COVID-19: ZIMBABWE UPDATES

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Zimbabwe Updates

17 March 2020
Government declares a State of Disaster.

Gatherings of more than 100 banned.

The Zimbabwe International Trade Fair was cancelled and funds for it were redirected to fight COVID-19.

21 March 2020
First confirmed case of COVID-19.

30 March 2020
Lockdown begins for 21 days.

Funerals not to involve more than 50 people.

Food stalls allowed to operate.

ZIMBABWE	CLUSTER	AFRICA	GLOBAL
9 cases	1 765 cases	6 986 cases	1 214 937 cases
1 death	17 deaths	482 deaths	67 841 deaths

Zimbabwe Red Cross Response

- Trained over 1,000 staff, volunteers and movement partners on risk communication and community engagement (RCCE).
- Procured and distributed personal protective equipment, hand sanitizers etc for staff and volunteers at Red Cross offices.
- Distributed over 8,000 posters with COVID-19 messages throughout the country.
- Screened visitors at ZRCS clinic.
- Extensive use of social media platforms to raise awareness and address myths and misinformation about COVID-19.

Currently the country is on a 21-day lockdown and through engagements with the government has been exempted to continue its operations, including food (in-kind) distributions in a number of districts and COVID-19 response activities. It is transforming food distribution points into places for COVID-19 infection prevention and control and is branding food Items (10kg maize meal packs) with COVID-19 messages.