



# 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 basis.

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 of members in the informal sector, returning residents and children living on the streets. On 18 February 2021, the Government through the Ministry of Health and Child Care launched the vaccination program and as at 19 July 2021, a total of 1 184 435 Zimbabweans had been inoculated


**US\$388,500,000.00**

### TOTALS

#### PLEDGES


**US\$850,895,684**

#### HONOURED PLEDGES


**US\$643,724,503**

#### AMOUNT SPENT


**US\$527,555,028**

### THIS WEEK ENDING 20 JULY 2021

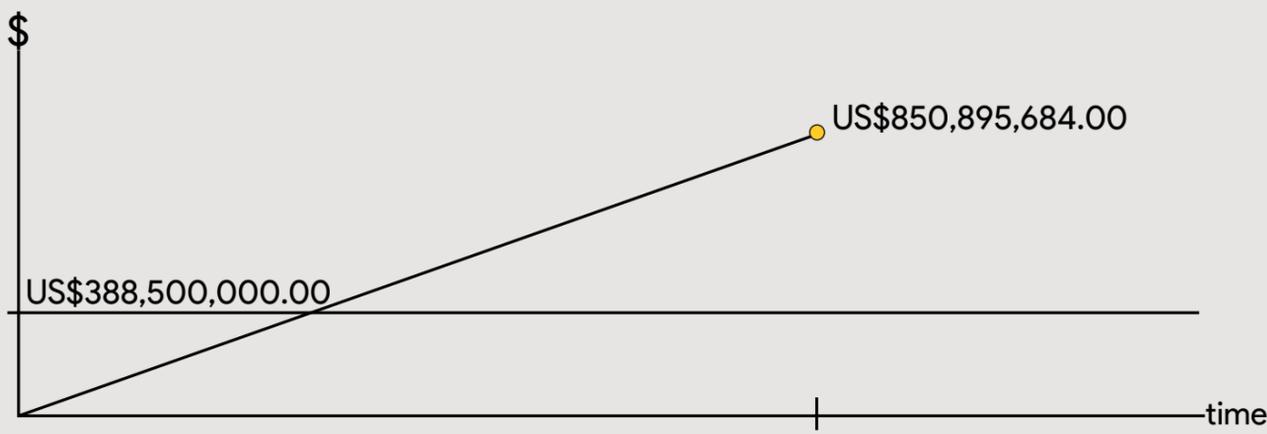
#### PLEDGES


**US\$-**

#### HONOURED PLEDGES


**US\$-**

#### AMOUNT SPENT


**US\$50,000**


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	40%
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

### EMBASSIES

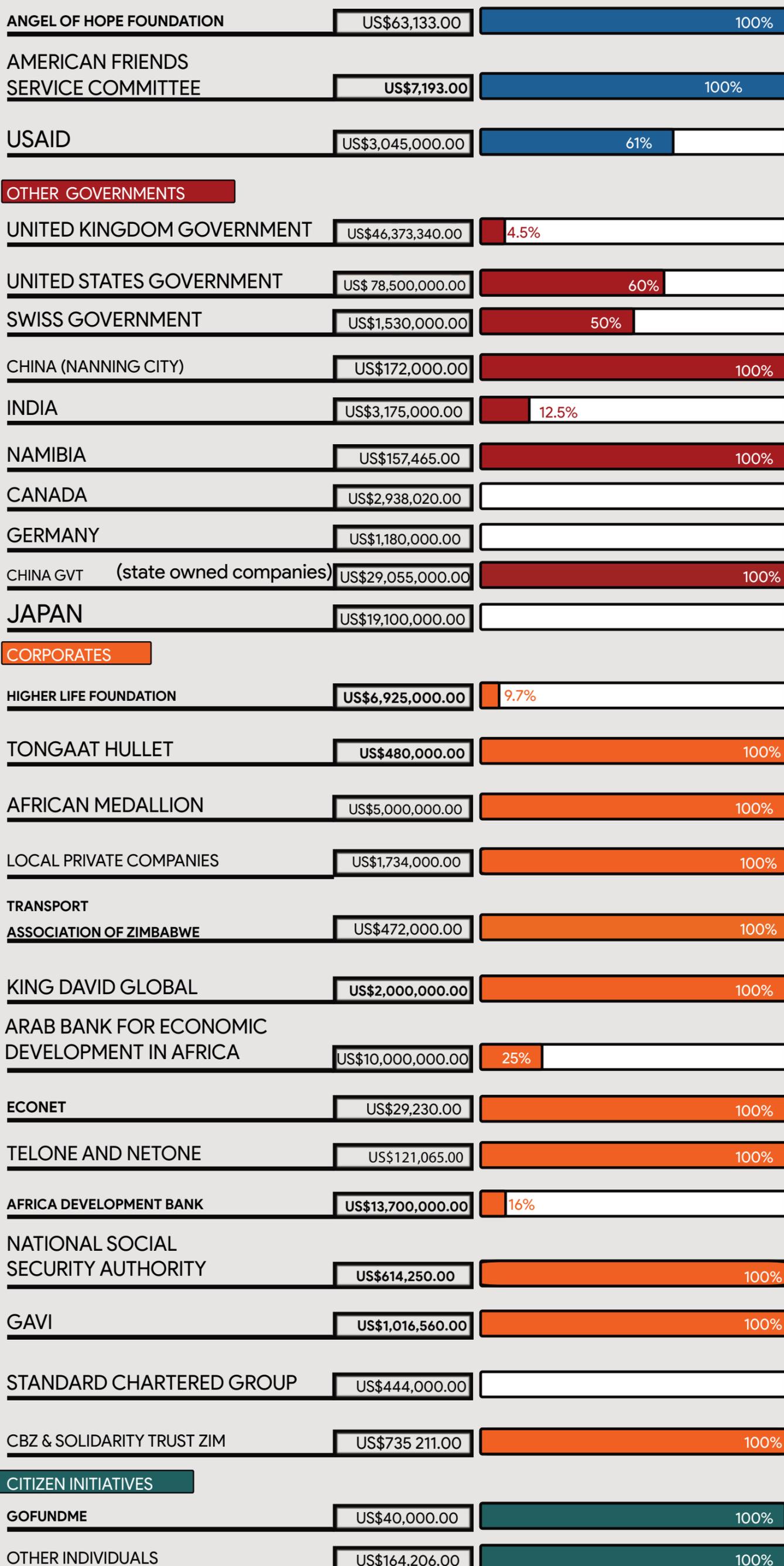
SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

### 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 worrying that 5 months into the vaccination programme, Zimbabwe, having been commended as one of the best in the region in managing the pandemic, has vaccinated approximately 1.2million people only and has spent approximately US\$40million. Citizens bemoan the time and resources required to vaccinate 10million people so as to achieve herd immunity.
- The moral hazard presented by the extension of COVID-19 vaccination programme to private health facilities (doctors and nurses allowed to charge a nominal fee of ZWL\$435,35 and \$220,64 for injecting the jab) in hot spots is concerning as it amplifies the already existing inequalities in the health sector where the rich will access preferential vaccination while the desperate poor will be deprived of access.
- The vaccine hesitancy and low uptake of vaccines by the rural populace which constitute about 65% of the population is worrying in light of the mutating variants and waves.

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Every dose and every dollar should be accounted for. The government must safeguard and guarantee the right to health for all its citizens as enshrined in section 76 of the constitution. This can only be achieved through prudent use of resources earmarked for COVID-19.
- There is need for the government to strengthen transparency and accountability in distribution of COVID-19 vaccines between the public and the private sector. Measures taken by the state should ensure they are not creating an excess burden to already impoverished citizens. The distribution should therefore ensure that the taxpayer benefits the most of the publicly funded healthcare.
- The government must embark on a massive COVID-19 vaccine awareness campaign using all radio stations to conscientize rural citizens. Central to this campaign will be dissemination of timely, consistent and reliable information to dispel myths and conspiracies.