



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.

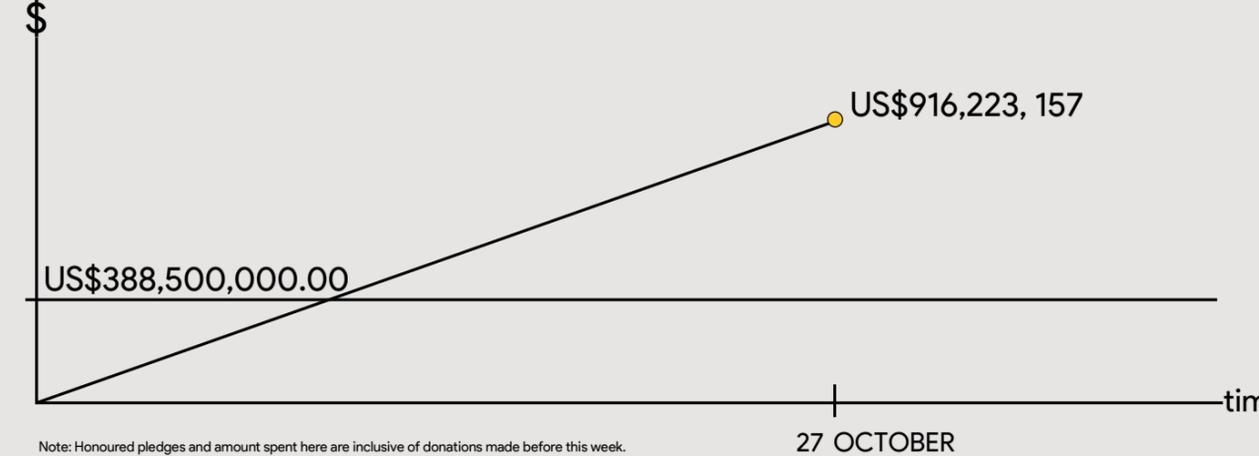
Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19. Among other efforts, the government in the 2021 national budget has set aside ZWL7 billion to recruit more health personnel, procure PPEs, testing kits and sundries required in fighting COVID-19. The government also budgeted ZWL3.5 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 26 October 2021, a total of 3 281 724 Zimbabweans had been inoculated.



TOTALS



THIS WEEK FOR THE WEEK 27 OCTOBER 2021:



Note: Honoured pledges and amount spent here are inclusive of donations made before this week.

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	100%
SOCIAL SAFETY FUND	US\$24,000,000.00	37%
MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE	US\$42,792,51.00	

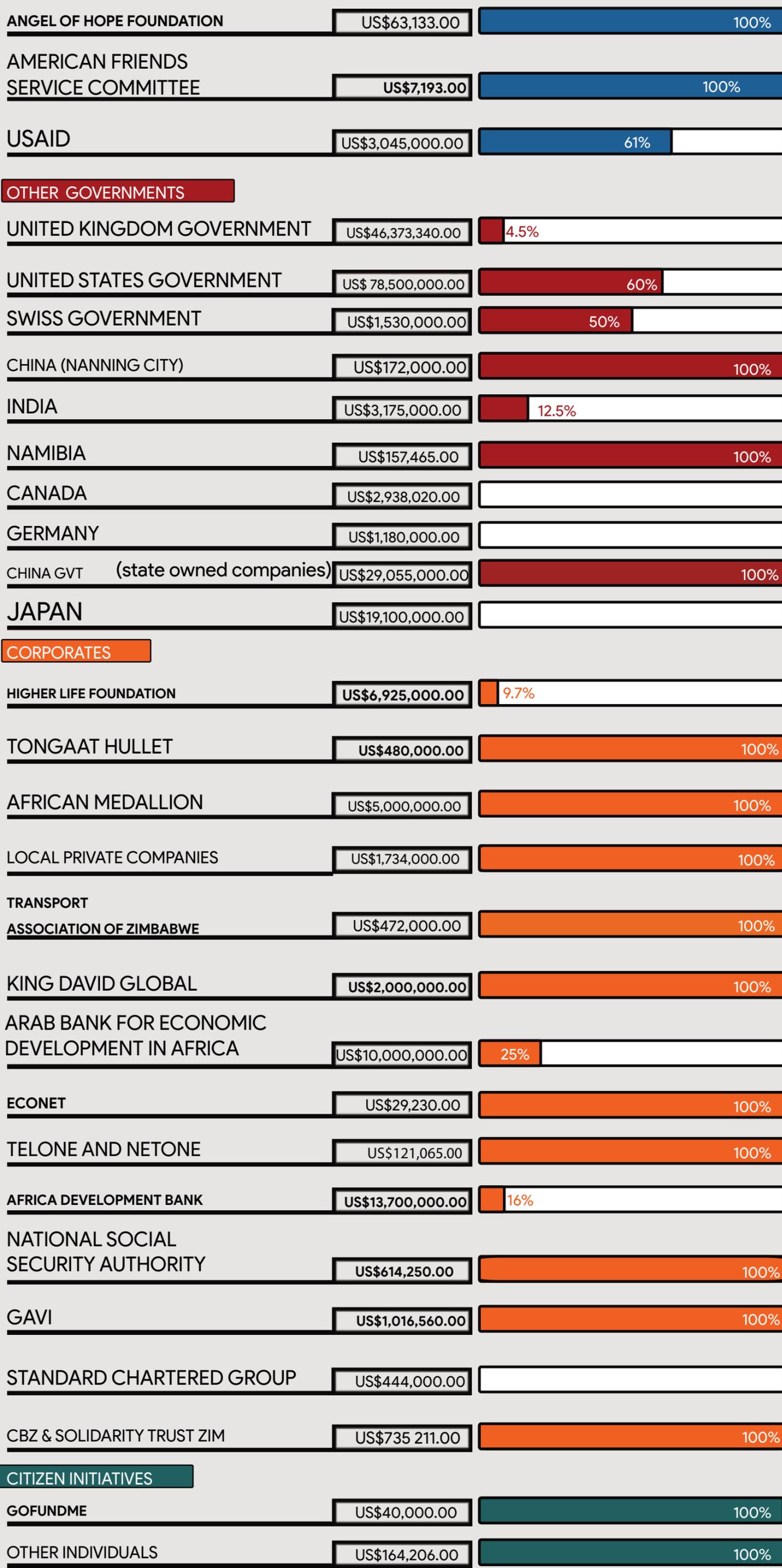
EMBASSIES

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

- Lack of transparency and accountability in the administration of COVID-19 resources is worrisome. Recently, the Ministry of Health and Child Care received a donation from Cordaid in the form of ICU kits which include ventilators, multiparameter monitors, ICU beds and infusion pumps. While the commodities will be distributed to Sally Mugabe Central Hospital, Mpilo, UBH, it remains unclear in terms of the quantities that were received.
- Access to information concerning the procurement of vaccines, donations and distribution to provincial and local tiers of government remain a cause for concern.
- Citizens bemoan the rise in COVID-19 cases in Bulawayo schools. According to the Ministry of Health and Child Care, schools in the city have recorded up to 50% of the new cases recorded.
- The significant drop in the adherence to COVID-19 preventative measures such as wearing of the face mask and social distancing in public places is disturbing.

RECOMMENDATIONS: To provide health security

- The call is for the government to be transparent and accountable in public resource management in accordance with section 298 of the constitution. All information on donations, including quantities and distribution matrices should be accessible to the public.
- The government must disclose all information regarding all COVID-19 funds received to date, the breakdown of what has been expended thus far and sources of the funds. There is also need to promote active citizen participation in COVID-19 resource oversight as a way of restoring public trust in the government.
- The surge in COVID 19 cases in schools calls for government to take reasonable and meaningful measures to combat the spread of COVID 19 and protect learners from the pandemic. Government needs to invest resources towards the procurement of sufficient PPEs and infrastructure to decongest in classrooms. The vaccination program must also be extended to schools especially centres where COVID-19 is becoming a hotspot.
- Amid rising global concerns over another COVID-19 wave, it is important that government takes into account lessons learnt since the onset of the pandemic. Government must take measures to manage risk, respond and recover more effectively from the pandemic.