



# 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. 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 has set aside USD100million for the COVID-19 vaccination program and has to date received 200 000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccines from the People's Republic of China. 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\$7,080,000.00

#### HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$80 000.00

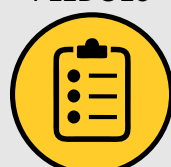
#### AMOUNT SPENT



US\$80 000.00

### TOTALS

#### PLEDGES



US\$766,475,257.00

#### HONOURED PLEDGES

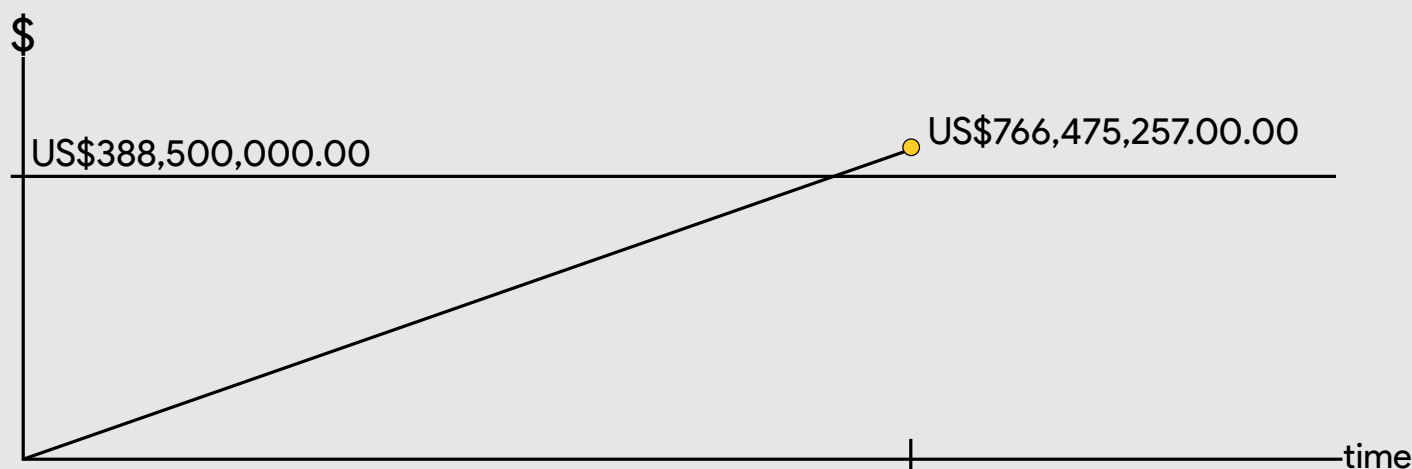


\$547,728,071.00

#### AMOUNT SPENT



US\$290,381,082.00



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	

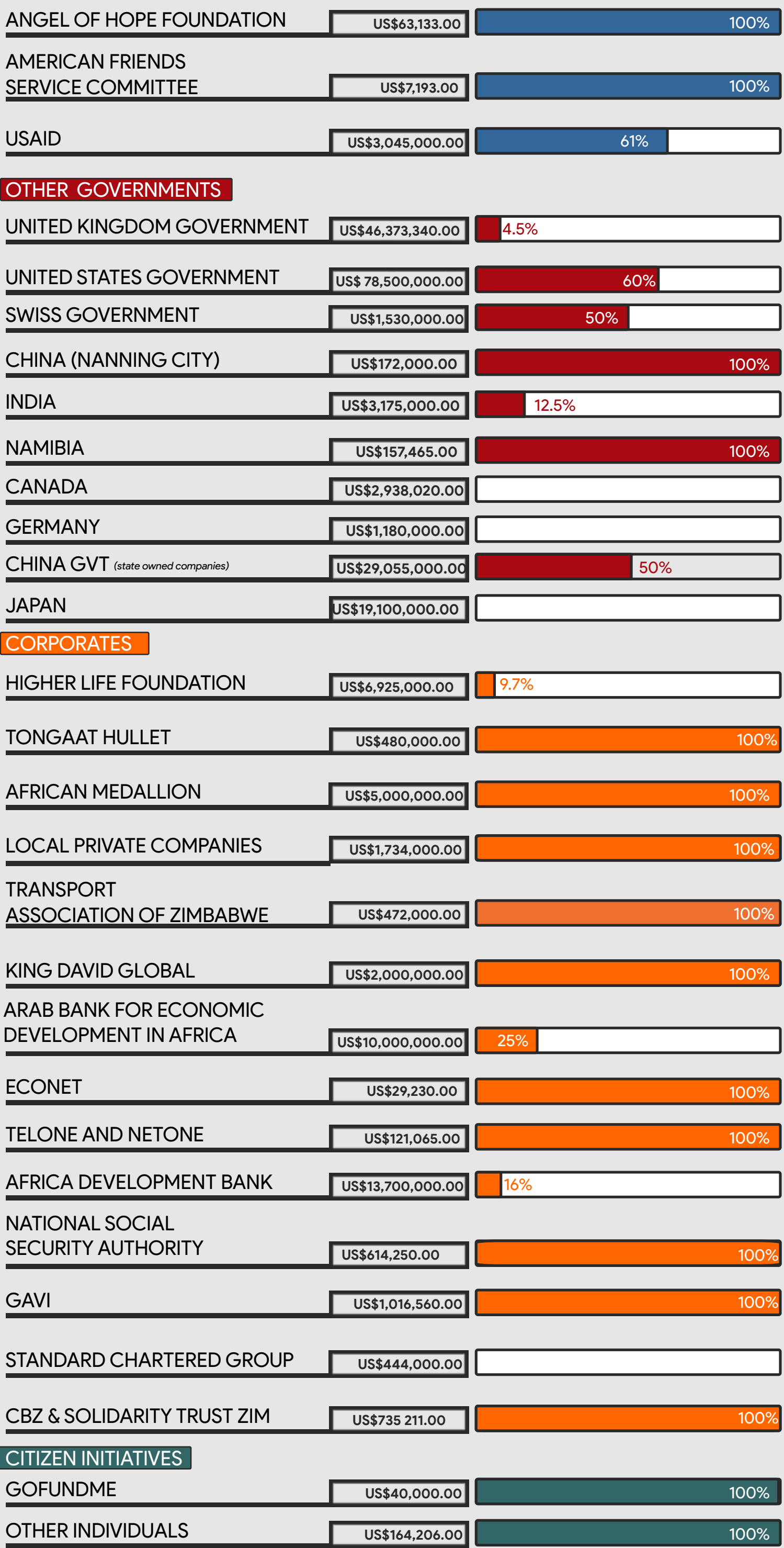
### EMBASSIES

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 remarks by Minister Mutsvangwa during a post-cabinet briefing this Tuesday that, “organizations interested in procuring COVID-19 vaccines for their workforce will deposit into the National Vaccine Procurement Fund after approval by the Ministry of Health and that the National Vaccine Procurement Fund will procure on behalf of the organizations guided by the National Procurement Guidelines,” present a COVID-19 vaccine dilemma as it has left the whole country in shock with many questions than answers:

- Citizens are questioning the capacity of the government to manage the pandemic as it is inviting the private sector to intervene and procure their own vaccines.
- Citizens interrogate the rationale behind the injection of resources by private organisations in the National Vaccines Procurement Fund as this can be an entry point for corrupt dealings in tendering processes with procurement centralised within the Executive.
- Government bodies and public officials are notorious for the flagrant abuse of public funds with no fear of retribution. As such, Citizens bemoan state capture and economies of affection which have greatly undermined the independence and organizational capacity of oversight and accountability institutions such as PRAZ and ZACC..
- Citizens question the government’s motive arguing that this move projects an elitist approach where political elites continue to benefit from the flawed systems while the rest of its population wallow in deepening poverty, a clear entrenchment of inequality. This further erodes the citizen’s public trust in their government.
- The uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination in Zimbabwe is extremely low. While Rwanda has vaccinated 200 000 people in 4 days, Zimbabwe has only managed to vaccinate 35 000 since the launch of the vaccination program on 18 February 2021.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

“The Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.” – Henry Clay

- In order to curb corruption and ensure that the National Vaccine Procurement Fund is successful in its mandate, it is recommended that the Government of Zimbabwe must ensure that an adequate set of policies and procedures are put in place including competent staff, an overseer and adjudicator outside of the government body to ensure compliance and punitive measures put in place as a deterrent for abuse or misappropriation of funds.
- To increase people's trust on the government: Transparent and Accountability should be the watermark of its governance system.
- There is need to strengthen watchdog institutions to deter rent-seeking and impunity.
- Government should see to it that all citizens regardless of class have access to the vaccines.
- Intensify bottom-up approach to ensure wide consultation and inclusion of vulnerable society
- Health information systems is one of the 6 WHO building blocks for a strong health system. The government must therefore embark on a campaign strategy to educate people and dispel misinformation and disinformation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.



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