

# COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

## OVERVIEW

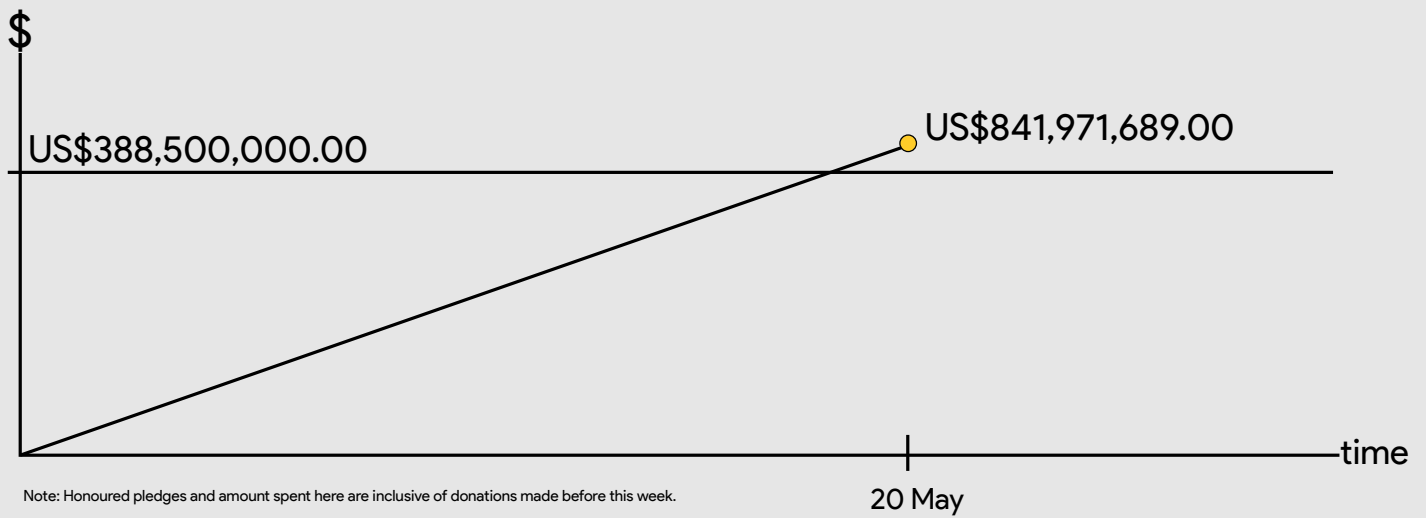
The COVID-19 Resource tracker is a ZIMCODD initiative to keep track of all resources pledged, received and expended by the Government of Zimbabwe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to date. The aim of the COVID-19 Resources Tracker is to strengthen transparency and accountability by the government on COVID-19 resources while empowering citizens with information to hold the government to account for the allocation and utilisation of COVID-19 resources. The tracker is updated on a weekly. Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19. 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. On 18 February 2021, the Government through the Ministry of Health and Child Care launched the vaccination program. To date a total of 452 191 Zimbabweans have been inoculated.



## 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

## 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	

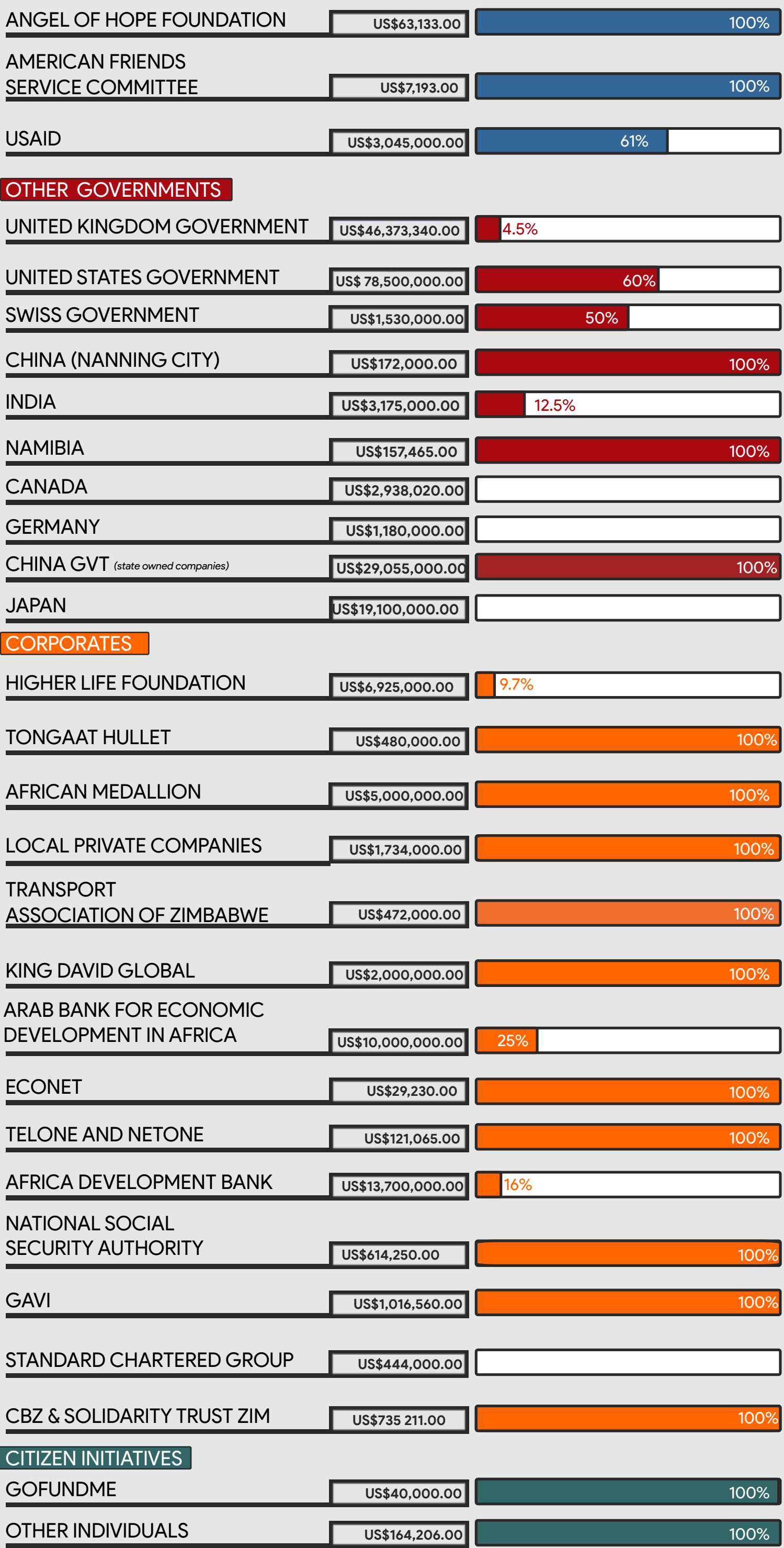
## EMBASSIES

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\$120,000,000.00	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 Ministry of Health and Child Care reported in its SitRep of 19th May 2021 reported that the 8.1.617.2 variant which has predominantly been in India has been found in Zimbabwe.

- ZIMCODD notes with concern the recent Statutory Instrument No 108 of 2021 requiring returning citizens to Zimbabwe to be quarantined at their own expense. With the prevailing socio-economic environment, the majority of the citizens will not afford to pay for the quarantine fee just like most citizens failed to pay for the COVID 19 test. The only option that citizens will be left with is to quarantine at their homes and this will be difficult for the majority of citizens who are living in the high-density areas like Mbare to self-isolate. Fears are that the move by government will breed another spike in the number of COVID 19 cases.
- While Zimbabwe has been commended by the World Health Organisation for topping the SADC region in terms of COVID-19 vaccinations, it is worrisome to note the alleged shortage of COVID-19 vaccines across provinces especially at a time when the Indian variant has been recorded in the country. As such, citizens are failing to access the vaccine for the first dose.
- It is concerning that local authority councils and civil society organisation in Gweru who formed part of the COVID-19 task force were asked to recuse themselves, without reason, from the taskforce shortly after COVID-19 funds had been disbursed to the Midlands region. This has led to opacity around COVID-19 related funds and donations, which has been an issue throughout the country.
- We note with concern, the rampant abuse of funds that are meant to cushion the vulnerable in communities which have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The alleged stealing of net one lines and transfer of a total amount of \$90 100 which was in the Social Welfare department as reported by Masvingo Mirror.Recommendations

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, it is prudent that government prioritise this sector through allocating adequate resources. With a looming risk of the deadlier Indian strain, it is prudent for the government to tighten up its screws and ensure that citizens coming outside the country are quarantined and tested in order to curb another potential spike.z
- The vaccines should be made available to all without unjustifiable prioritisation of one group over another. It is ZIMCODD's clarion call that the Government prioritises funding for and access to vaccines for all in order to attain herd immunity. The government should also strengthen vaccines' capacity storage infrastructure.
- It is imperative that government is transparent and accountable in public finance management in line with section 298 of the Constitution. Public funds must be expended transparently, prudently and for national benefit. The Government must therefore release clear fiscal reporting of COVID-19 related funds, donations or equipment.
- There is need to carry out a thorough audit in the department of the social welfare. It is also prudent that the government implores strict monitoring mechanisms when it comes to ensure that the resources channelled for the marginalized group are distributed in a fair and transparent manner.



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