

# 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. 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 ZWL3.5billion to cushion 500 000 vulnerable households whose beneficiaries comprise the informal sector, returning residents and children living in the streets. On 18 February 2021, the Government through the Ministry of Health and Child Care launched the vaccination program. To date a total of 452 191 Zimbabweans have been inoculated.



## THIS WEEK

PLEDGES



US\$-

HONOURED PLEDGES



US\$-

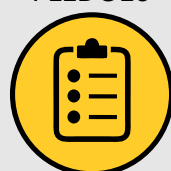
AMOUNT SPENT



US\$-

## TOTALS

PLEDGES



US\$840,971,689.00

HONOURED PLEDGES

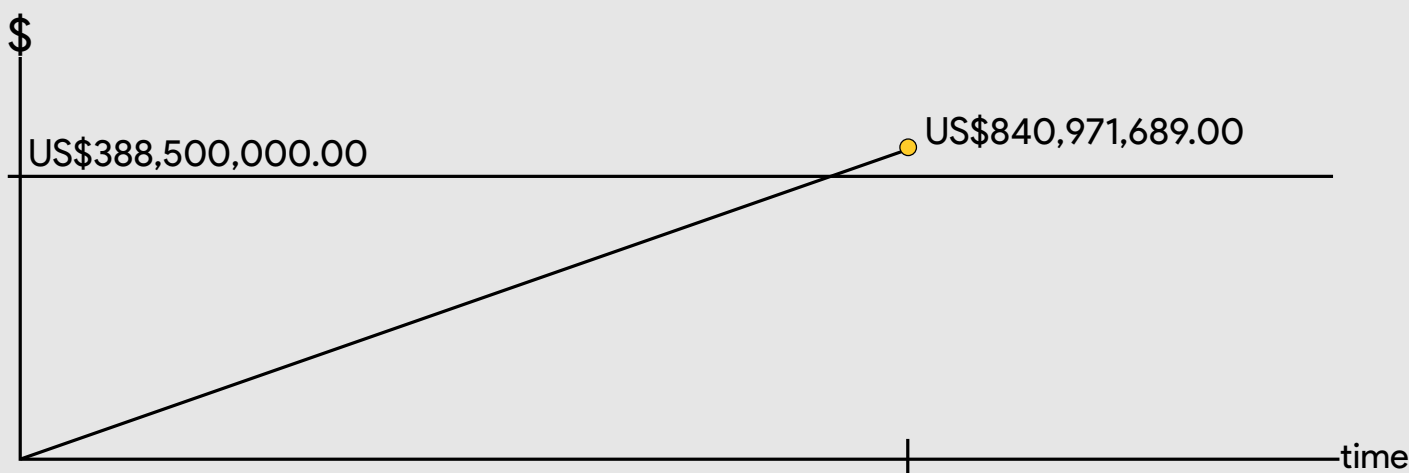


US\$635,474,503.00

AMOUNT SPENT



US\$519,305,028.00



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	

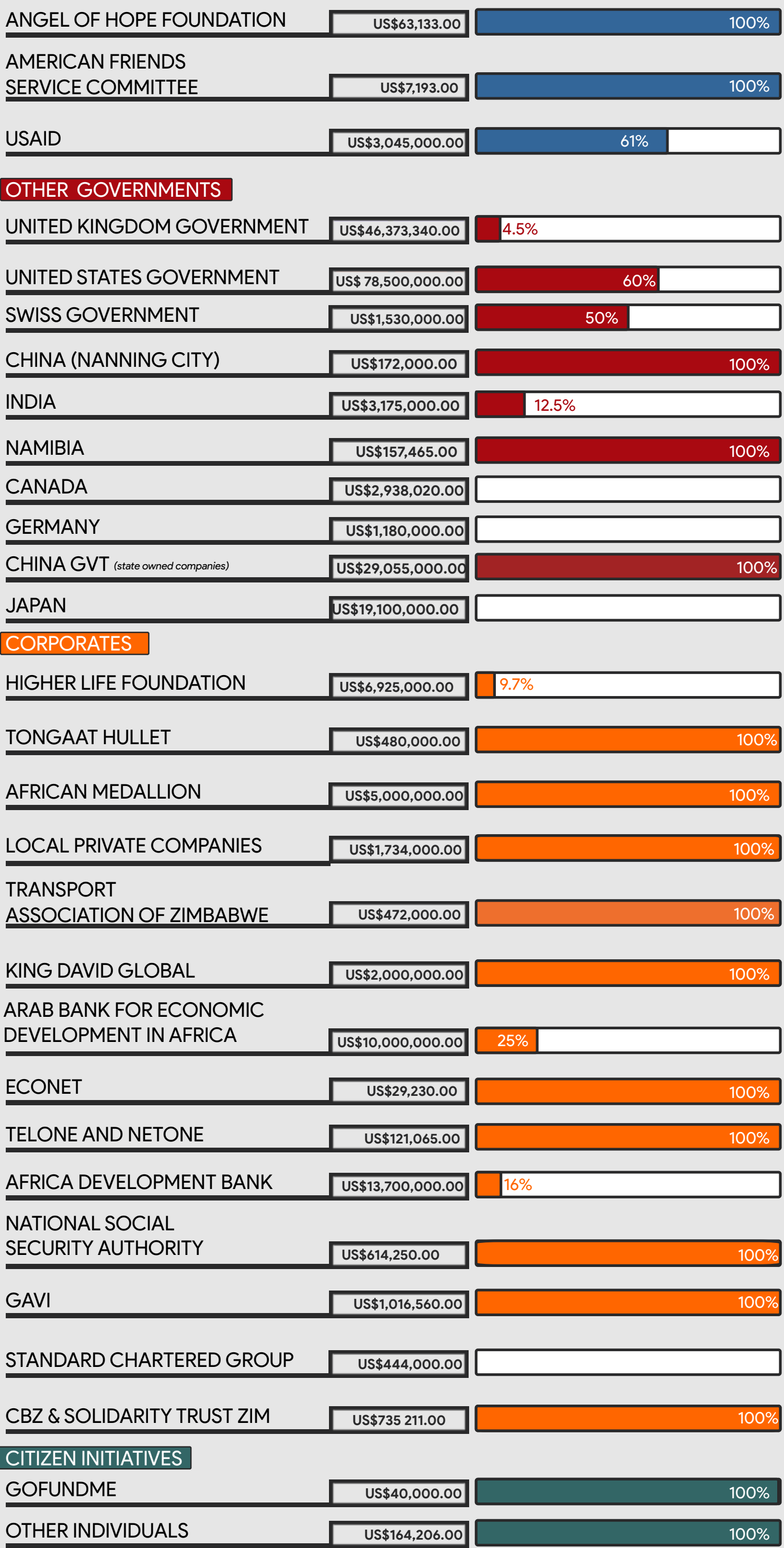
## EMBASSIES

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 World Health Organization on the 7th of May granted emergency approval of listed the Sinopharm COVID-19, giving the green light for this vaccine to be rolled out globally. As Zimbabwe continues to procure vaccines, there is need for the government to continue tracking and raising awareness on its safety and effectiveness to restore the citizen's confidence.

- In recent weeks the world has seen India suffer a large number of deaths due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new variant detected in India has now been detected in South Africa, this in turn means the new strain will soon be found in Zimbabwe given its proximity to South Africa and the frequent travel of citizens between the two countries.
- The vaccine tourism initiative by the private sector which was been approved by the government at the beginning of vaccination in Zimbabwe raises concerns. It is reported by media that many foreigners have been flocking to Zimbabwe to get vaccinated at a cost of US\$70. While we acknowledge the government's effort to raise revenue, it remains worrying that at a time when less than 5% of the population has been vaccinated, this may lead to prioritization of the rich thereby widening the already existing inequality gap between the rich and the poor.
- The issuance of the specialised electronic COVID-19 vaccination cards with security features that shall be used for travelling purposes outside the country is commendable. While the Ministry of Health has ordered 9 million more vaccination cards at an undisclosed price which are being distributed in health facilities, it remains worrying that some clinics still report a shortage of these vaccination cards. While cases of corruption in the distribution of vaccination cards have been recorded in the previous months, it is important that government makes an effort in curbing the illegal distribution of these vaccination cards.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- It is important that Zimbabwe continues to prioritize funding for and equitable access to vaccines for its citizens. Given the availability of vaccines, it is important for government to facilitate optimal vaccine uptake. While taking into account best practices for long-term effects of COVID-19 on the social, financial and economic recovery.
- The available COVID-19 vaccines should benefit both the rich and the poor. An ethical framework should guide vaccine distribution and prioritization of the vulnerable should remain key.
- With private players offering vaccines, it critical for government to ensure transparency and accountability in the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines. Not only does this conform to the principles of public finance management and good governance but is also critical in informing continued decision-making about the pandemic to ensure adequate population coverage without exploitation of the people of Zimbabwe.
- There is need for government to enforce and strictly monitor the distribution of the vaccination cards to close all loopholes on corruption and fraud. While it is a noble idea to curb the fraudulent vaccination cards and impose a serious penalty for those found on the wrong side of the law.



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