

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 ZWL3.5billion 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\$-

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$250,000.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$250,000.00

TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$842,221,689.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

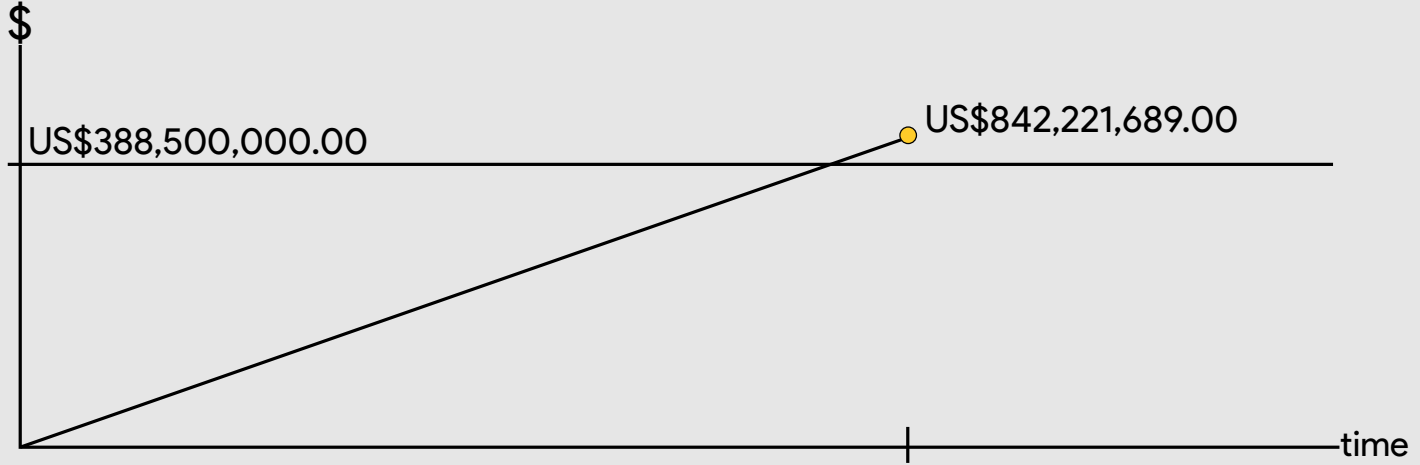


US\$635,724,503.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$519,555,028.00



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

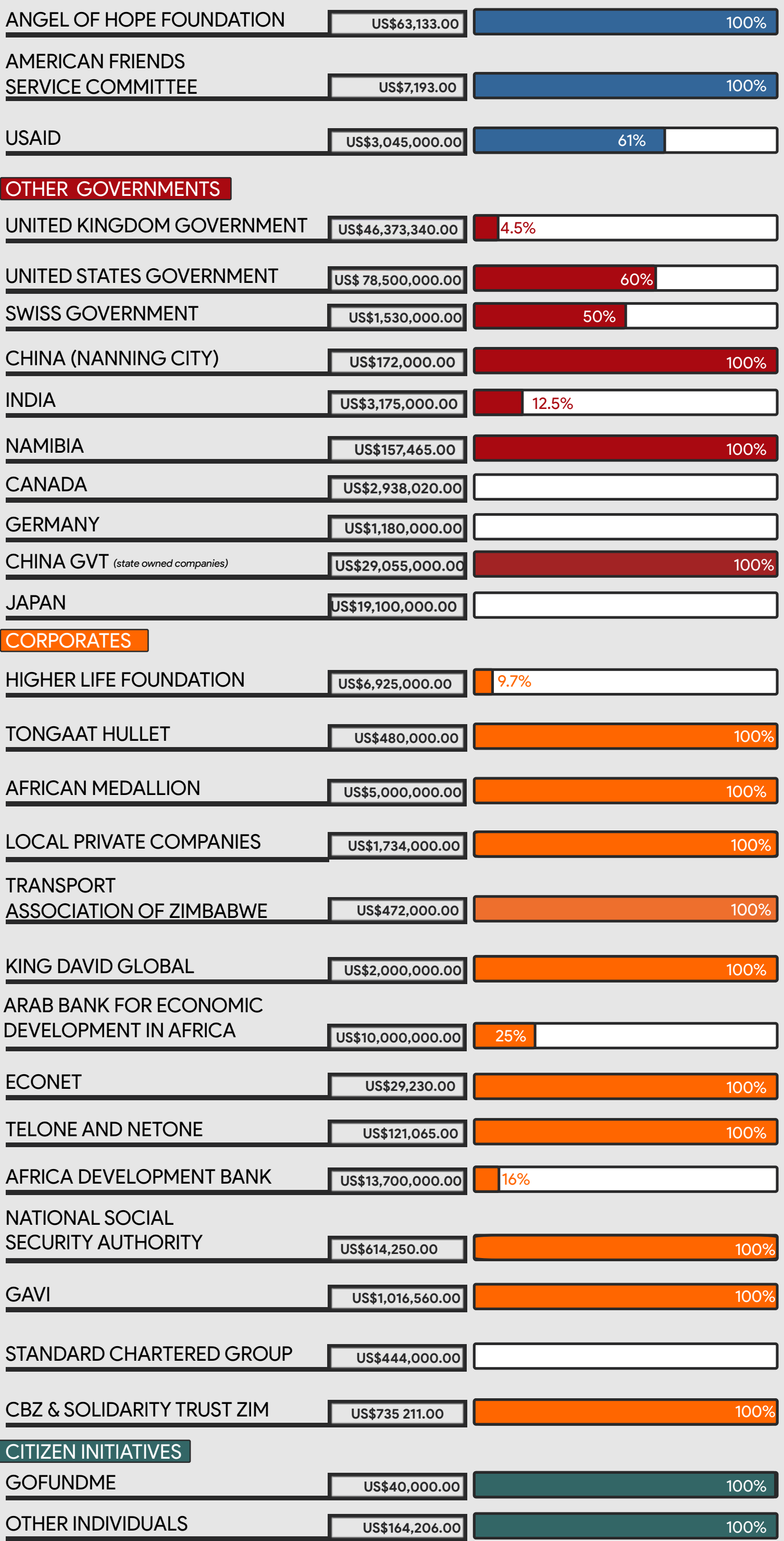
SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

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

- Citizens lament the failure by government to provide accurate, relevant and timely COVID-19 information. This week's post cabinet briefing also noted the rise of COVID-19 related fake news circulating on social media and without government filling in the gap, the public are left to speculate.
- Citizens also bemoan the poor coordination at central government level in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination programme which has led to acute vaccine shortages in some parts of the country where citizens have been overdue for their second dose. This remains a cause for concern for concern as it undermines citizens' right to healthcare.
- The fact that the government has failed to come up with a clear strategy to ensure that vulnerable groups in the society including the informal sector and those in Kwekwe who are in a lockdown are cushioned during this period.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- Citizens access to information is a constitutional right and critical for them to be able to hold government to account over the use of public resources. As such, it is prudent that the government provides timely access to COVID-19 information. The ZimCOVID-19 interactive App recently launched should be strategic in providing COVID-19 information with regards to vaccines, financial and other resources remains key for public accountability.
- Coordination of the vaccination program must be decentralised to local taskforces to avoid unnecessary hurdles and delays. The central government should channel COVID-19 resources towards decentralising the vaccine programme to ensure equitable access. It is also important that government prioritises and strengthens its vaccine storage infrastructure.
- In view of a looming 3rd wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important for the government to have a structural plan to cushion those who have been hit the hardest by the pandemic, especially vulnerable and marginalised groups including persons living with disabilities.
- With quarantine isolation and treatment centres activated across the country in light of the third wave, it is important that the government channels resources towards fully equipping quarantine centres.



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