

COVID-19 | FACT SHEET

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World Vision
ZIMBABWE

COUNTRY CONTEXT



Lock down

The initial 21-day lock down on the country which ended on 19 April, 2020 was extended by two weeks to 3 May, 2020; Only essential services (food, hospitals etc) remain accessible to the public



Borders

Borders remain open to essential traffic; Non-essential travel except cargo is banned both in & out of the country



World Vision Staff

2 out of 3 staff working remotely or supporting field work with added safety measures



Impact on programming

WV continues to oversee humanitarian & other critical projects & activities, including in child sponsorship. About 60% of our programs are still running



28
Positive Cases



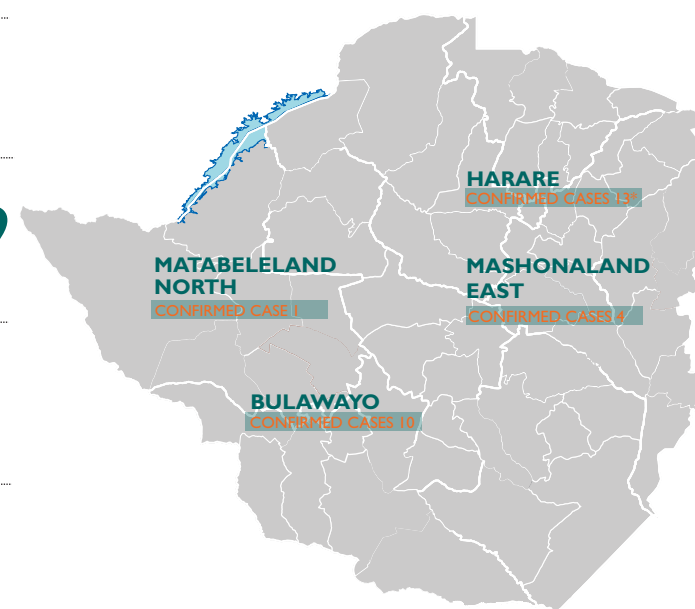
4,159
Tests Conducted



2
Recovered



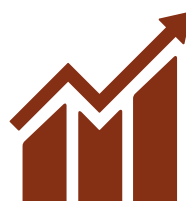
3
Deaths



As at 21 April, 2020

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

WVZ has developed an initial **US\$1 million** response plan & intends to scale up interventions beyond this time frame drawing on additional resources & funding



Food Assistance

Continue to provide food assistance to drought affected populations in 9 districts. COVID-19 awareness & sensitization.



Education

Awareness (IEC) to all schools nationwide through print material & SMS to the hard to reach areas.



Advocacy, Protection & Safeguarding

Advocacy for child sensitive COVID-19 response, including main streaming of child protection in response interventions. Media engagement with awareness messaging for children.



Health & Nutrition

Procure & distribute Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Support capacity building of Ministry of Health & Child Care staff & community health workers.



WASH

Procure & distribute soap, sanitisers, hand washing stations in communities and health facilities.



Admin & Procurement

Timely purchase of response material & ensuring staff well-being.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

- PPE distribution to community health centers and district hospitals in operational areas
- COVID-19 Awareness raising through IEC, SMS, Mobile Broadcasts, Radio slots, Social Media platforms
- High level participation at national COVID-19 fora
- Improved access to water in target communities



Social distancing-Alternative ways of food distributions to prevent the spread of COVID-19

TARGET POPULATION

329,918
children

69,118
sponsored children

426,720
men

684,655
women

1,441,293
total individuals

KEY MESSAGES

- WVZ urges the nation to focus on the impact of the pandemic on children, especially the most vulnerable-their access to education, health services, care & psychosocial support
- WVZ is concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on communities already in crises (Cyclone Idai & Drought). Funding must not be diverted from their current needs
- WVZ calls on government & other actors to adapt the child protection reporting & referral mechanisms in light of reports of increased gender-based violence during periods of movement restriction

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