

COVID-19 & HEALTH ISSUES

A weekly snapshot of COVID-19 and other health topics in Zimbabwe

TOP STORY:

- COVID-19 Global Health Emergency is Over – World Health Organisation (WHO).

TOP ISSUES:

Zimbabwe's suspected cholera burden nearing 1000 mark.

Zimbabwe records more than 95% measles vaccination coverage in Apostolic sects.

Government lifts all COVID-19 protocols at the country's ports of entry.

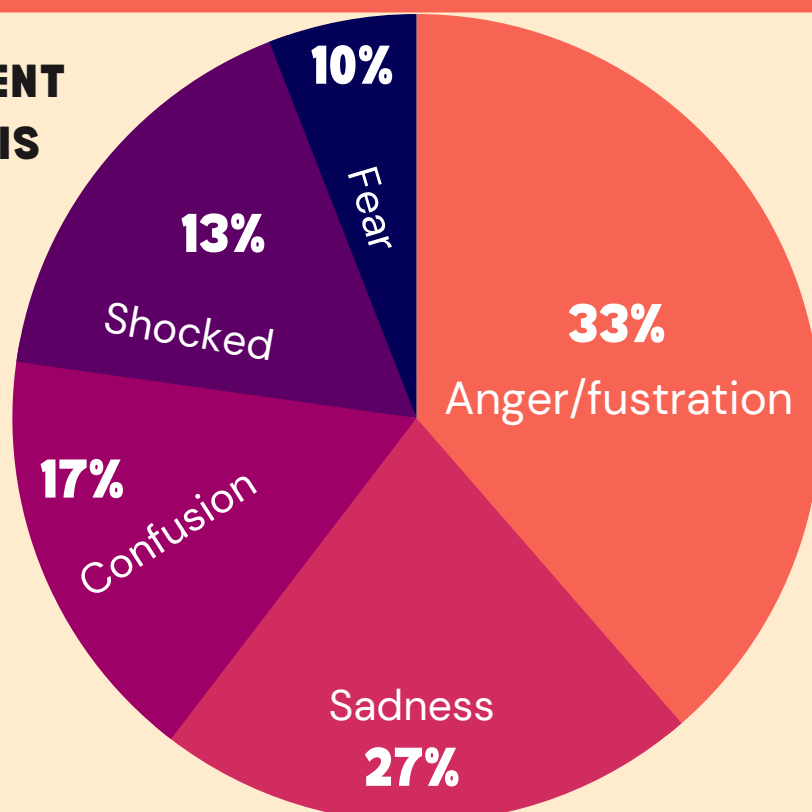
TOP TRENDING POST

The post with the highest reach this week:

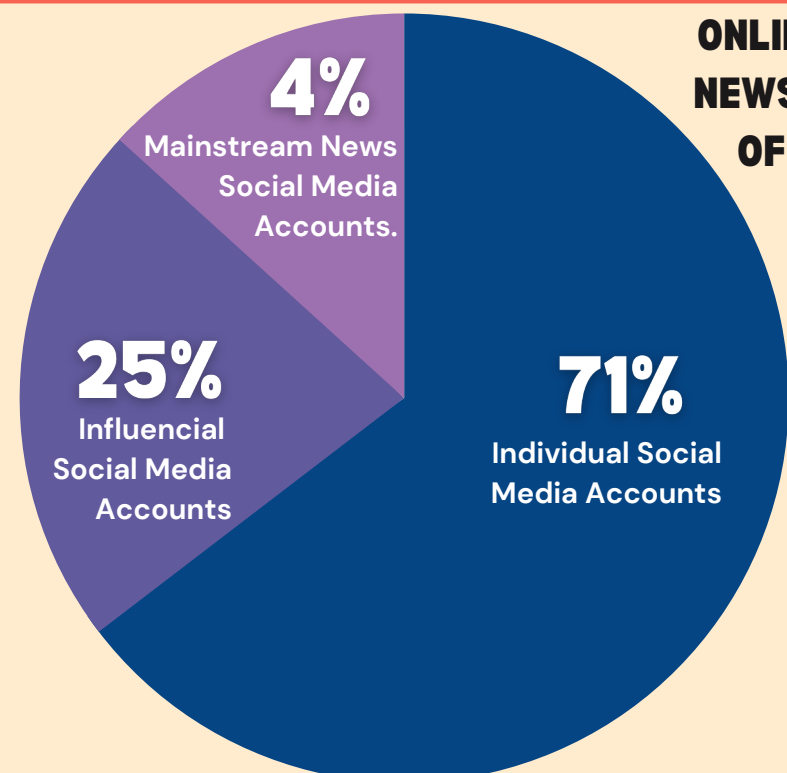
- Potential Reach: 321.3K
- Retweets: 468
- Likes: 989
- Comments: 36

"Mnangagwa has gazetted that Ministry of Health will no longer be disclosing the procurement of: Vehicles , Ambulances , Construction material, Construction equipment ,Hospital equipment , Medicines, drugs, PPE, Lab equipment, chemicals Grand looting is loading!" (Twitter)

SENTIMENT ANALYSIS



ONLINE HEALTH NEWS SOURCES OF THE WEEK



Source: Visualisation by Internews: Data by RiT 2.0 Global Rumours Dashboard

"Ikozvino covid hanzi
haichatyise Saka vanhu
havachabaiwe."

Translated Rumour: "COVID-19 is no longer a threat so there is no need to get vaccinated"

FACTS

- On May 5, 2023, WHO's director general, Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus declared that COVID-19 was no longer a public health emergency due to increased population immunity from vaccination and infection, and decreased mortality and pressure on health systems.
- Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's COVID-19 technical lead and head of its program on emerging disease, said the emergency phase of the COVID-19 crisis was over, but the disease was "here to stay" as the coronavirus that causes the disease was not going away any time soon and will continue to cause waves.
- National COVID-19 taskforce Coordinator Dr Agnes Mahomva has advised citizens to remain vigilant by wearing masks, when necessary, as the pandemic was not over, and that Government will continue efforts of ensuring public institutions are safe especially as the country heads into the winter season where there is likely to be an increase in respiratory diseases.



RECOMMENDATIONS TO JOURNALISTS

- **Production of feature stories that explain the meaning** of WHO's declaration of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic's emergency phase and highlight the continued threat that the COVID-19 virus has and what needs to be done to reduce the threat.
- **Hosting local language (Ndebele, Shona, Kalanga, Tonga, Venda and Sotho) talk shows and discussions** on radio, television and in WhatsApp groups featuring health experts explaining why people need to continue adhering to COVID-19 prevention protocols such as vaccination, social distancing, using masks and hand sanitisers even though the emergency phase of the pandemic has ended.

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