



# COVID-19 RESOURCE TRACKER

## OVERVIEW

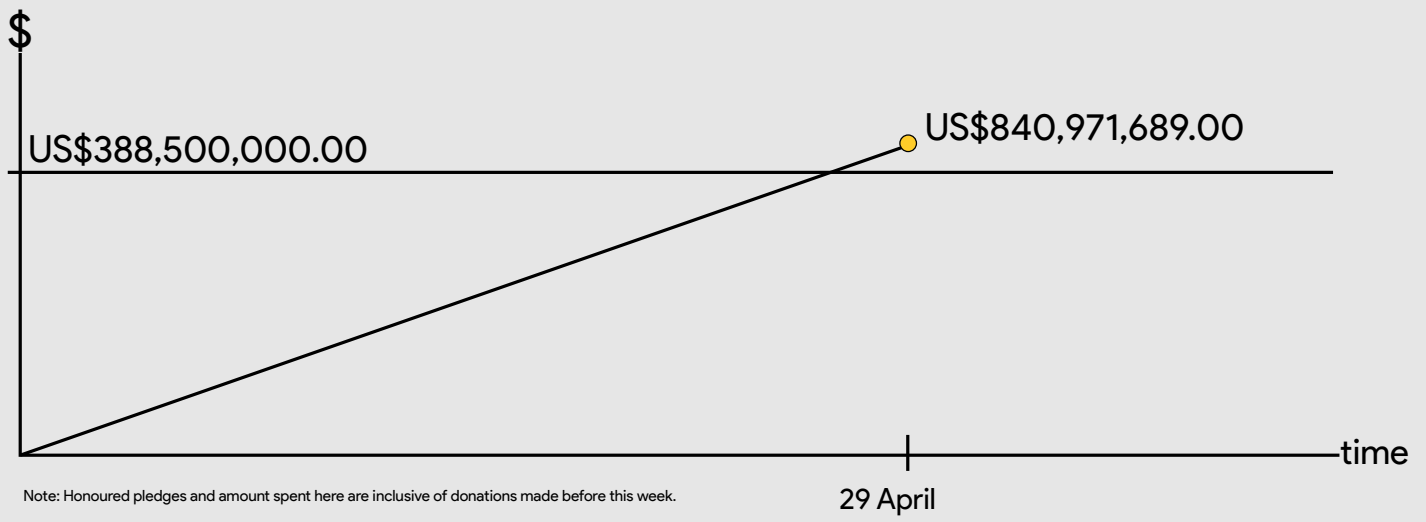
The COVID-19 Resource tracker is a ZIMCODD initiative to keep track of all resources pledged, received and expended by the Government of Zimbabwe in response to the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to date. The aim of the COVID-19 Resources Tracker is to strengthen transparency and accountability by 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



## 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	

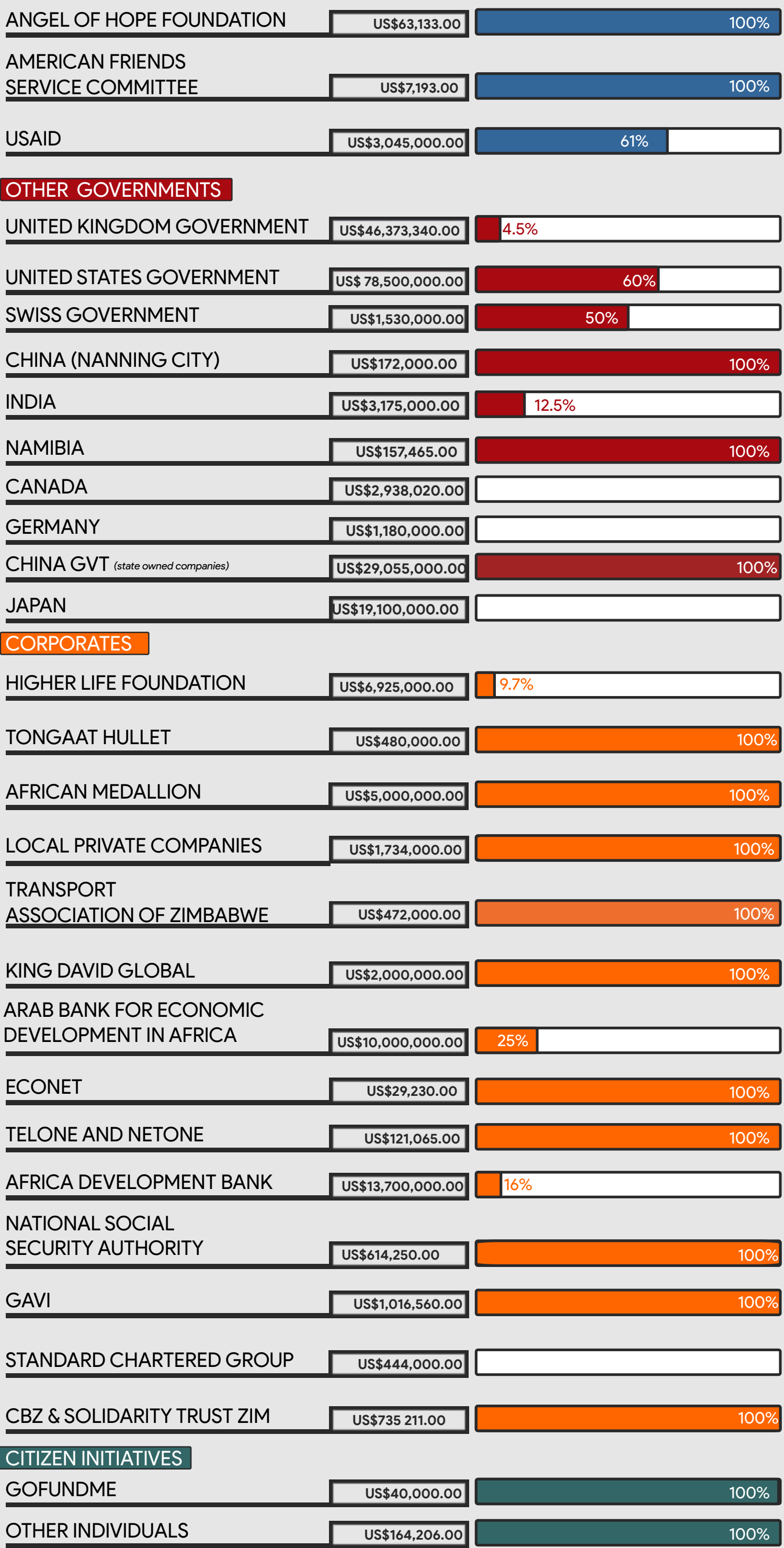
## EMBASSIES

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  
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## MAJOR CONCERNS

COVID-19 has worsened social and economic woes in Zimbabwe is not disputable. The COVID-19 crisis has exposed the country's entrenched social evils including among others grand corruption, looting and political patronage which has adversely affected the country's response mechanism to this global crisis.

- The national COVID-19 inter-sectoral plan for the period March to August 2021 has revealed that Zimbabwe requires US\$145 million to adequately procure crucial equipment including PPEs for combating COVID-19. While resource mobilisation drive is appreciated, citizens are concerned about mismanagement of public resources which has resulted in a deplorable health service delivery system. A recent report by Transparency International-Zimbabwe substantiate this concern as it notes that many of the challenges in the health sector emanate from misappropriation of public funds for private gain.
- The monopolisation of the public transport system (through SI 99/2020) in a bid to contain COVID-19 further exposes citizens to the pandemic as the ZUPCO buses cannot meet the demand for transport. Overcrowding in queues and in buses is a health hazard and potential COVID-19 super spreader locations.
- While government's efforts of preparedness for a looming 3rd wave of the pandemic, as indicated in the post-cabinet briefing this week, is commendable, it remains worrying that there is no clear strategy on how it intends to mobilise resources in the wake of another wave.
- Citizens also lament the lack of a just and equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution system. Some towns like Victoria Falls, whose estimated population is 25000 was supplied with 60 000 doses of the Sinovac vaccine on contrary towns such as Masvingo and Marondera have reported a shortage of the vaccine.

## RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

- There is need to reform the health service delivery system in light of the 3rd wave. The government must make deliberate effort to channel COVID-19 resources towards accelerating the improvement of the public healthcare system and service delivery in general.
- There is need for stringent monitoring of adherence to COVID-19 guidelines at ZUPCO pick up points and in ZUPCO buses to curtail the spread of the pandemic. The government should come up with a clear and sustainable mechanism for provision of safe and affordable public transport system for citizens.
- To ensure a just and equitable COVID-19 vaccine distribution, it is imperative that the government ensures that all provinces are fairly resourced with vaccines to inoculate all eligible and willing residents. The roll-out of the vaccine should prioritise the poor and the most vulnerable people in the communities. The parliament should expedite the rolling out of the vaccine through enacting a COVID-19 vaccine policy that provides guidelines to the operationalisation of the programme.



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