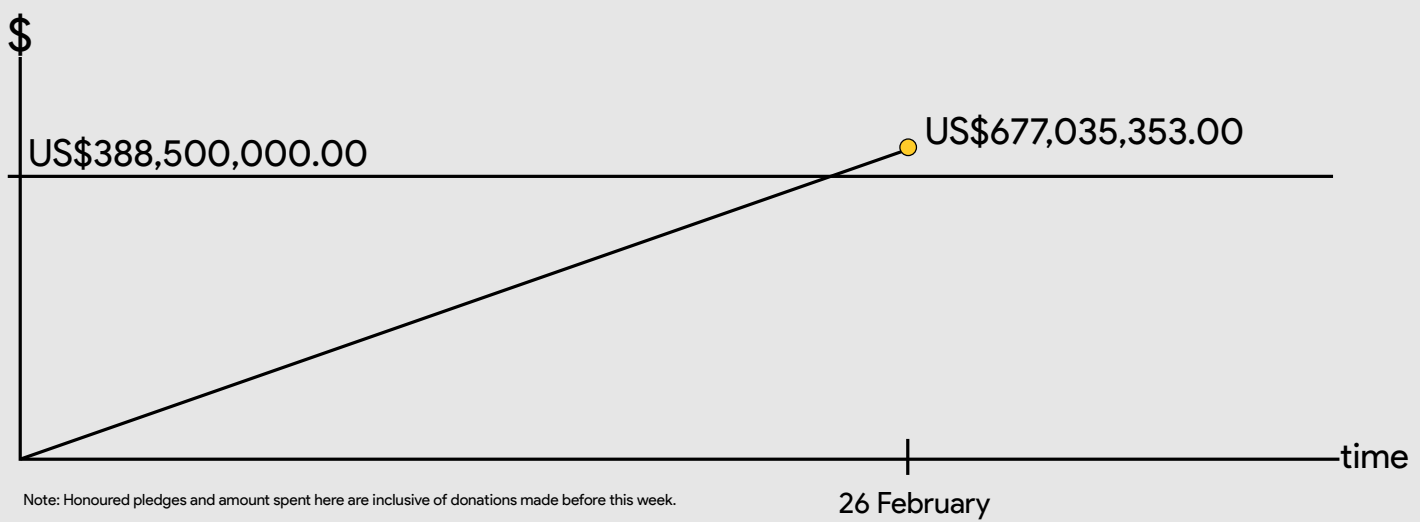


US\$540,448,167.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$283,141,178.00



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	43.5%
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

EMBASSIES

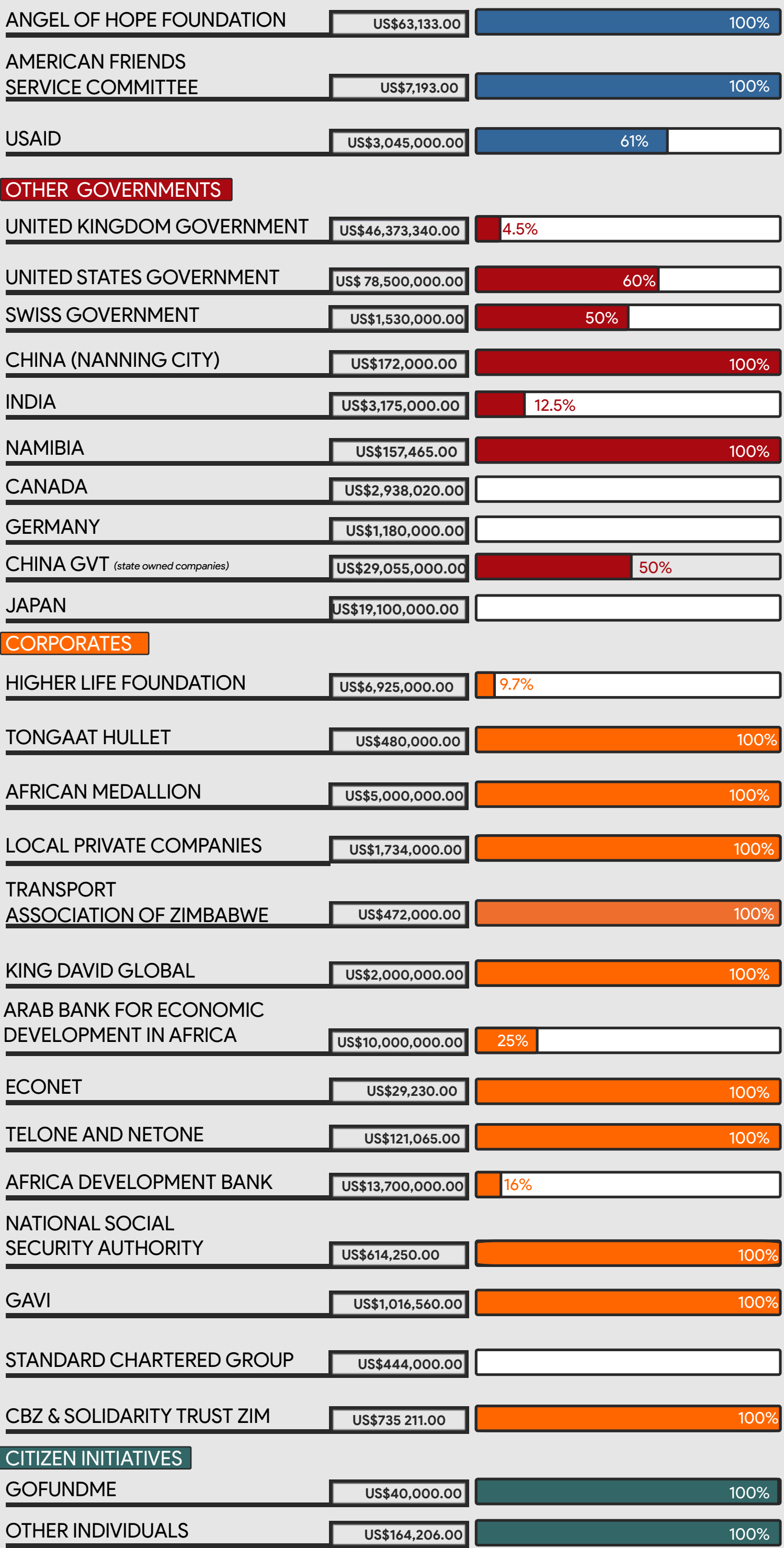
SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

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>



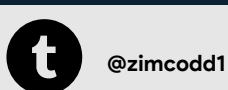
MAJOR CONCERNS

The government is commended for launching its COVID-19 vaccination programme on 18 February 2021 and has since embarked on the decentralised distribution and administration of the vaccines to healthcare professionals in pursuit of the 10million citizens herd immunity goal. However, the following key issues of concern continue to be worrisome:

- Public procurement processes are particularly vulnerable to corruption and resource leakages in Zimbabwe. This is evidenced by the case involving the Principal Director of Epidemiology and Disease Control, Dr. Portia Manangazira. It is alleged that Dr. Manangazira illegally facilitated the recruitment and training of 28 family members as Community Health Workers and authorized the procurement of goods worth US\$280 529 without following due process. Dr. Manangazira allegedly misappropriated funds and fuel meant for training 800 community health workers who were to raise awareness on COVID-19 in the country.
- With the vaccination programme already underway, lack of clear plan and timelines as to when the rest of the citizens are going to be inoculated is worrying.
- Zimbabwean roads have been declared a state of disaster. As such, it remains curious how the COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed to remote areas where road networks have been rendered inaccessible.
- While the government prepares for the inevitable reopening of schools, it is worrying that citizens have not been consulted and updated on the state of preparedness, and precautionary measures that are being put in place by government to ensure that pandemic does not spread in schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- The Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) should demonstrate the political will to eradicate corruption and mismanagement of public funds. There must, therefore, be greater commitment and action from OPC which goes beyond the anti-corruption rhetoric.
- Prosecution of a high profile figures is necessary to set precedence and deter future malfeasance behaviour.
- There is also need to reform the public service recruitment processes to insulate against nepotism. Stronger Parliamentary oversight and monitoring of major contracts and procurement processes is vital in safeguarding COVID-19 resources.
- 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.
- There is need for the government to work with relevant stakeholders in ensuring that necessary measures are put in place before the reopening of schools. It is also important for the government to allocate more resources towards ensuring that the poorest districts and provinces are safe for both the learners and teachers.



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