

Heal Zimbabwe

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Lockdown Update

Introduction

Issues covered in this Update

In this report, Heal Zimbabwe's Early Warning and Early Response Situation Room provides an update on: how communities are responding to the extended lockdown, availability and cost of face masks, the conduct of lockdown enforcement officers, the availability and quality of health care services for COVID-19 and other diseases, and the availability of information on COVID-19 in local communities.

Methodology

A total of 4 000 trained Early Warning and Early Response Committee members and at least 5 000 community members who participate in HZT's outreach activities, CBOs operating in areas where Heal Zimbabwe operates and Heal Zimbabwe's Peace Clubs provides and verify information in this update.

Presentation of Updates **Manicaland Province Updates** **Mutasa**

Community members in Mutasa North Ward 31 Hauna Growth Point stayed in their homes. Both Hauna district hospital and clinic in Ward 31 were open and had most of the drugs. Mutasa district has not yet established a referral centre for COVID-19 cases. Shops in Ward 31 were open and community members continue to pay Ecocash agents between 35 and 40% for cash withdrawals.

Buhera

Community members in Ward 5 stayed in their homes. Community members from Ward 5 are not yet clear on where they can go for specialized COVID-19 services. There were no police officers enforcing the lockdown in the ward.

Chipinge

Community members in Ward 16, Ward 3 and Ward 1 stayed in their homes. Bangwe Clinic in Ward 1, Kondo clinic in Ward 16 and Mutema Clinic in Ward 3 were open assisting emergency cases only. Chipinge

Most businesses throughout Chipinge were open for business. ZUPCO buses that carry people to work had many trips, especially in Chipinge town. Many employees wanted to

check with their work place for any further instructions about how they would be operating for the second phase of the lock down. Most of the people in Chipinge town had homemade masks.

Police and soldiers manning the roads were also demanding that everyone puts on a face masks. There were also reports that some people had to collect used masks from bins, wash them or simply re-used them in their dirty state.

People looking for menial jobs in the tea, a coffee and Macadamia plantation has increased. Those coming to the plantations seeking for jobs were not wearing masks nor practising social distance. Police had to intervene and ensure that these job seekers observe social distancing. In ward 5 of Chipinge, female Councilor Nhengu spent the day re-orienting the ward committees that were selected to record the beneficiaries of donor aid including for social welfare. The gatherings comprised of 10 people each and observed social distance with most of them having homemade masks.

Many people spent hours waiting for transport along Tanganda-Chiredzi highway. ZUPCO buses were unable to meet the demand. However, community members highlighted that there was confusion on whether they should produce letters to the police and soldiers who were manning roadblocks..

Chimanimani

Community members in Ward 5 and Ward 20 were seen roaming around Business centres. However, community members from Ward 8 Nyanyadzi area expressed concern over rumours that had circulated on social media highlighting that there was a COVID-19 suspect at Nyanyadzi Clinic.

Nyanga

On 3 May 2020 Nyanga North MP Chido Sanyatwe held a meeting at Kazodzo Primary School, in Ward 3. The meeting was attended by 17 Village Heads and local ZANU PF position bearers. Participants at the meeting did not observe social distancing, and there were no disinfectants despite the fact that people were shaking hands. All 17 Village Heads received 50kgs of rice after the meeting.

Makoni

Community members in Ward 15, Ward 13 and Ward 16 stayed in their homes. Rupfende clinic in Ward 15, St Theresa Hospital, and Tandi Clinic in Ward 16, Headlands were open for emergency cases only. Nurses in these institutions were still complaining over lack of personal protective equipment.

Harare Metropolitan Province **Budiriro 1**

It was business as usual for community members in Budiriro 1. Police officers moved around Budiriro 1 at around 08:00hours urging residents to stay indoors. Supermarkets in Budiriro 1 were open and had most of the basic commodities.

Chitungwiza

Community members in Zengeza 4 stayed in their homes. However, there has been an

increase in the movement of people since the announcement of the extension at Makoni business centre. Community members were queued for subsidized mealie meal from as early as 0100 hours at Gains and OK Makoni. Police officers were seen moving around Zengeza 4 shops at around 10:00hours encouraging everyone to wear masks and observe social distance. Zengeza 4 hospital was open and most of the drugs were available.

Highfield

Community members in Ward 24 stayed in their homes. Highfields Poly Clinic in Ward 24 was open although nurses were complaining over shortage of protective clothing to help them perform their duties safely.

Masvingo Province Bikita

In Bikita community members are still staying in their homes. However in Ward 32, people were gathered at a neighbourhood police homestead in Vurayai village drinking traditional beer. People were not wearing masks. People who visited Nyika Growth Point without masks were sent back home by police officers. Most people were using their head wraps and towels as masks whilst others were even using T-Shirts to cover their mouths and noses. Community members highlighted that they could not afford proper masks, which are being charged at US\$1.00. Most shops at Nyika Growth Point are running out of stock.

Gutu

Gutu community members continue to stay in their homes. Police are turning away who move around shops without face masks. On the 4th of May, the Department of Social welfare distributed maize at Steven shops in Ward 6, without observing social distance and most community members were not wearing masks. This was despite the fact that health technician was there and even addressed at the distribution and encouraged people to wear masks. At the shops the masks are being sold at USD\$1.00 each and the Councilor advised that people should make their own at their homes.

Zaka

Community members in Zaka continue to stay in their homes and police officers were chasing people who were moving around shops without masks. On the 5th of May, community members attended a funeral in Ward 19 and a majority of them were clad in home-made masks. However, community members complained that they were failing to put on masks for a long time. Most of the people would touch the masks from time to time and others would even remove their masks when talking. Community members also highlighted that they were using wrong material and this was blocking sufficient inflow of air through the mask. On the 4th of May, CARE International distributed food aid in Ward 19 at Chipezeze primary school. Social distancing was well observed and community members were washing their hands throughout the distribution process.

Mwenezi

Community members from Neshuro Growth Point continue to stay in their homes. However, today the 5th of May, only a few people were wearing masks around shops. Police officers continue to move around urging people to wear masks whenever they are in public places.

Chivi

Community members from Chivi continue to stay in their homes and police officers were turning

away all those who moved around Ngundu business centre without masks, The police also informed community members that those without masks in public places were liable to a fine of ZWL\$500.00. Basic commodities such as flour, cooking oil and mealie-meal are now scarce as most business operators at Ngundu business centre and around Chivi relied on the Beitbridge boarder for restocking.

Masvingo

Residents in Masvingo were allowed to get into town only when they were wearing their masks. ZUPCO buses were also refusing to carry people without masks. Only formal shops or those that have licenses were allowed to open. Municipal police moved around town, forcing all shops that were operating without licenses to close. The passport office was also open but they highlighted that they are not serving the public. Dozens of people were in the CBD and fuel queues were resurfacing. Many people in town had home-made masks. Residents highlighted that face masks which were being sold at US\$1.00 each were too expensive for them.

Most of people from Ward 4, Ward 5 and Ward 6 were seen moving around despite soldiers moving around in residential areas and at shopping centres. In the CBD, residents without masks were denied entrance into many shops. In ward 6, Majange, police officers assaulted a man who had forced himself into a shop without a mask.

Mashonaland East Province **Murehwa**

Today, most shops at Murehwa Centre were operating and had most of the basic commodities. Movement of people within the ward was normal just like any other day. However there was no transport linking Murewa Centre and other shopping centres in the district. Community members also highlighted that they did not afford face masks and sanitizers.