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MONTHLY OVERVIEW

JANUARY 2021

COVID-19 SECOND WAVE CONTEXT



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Zimbabwe was hit by the second wave of COVID-19 in January 2021, forcing the Government to declare a 30-day lockdown from 02 January amidst rising cases and deaths. The regulations barred gatherings, imposed a curfew and restricted movement to only essential services. For ZIRP, only the health sector was considered essential services, impacting all other project sectors. The following are highlights on project achievements in the month of January within the restrictions of the COVID-19 second wave.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



World Food Programme



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



UNOPS

Harvesting of early planted maize crop is underway across all irrigation schemes, with late planted crop at the soft dough stage. Seedbed preparation for tomatoes and onions is in full swing across all irrigation schemes. Facilitation of agricultural production and market linkages for farmers in irrigations schemes continues. In January, Cairns foods and National Tested Seeds engaged farmers at Chipendeke for Michigan and Sugar bean seed production respectively.

Designs for Chipendeke Irrigation Scheme were approved in January and two contracts were issued for technical works in 4 irrigation schemes. 11 community workers were employed at Bwerudza Irrigation Scheme during the month of January.

Four dipping sessions were held, bringing the total to 29 out of 48 targeted dipping sessions across 297 community-managed dip tanks.

4,084 cattle have been vaccinated against botulism anthrax and blackleg, bringing the total to 460,717. **1,700** community-based vaccinators have been registered in the 8 target districts



24,444 cattle have been dewormed to control intestinal parasites to improve production and productivity across 8 cyclone-affected districts bringing the total to 497,419



EDUCATION

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A standardised draft design for schools was completed. UNOPS CI awaiting stakeholder engagement to be conducted in February 2021.



Delivery of **supplies for hygiene kits** is in progress.





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HEALTH AND WASH



VHWs continued with community-based service delivery. 757 people were reached with community sensitization on health promotion.

Designs for the isolation ward at St. Peter's Mission hospital were approved by UNOPS. The designs are now being discussed with the stakeholders .



128,351 people were reached with basic services.



Six water points were installed - 5 springs and 1 deep well, increasing access to water for **1,537** more people. **24,288** people now have access to clean water.



Two squat holes were constructed, bringing the total to 88 squat holes in schools benefitting 4,898 pupils and 24 in Health Care Facilities (HCFs). 103 households constructed squat holes, 58 latrines for vulnerable households and 45 latrines constructed under the sanitation-focused PHHE methodology. 16,744 people were reached with promotion of improved hygiene practices using Participatory Health and Hygiene Education (PHHE), cumulatively 651,878 people have been reached.

CROSS CUTTING ELEMENTS



Minor assessments were carried out in Ruwedza and Nyamusundu to inspect any damage caused by the rains (Cyclone Chalene).

MOWA and MOHCC facilitated clearance of movement of community cadres during the January lockdown, given the essential nature of GBV services and the criticality of timely referrals.

3000 dignity kits were procured and delivery to Musasa is in progress.



292 GBV survivors were referred for services by community cadres and 153 survivors reached through mobile OSC





IMPACT OF COVID-19 SECOND WAVE

The second COVID-19 second wave has impacted several activities of project implementation. These activities will resume once COVID-19 restrictions are eased.

Food security and livelihoods

Training of farmers and monitoring of project activities in irrigation schemes were suspended. Procurement and delivery processes have been hampered, delaying the fencing of gardens as originally planned by FAO.

WASH

Construction of sanitation facilities was confined. Training for Community structures, DWSCC, PWSSCs and National level government structures was suspended.

Education

Planned Post Distribution monitoring in schools could not be conducted as schools are closed.

Health

Social mobilisations and outdoor media campaigns were suspended, and the expected date of completion is now April 2021. Monitoring field visits had to be suspended. As mitigation, UNICEF Health continued to engage with MOHCC and ensured categorisation of this activity as part of essential services.



Community infrastructure

The main construction works on the roads were suspended. Community work in the irrigation schemes was also suspended. Procurement and delivery of labour works' materials, tools and services have been affected and will resume once restrictions ease. Stakeholder and community meetings impacted, and monitoring of works was suspended.



Cross-cutting elements

IOM rescheduled data collection for the Return, Reintegration and Recovery Assessments from the planned 22 February to 7 March 2021.

UNFPA activities were not impacted, as they lobbied due to the critical and sensitive nature of their interventions.

ZIRP continues to engage relevant stakeholders to facilitate continuation of project activities so as to minimise the impact of the Cyclone damage and COVID-19 pandemic on the target communities.

COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITIES



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Organization



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

360,367 people (cumulatively) have been reached directly through key health and hygiene promotion, including messaging on IPC for COVID-19.



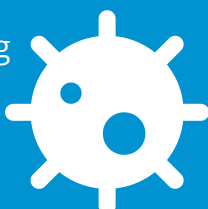
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Health and Hygiene awareness activities undertaken in response to COVID-19 in cyclone affected high-risk areas of Mutare and Chipinge have led to considerable number of people reached and engagement with citizens using innovative approaches such as mobile units.

Five solar chargers were delivered in January, finalising the procurement of IT equipment for disease surveillance in Chipinge and Chimanimani.



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ZIRP Overview January 2021

Food Security and Livelihoods

297 community dipping tanks have completed

29 out of 48

dipping sessions



More than

230,000

people received food assistance to date



1,393,329

livestock dewormed and vaccinated
dewormed Blackleg, Anthrax and Botulism

Rehabilitation of

4

irrigation schemes in progress



13

certificates for community assets handed over

Health & WASH

1,637,579

people reached with community sensitisation on health promotion interventions

63

wards with risk mitigation infrastructure constructed



Capacity building completed for

2,477

village health workers in 9 districts



6,072

households have restored access to water and sanitation services

549,645

people provided with basic health package services and support



Education

88,516

students in 134 schools benefited from teaching and learning supplies



64,418

school backpacks distributed

70

classroom tents distributed



RapidPro Survey template approved for deployment

500

units of school-in-a-box distributed

400

Early Childhood Development (ECD) kits distributed



300

recreational kits distributed

Cross-Cutting Elements

426

community workers engaged in rehabilitation of infrastructure



4

access roads undergoing rehabilitation

17

one on one DTM sessions held with TAs to inform programming



5

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) surveys and assessments conducted



733

GBV survivors reached through mobile OSC
131 GBV survivors provided with transport to higher levels of care

COVID-19 Response

8

Environmental Health Technicians (EHTs) were trained on disease surveillance



2,476

VHWs in all the 9 ZIRP-targeted district received refresher training on integrated COVID-19 prevention, community-based surveillance and home-based IPC

812

community peer supervisors were identified and oriented on supportive supervisory, mentorship and coaching skills



580

VHWs recruited, trained and deployed increasing the coverage in the targeted districts to at least 81% of villages with VHWs



Health workers provided with laptops, tablets and phones to use in disease surveillance

26

health workers from 19 Health Facilities (7 ZIRP-supported mission hospitals and 12 Regional Council Clinics) were trained on case management and IPC



3 out of 8

art murals have been completed for community messaging targeting nearly 2.5 million people indirectly in the 9 ZIRP districts



1,179

specimens have been transported to government labs for testing

18

motorcycles procured for delivery specimen transportation



5

ZIRP-supported mission hospital labs received supplies and consumables



4,276

UNICEF VHWs and 9 UNICEF Health training centres in Chimanmani and Chipinge districts received PPEs and IPC



design for a **12-bed**

isolation ward at St. Peter's Mission Hospital has been approved

In addition to procurement of PPE, ZIRP is supporting the health systems response to COVID-19 through capacity strengthening at institutional and community level by reinforcing COVID-19 surveillance, lab support, case management, IPC, including RCCE and continuity of essential services in line with the COVID-19 National Response Plan and priorities.