




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MONTHLY OVERVIEW FEBRUARY 2021



The second wave of COVID-19 has continued to ravage communities globally; Zimbabwe has not been spared. In February, level 4 lockdown measures continued. Some ZIRP activities had to be put on hold pending the lifting of restrictions; affecting food security, WASH, and community infrastructure service delivery. Restrictions on public gatherings negatively impacted community-based activities that are group-based such as training and health promotion sessions. Under Food Security and Livelihoods, farm managers could provide coaching and mentoring to individual farmers only since group training was impossible due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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The incessant rains that Zimbabwe received in the month of February benefited the farmers by cutting down irrigation costs as the rains were enough for vigorous crop growth. Maize harvesting commenced at Kushinga-Gambadziya, Maunganidze and Bwerudza irrigation schemes; (241 ha of maize harvested). Consultation and planning for winter inputs are in progress. At Kushinga-Gambadziya, Maunganidze and Bwerudza irrigation schemes, winter cropping preparations are at an advanced stage, with seedbeds for onion and tomato already established. Land preparations for sugar bean are in full swing. The strengthening of market linkages was intensified. The Chilli Pepper Company introduced a field officer at the Gudyanga irrigation scheme to provide expert support on chilli production, harvesting, grading, packaging.

2,400 additional Community-Based Vaccinators registered in February in 8 districts.

Training of Veterinary service field staff ongoing in preparation for the vaccination of New Castle.



4 weekly dipping sessions were conducted.

To date, **33** out of 48 target dipping sessions have been conducted.



4 irrigation schemes (Maunganidze, Gudyanga, Nyanyadzi and Bwerudza) designs approved.

2 contracts have been awarded for solar-powered systems and irrigation works.



104 farmers from Gudyanga and Nyanyadzi nominated for contract sugar bean seed production with SeedCo.

10 farmers at Chipendeke contracted for sugar bean seed production with National Tested Seed Company.



Preliminary works for solar-powered systems for Maunganidze and Gudyanga irrigation schemes have commenced. Stakeholder engagement took place at the Mutema irrigation scheme, and ES screening was updated for the revised scope for the irrigation works.

Labour-intensive work continued at the Bwerudza irrigation scheme to repair damage caused by the rains.



HEALTH AND WASH



Health promotion activities through Village Health Workers (VHWs) were reduced to individual interactions due to the restrictions on gatherings.

Distribution of bicycles and training of 580 VHWs on basic riding skills is in progress. Infection prevention control commodities have been distributed to VHWs.

The design for the isolation ward at St Peter's Mission hospital is under approval from the Department of Public Works. The plan for the management of asbestos is being finalized.

Work on the painting of art murals for community health messaging continued in Masvingo province in the month of February.

24,872 beneficiaries were reached with health services in ZIRP target areas, captured using eHealth platform.



247 people reached with integrated health services through VHWs.
435 people sensitised on health promotion interventions.



72 out of the targeted 75 communities have submitted their water safety plans under the Drinking Water Safety and Security Plans (DWSSP). The plans are currently under review.

4,965 people were reached through civil society organisations via the health clubs members disseminating information within their communities and healthcare facilities. Information and education communication materials have also been distributed.



66 new latrines were constructed for vulnerable households.
184 latrines were constructed under the sanitation focused PHHE methodology



13 water points were installed, increasing access to water for **25,220** more people. **49,508** people now have access to clean water.

EDUCATION



In light of the announcement made by MoPSE on the re-opening of schools, recruitment of the supply and monitoring expert is being finalised to spearhead monitoring of usage of learning materials that have been distributed to 134 schools.



A RapidPro survey was administered for post monitoring of ZIRP supplies distributed to the schools.



Stakeholder engagements were conducted for the draft designs for the schools.

CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS



Procurement of 15 post-rape kits to strengthen GBV response was completed. Delivery of the kits is now awaited.

Seven one-to-one meetings were conducted between IOM and Technical Agencies for the round 5 Baseline report. Cumulatively 24 sessions have been done to date.

76 GBV survivors reached through mobile One Stop Clinics.
47 GBV survivors were referred by community cadres.



21 IOM enumerators from Chipinge, Chimanimani and Buhera districts were trained on the return assessment tool, PSEA and GBV issues.



COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES



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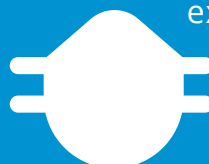
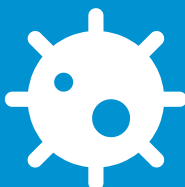
In response to COVID-19, the following interventions were supported through ZIRP, under various targeted sectors in the month of February.

1 four-wheel drive vehicle was delivered to the WHO in February for response and surveillance under COVID-19.



165 specimens were transported to government labs for testing

Cumulatively, **656,843** people have been reached indirectly through key health and hygiene promotion, including messaging on infection prevention control for COVID-19.



The delivery of N95 masks and the PCR machine is now expected in March as issues that were causing delays were resolved.



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