

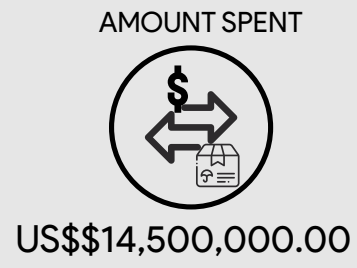
COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

OVERVIEW

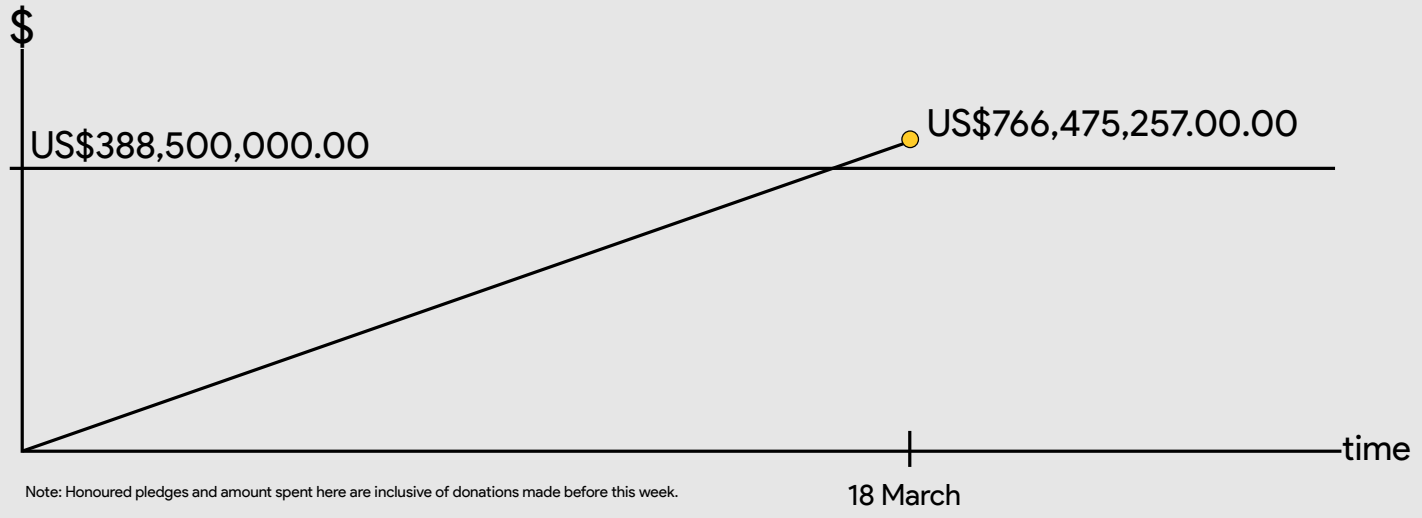
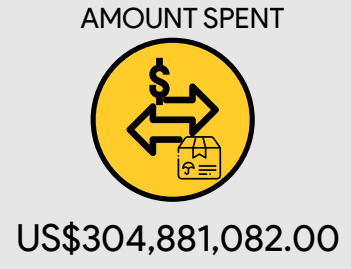
The second wave of COVID-19 is hitting hard in the country with a spike in infection and death cases. Zimbabwe like other countries, has continued to put in place measures to curtail the spread of COVID-19 and to avert the effects of the pandemic on the economy and its citizens. Zimbabwe continues to mobilise resources internally and externally to respond to the devastating socioeconomic effects of COVID-19 in the best way possible. Among other efforts, the government has set aside USD100million for the COVID-19 vaccination program and has to date received 200 000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccines from the People's Republic of China. The COVID-19 resources tracker is a ZIMCODD initiative to keep track of all resources pledged, received and utilised 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 on allocation and utilisation of COVID-19 resources. The tracker is updated on a weekly basis to show pledges honoured, resources received and resources expended.



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 | 43.5% |
| SOCIAL SAFETY FUND | US\$24,000,000.00 | 37% |
| MIN. OF SOCIAL WELFARE | US\$42,792,51.00 | |

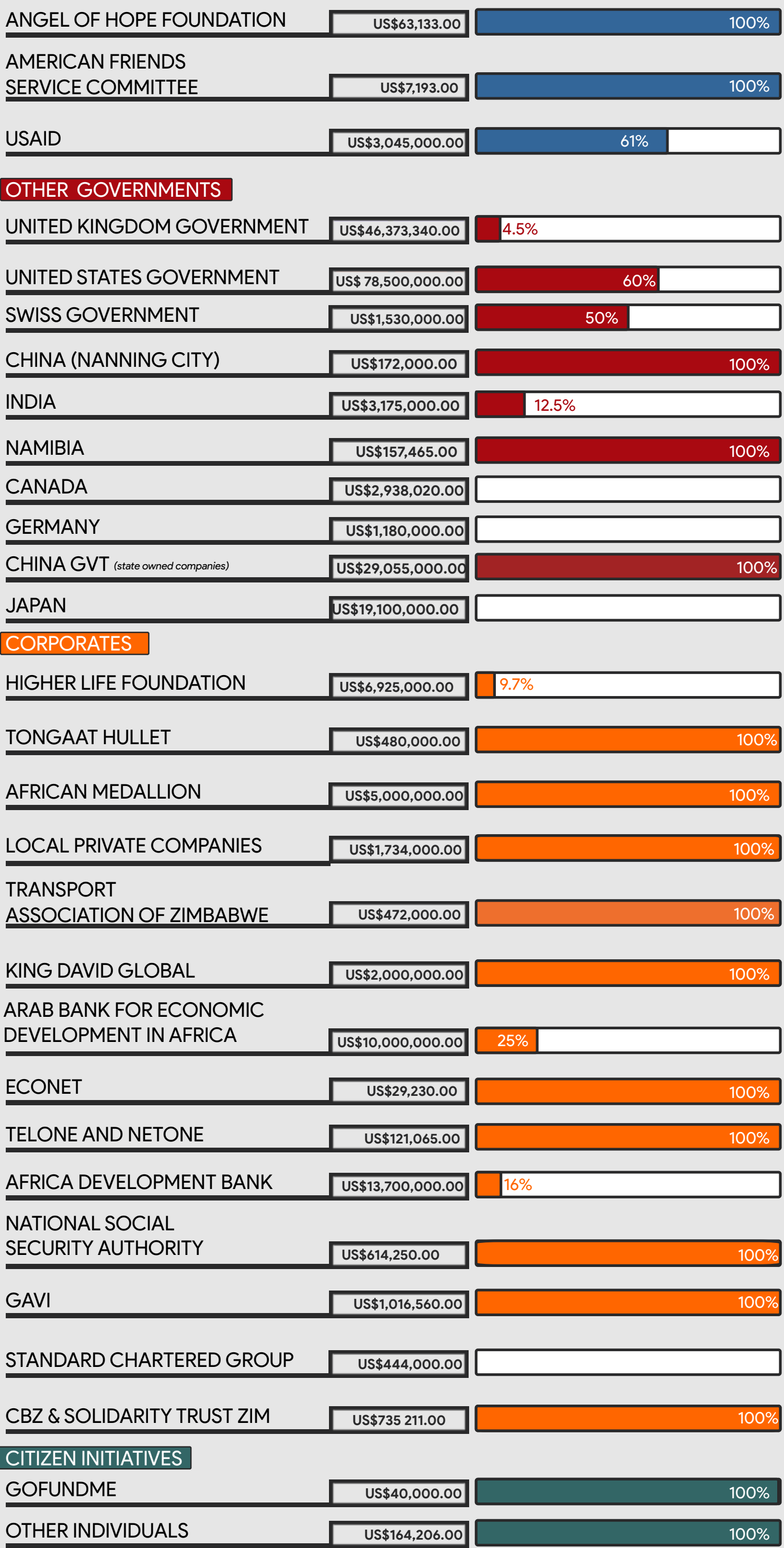
EMBASSIES

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| 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

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|---|-------------------|-------|
| GLOBAL FUND | US\$49,000,000.00 | 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>

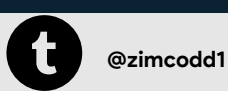


MAJOR CONCERNS

- Zimbabwe's social protection mechanisms have remained very weak, inadequate and inconsistent as beneficiaries last received support (ZWL\$300/per household/per month) in September 2020. It is worrisome that the Minister of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare this week announced that Treasury has not yet authorized the ministry to extend the COVID-19 cushion allowances beyond December 2020 yet livelihoods for the vulnerable were ravaged by COVID-19 induced lockdowns..
- The timeous approval by cabinet to fast track the e-learning national strategy for schools in 45 days to ensure that learning disruptions caused by COVID-19 are bridged is highly commendable. However, the adoption of the e-learning strategy will affect rural and other vulnerable children's rights to education and widen inequalities in the education system between the "elite" and the less privileged pupils.
- Concerns have also been raised around the ZWL\$600 million disbursed during the first phase which has not yet been accounted for and there is nothing to show on the ground regards the acquisition of COVID-19 sundries for students and teachers after schools reopened on 15th March 2021.
- Given the narrative around how the government accrues unsanctioned debt to benefit a few elites, citizens continue to decry the opacity and controversy on the financing of the US\$100million for the vaccines.
- he country further plunges into high and unsustainable debt. As such, taxpayers bemoan how the Government is pursuing a 25year loan to the tune of US\$10million from the Arab Bank for Economic Development to finance its COVID-19 interventions in a context where the Auditor General's has not yet released a report on the on the resources and donations availed from multiple sources since the dawn of COVID-19 in Zimbabwe.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- Treasury to expedite the release of social safety nets to cushion the vulnerable and social protection allocation should be reviewed to ensure meaningful safety nets. A social audit of all relief funds is imperative.
- Funds and resources secured for COVID-19 intervention must be accounted for and a clear distribution matrix is recommended to inculcate a spirit of transparency and accountability in the mobilization and utilization of COVID-19 resources. The Office of the Auditor General must release the COVID-19 funds audit report.
- As the government rolls out the national e-strategy for schools, it must ensure that that resources are distributed fairly across all districts and rural communities are not left out. The acquisition of gadgets and other e-learning requirements must be done in a fair and transparent manner. The government should release and \$600million to ensure schools are equipped with PPE's and other WHO stipulated COVID-19 necessities to allow for safe onsite learning. Teacher welfare issues must be addressed.
- A public debt reform is necessary for Zimbabwe to wean itself from unsanctioned borrowing and spending. Critical to this effect is parliament's oversight on approving debt acquisition and ensuring fiscal scrutiny.
- The Executive should publish how it's sourcing and spending COVID-19 resources through a government gazette. All grants, procurements and all contracts should be publicly disclosed.



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