



# 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.

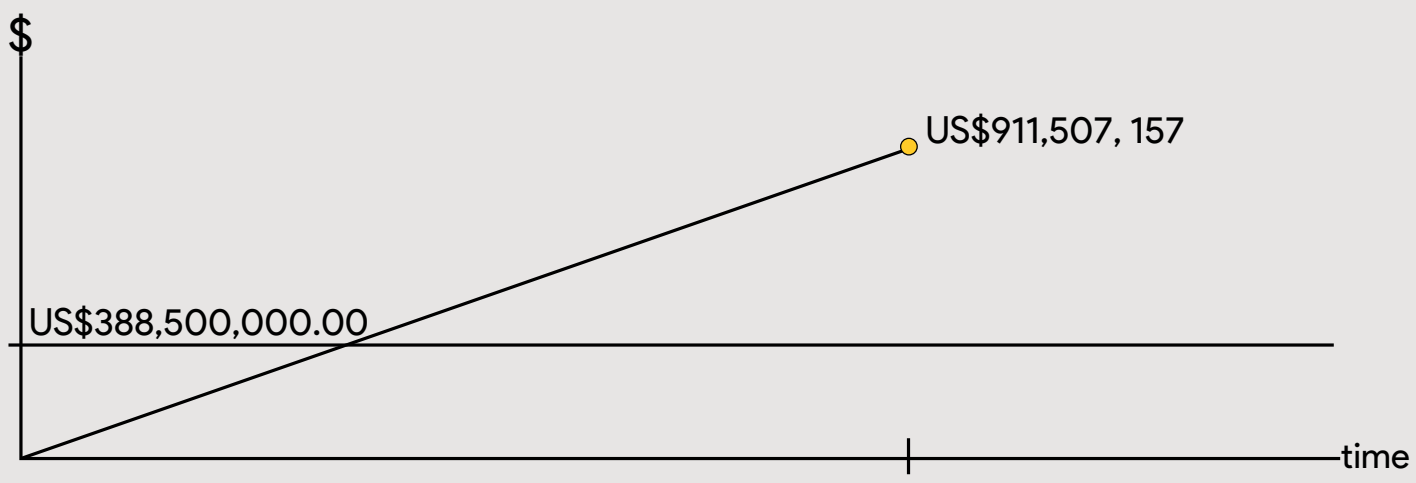
Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19. Among other efforts, the government in the 2021 national budget has set aside ZWL7 billion to recruit more health personnel, procure PPEs, testing kits and sundries required in fighting COVID-19. The government also budgeted ZWL3.5billion 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 28 September 2021, a total of 3 060 476 Zimbabweans had been inoculated.



## TOTALS



## THIS WEEK FOR THE WEEK 29 SEPTEMBER 2021:



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	93%
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

## EMBASSIES

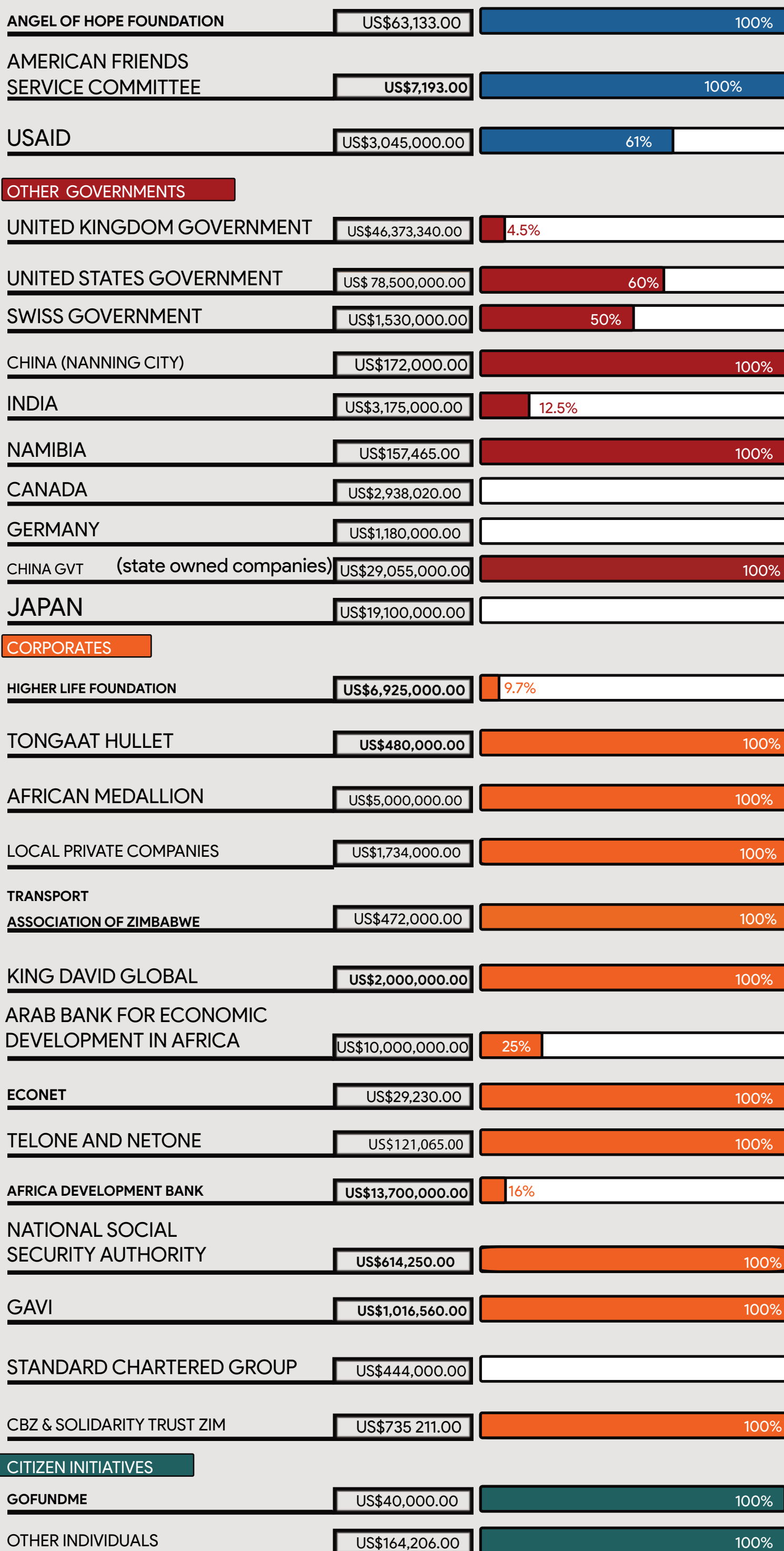
SOUTH KOREA EMBASSY	US\$300,000.00	100%
INDIAN EMBASSY	US\$350 000.00	100%
CHINESE EMBASSY	US\$500,000.00	100%
SWEDISH EMBASSY	US\$25,000.00	100%

## 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 government announced the arrival of the new vaccination card with digital security features aimed at deterring vaccine cheating. Although it is a welcome move as it sought to obliterate vaccine cheating, the government failed to disclose the amount it has spent in purchasing and putting the E-governance structure to monitor the implementation of the new vaccine card.
- The move by the central government to takeover municipalities' payrolls for Harare and Chitungwiza is commendable in resolving the current welfare challenges. However, citizens are concerned that this raises the already unsustainable government's wage bill. It is also worrisome to note that it is not clear how the government intends to finance this cost.
- The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Prof Mthuli Ncube in his presentation at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair reported that the government so far has spent US\$127.3 million on procurement of 12.5 million vaccines and 15 million syringes from various countries. However, the call for transparency and accountability remains as the government has failed to furnish citizens with the granular details of vaccine purchases.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The government should disclose the money expended in purchasing the vaccine cards and the infrastructure to sustain the program.
- Access to relevant and timely information remains a critical tool for citizens to engage in expenditure monitoring tracking and be able to hold the government to account. To this end, the government should make it a culture to always furnish the citizens with COVID-19 expenditure details.
- Given that on the Mid-Term budget and economic review, the Minister did not announce a supplementary budget especially for the deplorable health sector, it is prudent that treasury openly declare the source and how much it has allocated towards this cause.
- As government continues to mobilise additional resources to ensure that the target population is vaccinated, there is also an urgent need for resources to fund social safety nets to be mobilised and prioritized.