

RESPONSE | FACT SHEET

22 February, 2021

As of 21 February, 2021

35,796

POSITIVE CASES

1,436

DEATHS

CUMULATIVE COVID-19 STATISTICS



These gardens are helping communities in Nyanyadzi with nutritious foods as well as generating income to meet household needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic

COUNTRY CONTEXT



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 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.



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

STOP
COVID-19

SAVE LIVES

LET'S REMEMBER TO WEAR OUR MASKS AT ALL TIMES

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**



FOOD ASSISTANCE

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



EDUCATION

Alternative learning approaches (Viamo, WhatsApp etc). Preparation of safe learning environments when children return to school. Continued awareness to all schools (IEC in local languages & SMS) especially the hard to reach areas.



ADVOCACY, PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING

Advocacy for child sensitive COVID-19 response, including mainstreaming of child protection in response interventions. Establishing safe space for women & girls. Media engagement with awareness messaging for children & community engagement for child protection awareness & referrals for services.



HEALTH & NUTRITION

Strengthen Infection Prevention & control through capacity building & support with PPE, surveillance & testing services (capacity building, testing kits, fuel/transport for contact tracing) Risk Communication & Community Engagement- Bulk SMS, radio messages, printed IEC, hailers Support demand creation for COVID-19 vaccine to reduce vaccine hesitancy IYCF-e in the context of COVID-19



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Distribute soap, sanitisers, hand washing stations in communities & health facilities such as foot operated hand washing stations. Disinfection of public places. Rehabilitation of boreholes & establishing of solar piped water schemes to improve water access for hand washing & domestic use. Continue to raise awareness on COVID-19 preventative measures using various media platforms.



ADMIN & PROCUREMENT

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

KEY INTERVENTIONS FROM APRIL 2020 TO DATE



449

Health facilities assisted (incl. hospital, clinics). 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

Continued Awareness raising through SMS, Mobile Broadcasts, Radio slots, Social Media platforms

MANY THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS



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