

COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

OVERVIEW

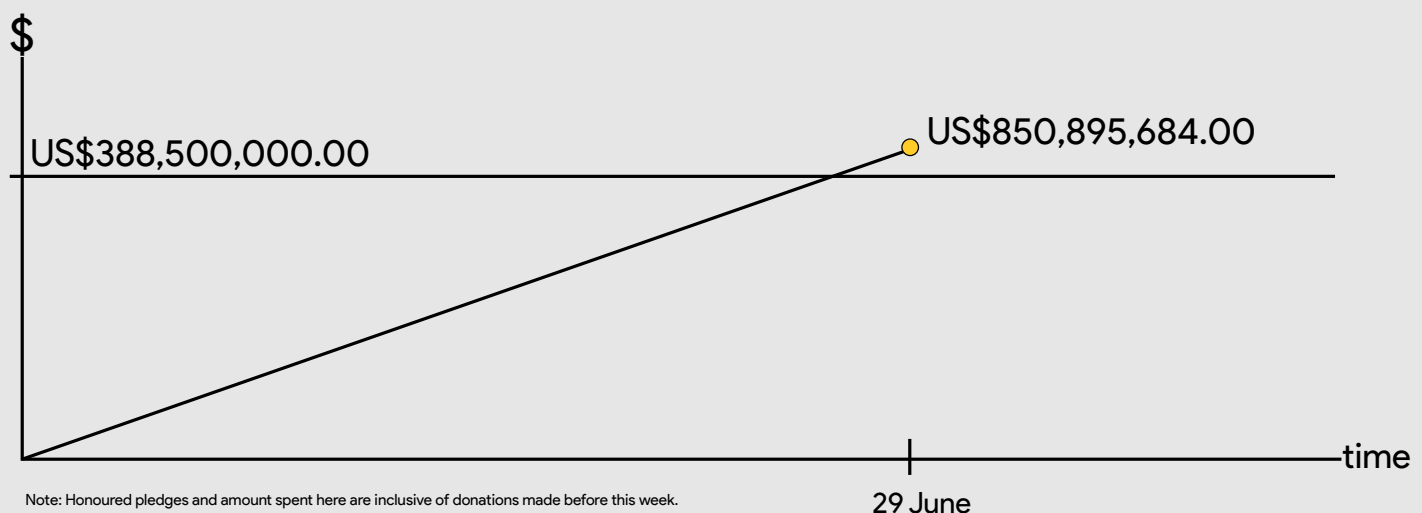
The COVID-19 Resource tracker is a ZIMCODD initiative to keep track of all resources pledged, received and expended by the Government of Zimbabwe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to date. The aim of the COVID-19 Resources Tracker is to strengthen transparency and accountability by 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 and as at 28 June 2021, a total of 764 248 Zimbabweans had 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	30%
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

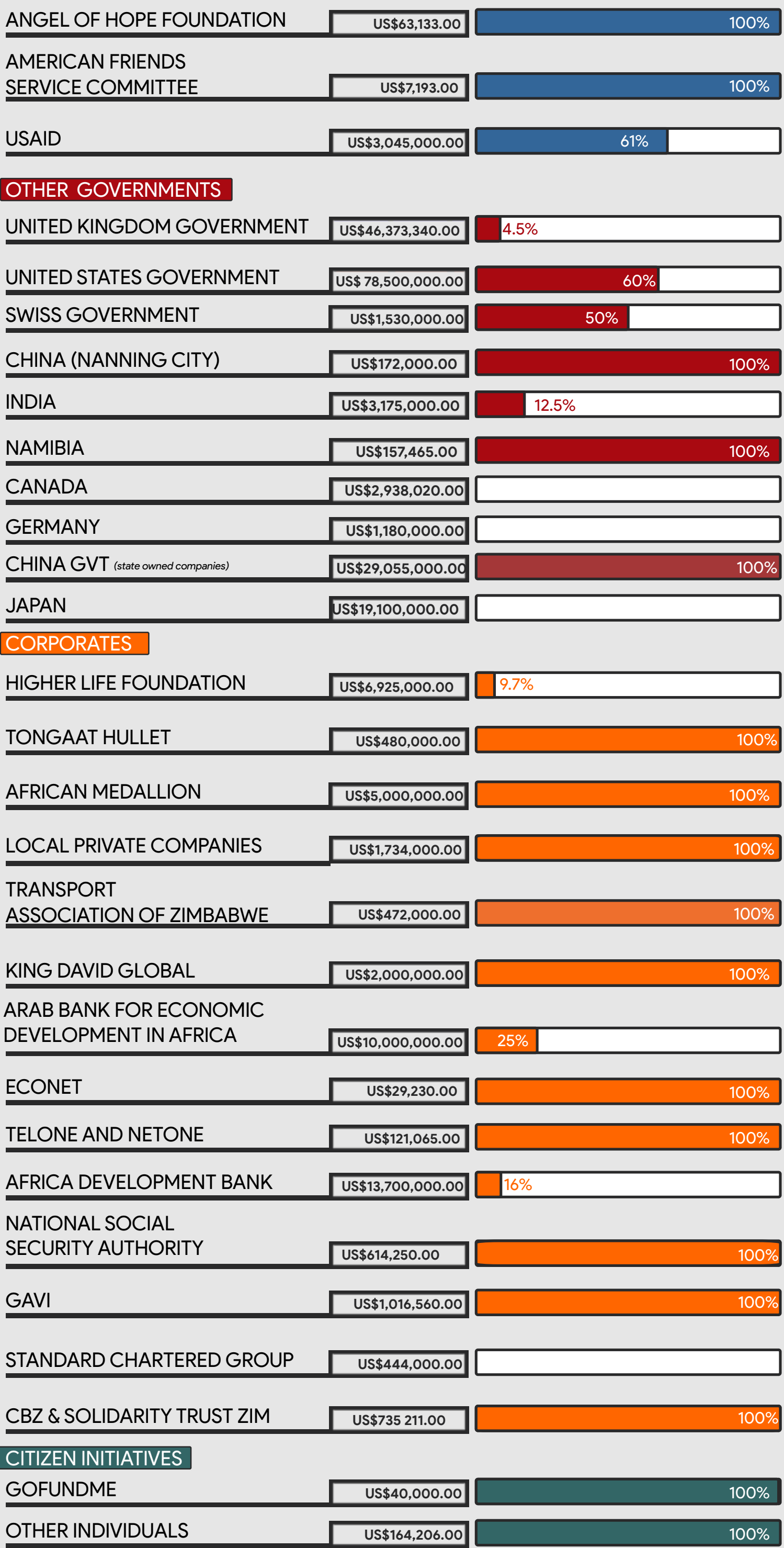
EMBASSIES

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

- It is commendable that the Minister of Finance and Economic Development publicly reported that the government is set to utilise the US\$70 million of the US\$100 million set aside by Treasury for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines. This is concerning as it comes at the backdrop of acute shortages of vaccines in most areas especially for the first jab vis-à-vis a sharp increase in the number of daily infections and deaths (842 cases & 13 deaths as at 28 June).
- While it has come to the fore that US\$70 million is still available for vaccines, what remains unclear is the disaggregation of how much has been spent so far in all the procurements of the vaccines and the quantum involved. Lack of transparency and accountability in public finance management has created a breeding ground for corruption.
- Public service delivery is in shambles as evidenced by the dilapidated health system. This is concerning given that cases that require quarantine of hospitalisation continue to rise in the face of a third wave while Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals can only admit emergency cases as their COVID-19 zone has reached its full capacity. This points to the fact that the government has done very little or nothing to increase capacity of the healthcare system.
- ZIMCODD notes with concern the recent statements from the President and Minister of Health who declared that market traders will not be given tables if they have not been vaccinated. While these may be efforts to protect vendors, vaccination should remain a personal choice and not be a precondition for market access.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- The government should insulate COVID-19 vaccines from corruption. It is therefore prudent that all COVID-19 earmarked resources are subjected to regular Parliamentary scrutiny and made publicly available through online databases. Regular feedback and reporting from Government around acquired vaccines and expended resources is critical to increase public confidence and buy-in for the ongoing vaccination programme.
- The government must prioritise urgent investment into the public healthcare system to improve its capacity for quarantine and admission services among other critical health requirements.
- In line with the principles of Public Finance Management as codified in section 298 of the constitution, the government must prudently, equitably and timely deploy COVID-19 earmarked resources to its citizens to ensure access to health by all.
- The government must not use force but education and awareness so as to increase vaccine uptake within the informal sector.



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