

COVID-19

Resource Tracker

30.03.22

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.

This is important as Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19. On 18 February 2021, the Government through the Ministry of Health and Child Care launched the COVID-19 vaccination program which has run since then and as at 29 March 2022, a total of 5 049 222 Zimbabweans had been inoculated. The tracker is updated fortnightly.



TOTAL PLEDGES



US\$1,017,799,157.00

HONoured PLEDGES



US\$727,086,503.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$643,367,028.00



This Week
30.03.2022

TOTAL PLEDGES



US\$-

HONoured PLEDGES



US\$-

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$-

Major Concerns & Recommendations

Vaccines

ZIMCODD commends the government for undertaking the COVID 19 vaccination campaign encouraging citizens to get vaccinated so that the country can reach herd immunity. Vaccination remains the only viable way that will protect citizens from another possible wave of the pandemic in winter.

The vaccination campaign kickstarted on the 21st of March 2022. However it is worrying to note that there is still low uptake of vaccines despite efforts by government to sensitize citizens on the importance of vaccination. The campaign have thus far managed to utilise only 8 034 932 vaccines out of the 22 405 000 that the country has so far received.

There is need for the government to intensify the campaign in the rural areas considering the fact that it is where the majority of the total population reside who are more likely to be ignorant.

While the move to encourage more visitors into the country is welcome, ZIMCODD is concerned about the monitoring mechanisms for visitors given the fact that countries like China are recording an increase in the number of new infections.

The monitoring of visitors particularly from new and emerging COVID-19 hotspots should continue, as the pandemic is not yet over and authorities should not be lulled into a false sense of security.

Major Concerns & Recommendations

COVID-19 Funds

Information regarding COVID-19 vaccination procurement and expenditure continues to be unavailable in the public domain.

It is recommended that the government conforms to the principles of public finance management and good governance as enunciated in section 298 of the Zimbabwean constitution. The government must be transparent and provide granular data of vaccination procurement and usage on public platforms that are accessible to citizens across the country.

