



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

PLEDGES



US\$250,000.00

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$-

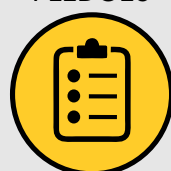
AMOUNT SPENT



US\$-

TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$842,221,689.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

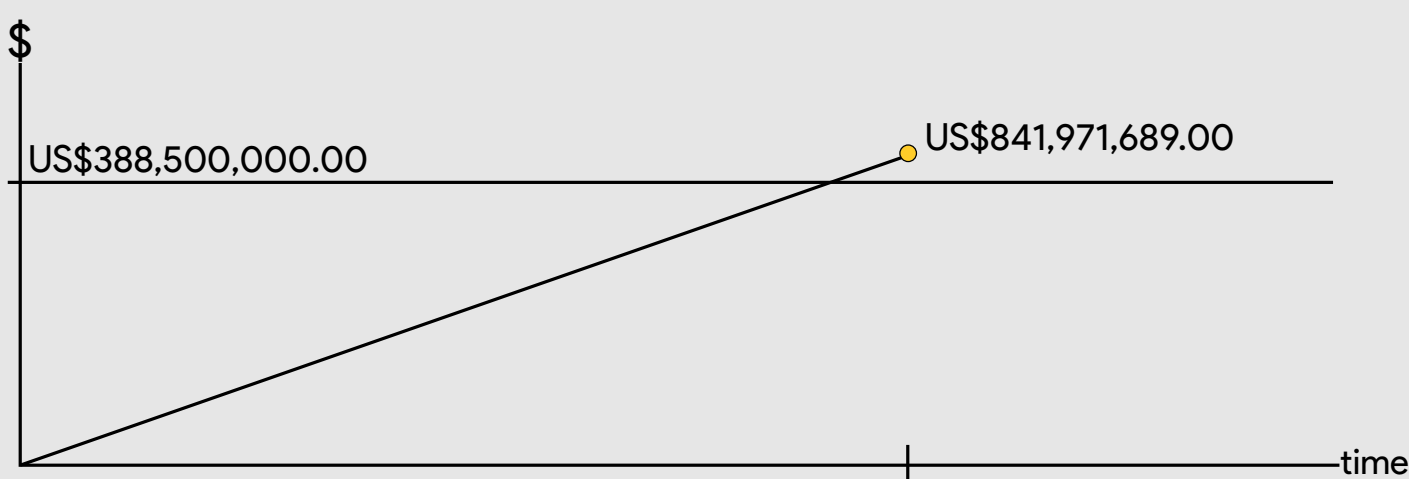


US\$635,474,503.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$519,305,028.00



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

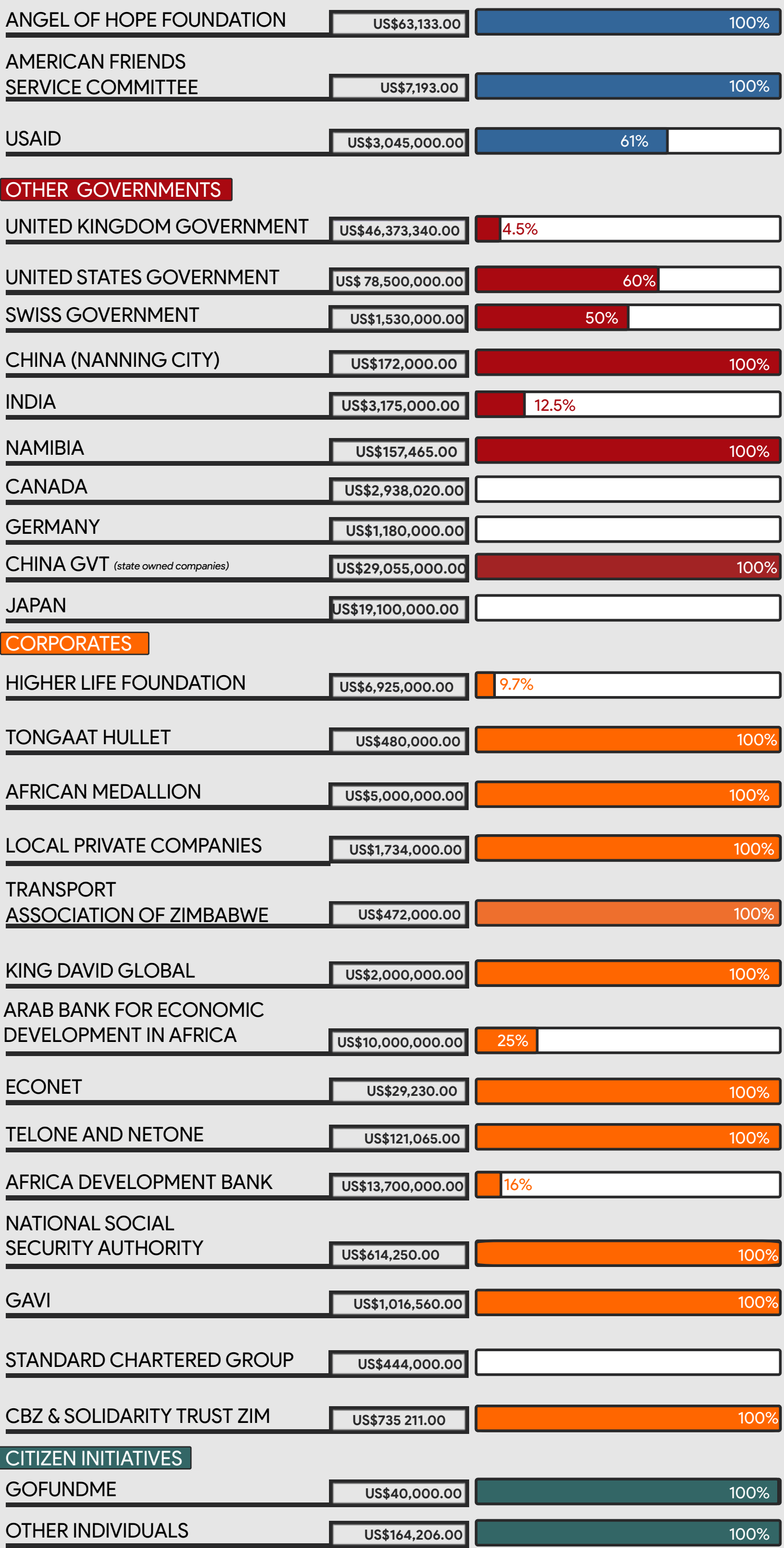
SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

GLOBAL FUND	US\$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

While the immediate imposition of the 2-week lockdown in Kwekwe with effect from 21 May 2021 is a commendable move in mitigating the spread of the deadly Indian variant detected in Zimbabwe, ZIMCODD notes with concern:

- The failure of the Social Welfare department to come up with a strategy to ensure that vulnerable groups in Kwekwe are cushioned during this period. While the district has activated all quarantine isolation and treatment centres in the province, with immediate effect as reported by the Covid-19 Taskforce on the Kwekwe District COVID-19 Situation and Way Forward. It is important that the government prioritises resources to fully equip quarantine centers.
- The shortage of the COVID-19 vaccines, the suspension of dose one and the limited supply of the second dose in major towns such as Harare and Bulawayo as reported by NewsDay, at a time when a deadly variant has been detected in Zimbabwe.
- There have been numerous videos circulating of senior government officials hosting events without adhering to the COVID-19 protocols. One such event was the unveiling of the Mbuya Nehanda statue, on 25 May 2021, where there were more than 50 people in attendance, no social distancing observed and the wearing of masks seemed optional.
- In 2020, the government of Zimbabwe started rehabilitation works to turn Bulawayo's Ekusileni and Thorngrove hospitals into a COVID-19 isolation centre. Despite the fact that Thorngrove has downgraded to a 15-bed facility against the targeted 200-bed facility, it also failed to operationalise. This points to the fact that very little is being done by government to increase the capacity of the healthcare drawing attention to the irony of government priorities. Funds that were expended in constructing the Mbuya Nehanda Statue could have been put to good use and channelled towards addressing glaring gaps in the health sector

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- It is prudent that the government prioritizes and ensures the availability and equitable distribution of the vaccines in all provinces. For transparency and accountability purposes, there is also need for government to account for the distribution of vaccines according to provinces. As it stands, it remains unclear as to how many vaccines have been distributed in each province.
- The need for the health ministry to ensure that quarantine and isolation facilities in all towns/cities are in good condition with clean running water, PPE, sufficient food and medical supplies in preparation for the deadly Indian variant.
- As stipulated by the Constitution, there must be respect for all political parties and everyone is equal before the law. Enforcement officers must be objective and treat everyone equally. It is important that a virus such as this, is not politicized or weaponized. Government officials are not immune to COVID-19 and must refrain from holding super spreader events and must ensure that they adhere to the COVID-19 regulations that they themselves set.
- The health sector is one critical sector that needs investment in terms of resources. Government needs a wakeup call to the fact that COVID 19 pandemic is still a reality and ensure that it completes the refurbishment of isolation centres.r.



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