

## **COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE**

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# **Summary Statistic**

The country's current summarized statistics since the onset of the Pandemic in March 2020 to date have been summarized below:

### **TOTAL STATISTICS**

NUMBER OF RECORDED CASES	20,499
RECORDED DEATHS	483
RECOVERED CASES	12,439
CURRENT ACTIVE CASES	7,577

Table 1

### **ACTIVE CASE CURRENT SITUATION & DISTRIBUTION**

## Distribution of Active Cases as of 09-January-2021

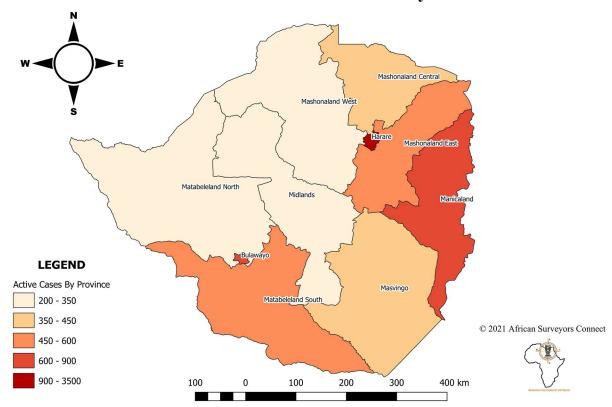


Figure 1

As can be seen in Figure 1, Harare currently still remains the province with the highest number of COVID-19 active cases, standing at 3,455 cases.

Active cases in the other provinces have risen over the past 7 days since the last report.

Matebeleland North has the lowest number of active patients standing at 228 patients.

### **COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS BY PROVINCE**

### **COVID-19 CUMULATIVE DEATHS AS OF 09-JAN-2021**

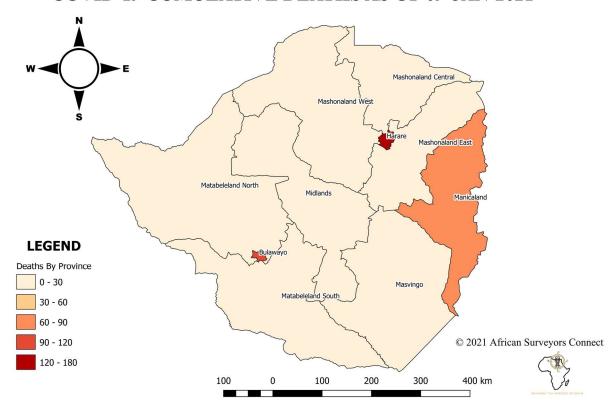


Figure 2

Harare province has also recorded quite a large number of COVID-19 deaths standing at 177 deaths at the time of the report.

Each province in the country has recorded at least one COVID-19 related deaths with Matebeleland North being the lowest with 6 people having succumbed to the virus.

## **7 DAY TIMELIME CASES AND DEATHS COMPARISON**

Table 2 below gives a comparison of COVID-19 data on 03-January-2021 and data on 09-January-2021.

Province	Number of Cumulative Recorded Cases	Number of Cumulative Recorded Deaths
Bulawayo	(1) 3561 (2) 3967	(1) 98 (2) 117
Harare	(1) 4631 (2) 6786	(1) 164 (2) 177
Manicaland	(1) 1081 (2) 1667	(1) 41 (2) 64
Mash Central	(1) 531 (2) 745	(1) 6 (2) 11
Mash East	(1) 769 (2) 1255	(1) 15 (2) 25
Mash West	(1) 741 (2) 1010	(1) 14 (2) 29
Midlands	(1) 1129 (2) 1413	(1) 11 (2) 18
Masvingo	(1) 759 (2) 1197	(1) 16 (2) 24
Mat North	(1) 592 (2) 745	(1) 3 (2) 6
Mat South	(1) 1471 (2) 1714	(1) 12 (2) 12

<sup>(2)</sup> are records as at 9-January-2021

Table 2

Over the last couple of days there has been a large increase in Coronavirus cases in most parts of the country. All provinces in the country recorded a drastic increase in the number of new cases.

As proportional to the number of cases, the number of deaths was also on the increase especially in provinces like Harare and Bulawayo.

No changes in the number of deaths were detected in Matebeleland South province which is the only province that did not record a new coronavirus death over the last 7 days.

A summary of the changes is displayed in the table below:

Change in	Changed by	Most affected Province(s)
Cumulative recorded cases	+5,234	Harare, Manicaland,
Cumulative recorded deaths	+103	Harare, Manicaland,
		Bulawayo

Table 3

The number of new cases within the last 7-days per day can be seen in Figure 3 below.

Harare and Manicaland were the main dominants in the new cases category while Harare and Manicaland again inclusive of Bulawayo province were the main dominants in the number of recorded COVID-19 related deaths over the past week.

## **DAILY NEW CASES (within the last 7-Days)**

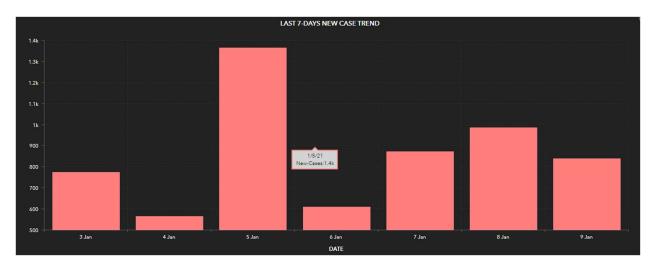


Figure 3

The 5 of January was a shocker for many as the country recorded 1,365 new cases in a single day. This stands as the highest number of cases that has been recorded in Zimbabwe within a period of 24-hours since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

The cases decreased from the 1,000 mark ever since the 5<sup>th</sup> of January and have been maintaining a steady figure between 800 and 900 cases per day.

### **CUMULATIVE TREND**

The graph below displays the cumulative trends in new recorded cases, deaths and recoveries.

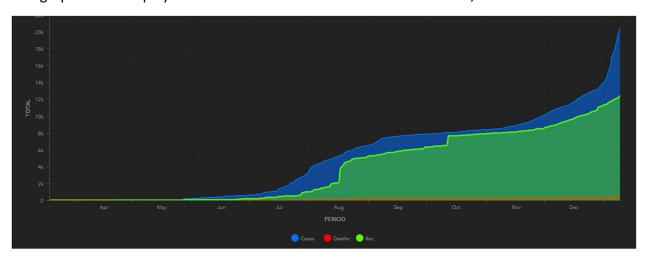


Figure 4

The large increase in the number of cases over the past week has seen a sharp increase in the cumulative graph with the steepest gradient since the onset of the pandemic. The amount of cumulative recorded cases and that of cumulative recoveries has introduced a large gap in the cumulative graphs as seen in Fig 4 above.

However, recoveries keep maintaining a steady increase dispute the number of new cases being recorded each and every day.

The amount of deaths recorded within the last 7 days has also introduced a steep gradient in the deaths cumulative graph. This is also the highest number of deaths Zimbabwe has recorded since the onset of the pandemic.

## Cases per 100K per Province

The graphs below display the case/incident rates per province per 100,000 population.

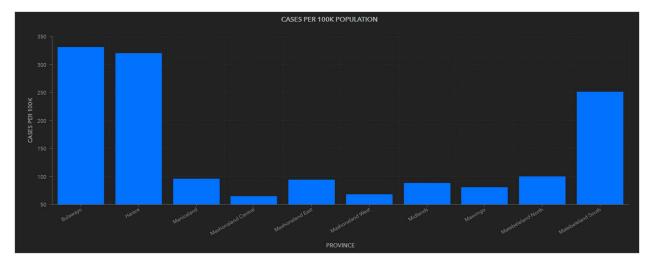


Figure 5

Bulawayo province has recorded the highest number of cases per capita followed by Harare and Matebeleland Province. Given that the population of Bulawayo is fairly smaller than that of Harare Province this certainly means Bulawayo is the Province with the highest risk of infection at the current moment then followed by Harare and Matebeleland South provinces.

The other remaining provinces having a lowest ratio per 100K population have a lower risk of infection than the others.

Bulawayo, Harare and Matebeleland South Provinces are currently the hotspots of the virus in Zimbabwe respectively.

## Deaths per 100K Population per Province

The graphs below shows the number of deaths per 100,000 population per province.

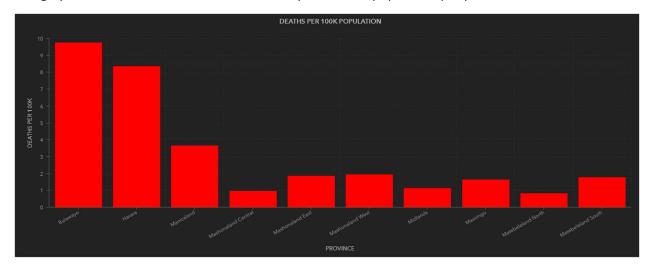


Figure 6

Bulawayo also has the highest number of deaths per 100K population followed by Harare again. Manicaland Province comes in third having an average number of deaths per capita compared to the other Provinces in the country.

#### **CURRENT RATES STANDINGS**

Table 4 below gives a short summary of the current COVID-19 average rates since the onset of the pandemic.

	Average Per Day	Average Per Month
New Cases	748	2,049
New Deaths	14	48
New Recoveries	123	1,243

Table 4

The *Average per Day* is based in the trends within the last 7-days between the new cases, deaths and recoveries and the *Average per Month* is based on the whole period since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

Please take note that the rates currently produced are an average of the situation in Zimbabwe.

## Conclusion

The current averages in the number of daily cases are expected to remain constant for the next week until they start dropping due to the strict measures which prevent more people from getting infected by the virus.

Zimbabwe being one of the countries in the world that have been affected by the Coronavirus is now going through and experiencing a second wave of the virus which has been the main cause of the increase in both the number of cases and deaths recorded on a daily basis.

Stiffer lockdown measures have since been introduced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January 2021 to help curb, avoid and control the spread of this virus.

Zimbabwe has also been declared a COVID-19 hotspot and other countries have restricted flights which are coming from Zimbabwe.

Members of the public are being advised to stay safe by observing the lockdown protocols put in place by the Government of Zimbabwe. Always remember to:

- Practice social distancing
- Sanitizing hands all the time
- Wear a mask whenever you are in public
- Avoid unnecessary movement and crowds (only travel when necessary)
- Seek medical attention when you suspect that you might have been exposed to the virus or know someone who might have been exposed
- Self-isolate yourself from others if you have been infected.

#### IN-CASE OF EMERGENCY

Call Toll-Free number that has been dedicated to fight COVID-19 in Zimbabwe

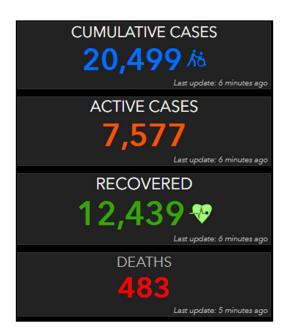


We will soon overcome this virus. Stay safe and stay aware

#### **Our Online Platforms**

Users, viewers and members of the public can also get to view and see live presentations of the current COVID-19 situation in Zimbabwe over our website.

The URL to our platform is: <a href="https://covid19.africansurveyors.net/">https://covid19.africansurveyors.net/</a>



Cumulative figures on the online platform are updated each and every day soon after the daily publication by the Ministry of Health & Child Care on their official channels (twitter and website)

Users can view this information any day and anytime to get a summarized statistical and analysis of the situation in the country.

We make sure to maintain this platform in order to keep you informed and updated throughout this pandemic.

Any suggestions and additions that you would like for the platform are welcome.

**ABOUT DATA** 

The statistical data compiled in this report is based on the daily COVID-19 report compiled and

published by the Ministry of Health & Child Care through their twitter platform. You can also

verify the statistics by viewing on the Ministry of Health & Child Care website.

We have also kept an online repository of COVID-19 data which is updated on a daily basis the

next morning after every publication.

The data can be found using the following link: <a href="https://github.com/African-Surveyors-">https://github.com/African-Surveyors-</a>

Connect/Zimbabwe-COVID-19-Data

Anyone is free to use the data for research and dissemination purposes after agreeing to the

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