As of 21 February, 2021

**CUMULATIVE COVID-19 STATISTICS**

- **35,796** positive cases
- **1,436** deaths

**COUNTRY CONTEXT**

- **Lockdown**
  - Following a spike in COVID-19 cases the government introduced strict 30-day lock-down measures between 5 January & 5 February, 2021. This has been further extended to 15 February, 2021 with additional two weeks. Adjustments include a 8 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. curfew. Essential services to remain functional. All gatherings still banned except for funerals, which should have 30 attendees or less. Business hours revised to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Borders**
  - Borders remain open to essential traffic. Returning residents and essential services including commercial and transit cargo carriers will be allowed to enter the country through its land borders. For visitors flying into Zimbabwe, tourist facilities and national parks will remain open but bound by the adjusted curfew hours.

- **Impact on Programming**
  - Our World Vision programs continue to operate with limited restrictions while adhering to Government of Zimbabwe, WHO & WV guidelines. Most of our offices remain open & functioning, with some office based staff working from home. Field staff are on the ground.

**RESPONSE PRIORITIES**

- WVZ has a US$2.6 million response plan & intends to scale up interventions beyond this time frame drawing on additional resources & funding

**TARGET POPULATION**

- **329,918** children
- **69,118** sponsored children
- **1,555,821** men
- **1,685,472** women
- **3,241,293** total individuals
KEY MESSAGING

- 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 & psycho social support
- WVZ is concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on communities already in crises (Cyclone Idai, Eloise & 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

KEY INTERVENTIONS FROM APRIL 2020 TO DATE

449 Health facilities assisted (incl. hospital, clinic). Type of PPE: 58,504 face masks & 103,301 sets of gloves. Distributed to community health centers & district hospitals in operational areas

2,674,776 People reached direct & indirectly through promotion of preventive behaviors such as hand & respiratory hygiene; isolation; WASH behaviors

644,427 Children reached with targeted age specific health education

211,344 COVID-19 IEC material printed & distributed

89 The number of COVID-19 meetings where WV participated to influence response priorities

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