

# COVID-19 FERTILIZER WATCH

PROVIDING WEEKLY INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE EAST & SOUTHERN AFRICA FERTILIZER MARKET

## HIGHLIGHTS

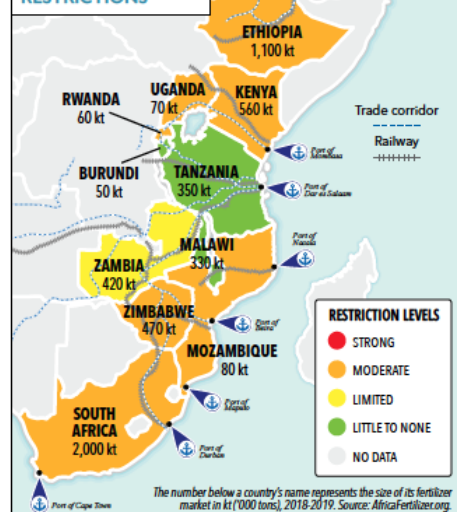
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- Fertilizer Availability:** There have been no reported shortages of fertilizer from the supply side, barring some minor issues with shipping lines sending out blank sailing notices, possibly affecting lead times for future fertilizer orders in the coming months. The long rains continue in East Africa, with the winter cropping season ongoing in Southern Africa.
- Ports:** Port operations largely remain unchanged as they still require isolation periods and restrictions on crew changes and quarantining for returning crew members. Ports continue to operate on reduced shifts (1/3 operational on a 15-day cycle) with modified operations.
- Road Freight:** Normal movement of cargo has been observed in the region, however the unavailability or reduction in back-freight cargo continues to cause losses for logistics companies. Several countries are undertaking truck driver screening and testing within borders and at border crossings.
- Border Crossing:** Truck driver testing is operational at all border crossings. However, several countries are in negotiations to set up guidelines that will ease border congestion. Guidelines may include permitting truckers to continue their onward journeys as tests are processed and notifications to seek immediate medical attention sent to those with positive results. Current testing rigor is dependent on the country of departure, and ranges from the use of "relay drivers" to transport goods internally, isolation at border posts, escorted mandatory isolation, denial of entry and repatriation, or only temperature testing.
- Fertilizer Sector Response:** As the cropping season is already ongoing in most countries, fertilizer associations and private sector companies continue working closely with Ministry of Agriculture officials to ensure efficiency in the distribution channel within the needs of the COVID-19 restrictions.

## STATS

COUNTRY	COVID-19 CASES	PUBLIC MEASURES	MEASURES AFFECTING FERTILIZER SECTOR
BURUNDI	144		
ETHIOPIA	2,034		
KENYA	5,206		
MALAWI	848		
MOZAMBIQUE	762		
RWANDA	830		
SOUTH AFRICA	111,796		
TANZANIA	509		
UGANDA	805		
ZAMBIA	1,489		
ZIMBABWE	530		

PANDEMIC INDICATORS:	NO CHANGE OR IMPROVED	UP TO 25% INCREASE	25-50% INCREASE	>50% INCREASE	NO DATA REPORTED
LOGISTICS INDICATORS:	LITTLE TO NO IMPACT	LIMITED IMPACT	MODERATE IMPACT	STRONG IMPACT	NO DATA OR N/A
CONFIRMED # COVID-19 CASES	COVID-19 NEW CASES PERCENT INCREASE	HEALTH MEASURES	ECONOMIC MEASURES	PORT OPERATIONS	FERTILIZER STOCKS AVAILABILITY
DOMESTIC TRANSPORT	TRANSIT & BORDERS	AGRO INPUT RETAIL SHOPS	FERTILIZER SECTOR RESPONSE	FERTILIZER STOCKS AVAILABILITY	

## LEVELS OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



The number below a country's name represents the size of its fertilizer market in kt ('000 tons), 2018-2019. Source: AfricaFertilizer.org.

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## Introduction to the Fertilizer Watch

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Fertilizer Development Center ([IFDC](#)) and our AfricaFertilizer.Org ([AFO](#)) initiative launched a weekly **East & Southern Africa (ESA) COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch**, which was initiated on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> with the first release of the *Watch Bulletin*, a one-page document tracking the impact of COVID-19 country-specific mitigation measures on the delivery and use of fertilizers in ESA countries. In doing so, the Fertilizer Watch allows public and private sector stakeholders, as well as the international development partners of international donor agencies to monitor agricultural production and food security in the region.

This week is the fourth bi-weekly, and sixth overall release of the Watch since its initiation by IFDC. The objective of the Watch is to ensure monitoring continues as to whether fertilizers are moving freely across the region, from ports and plants to farms, and that sufficient quantities and appropriate fertilizers are reaching farmers in time for planting, and to ensure that COVID-19 impacts on productivity and food security can be identified early and met with an effective and coordinated response by development partners and the private sector. We expect that as seasonal agricultural production progresses, and the COVID-19 global health emergency evolves, other related indicators and data will need to be tracked, whereupon IFDC and AfricaFertilizer.org will update the Watch accordingly.

IFDC has already launched the [COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch in West Africa](#) and intends to launch an Africa-wide COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch shortly. Both Watches have been greatly appreciated by private sector businesses all along the value chain, public sector and development partners responsible for policy and food security interventions, including Government Ministries, Regional Economic Communities, IFA (International Fertilizer Association) and the African Union as a valuable tool to monitor actions and analyze data to help in decision making related to fertilizer availability and use.

The AFO team would like to thank the private and public sector partners who have provided input and vital information for the ESA Watch. We would also like to thank USAID for their support through the USAID-funded Bureau of Resilience and Food Security (RFS) Feed the Future project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT) implemented by IFDC.

Please [click here to visit IFDC's ESA Fertilizer Watch webpage](#) in order to download the one-page Bulletins for the current sixth release as well as ask for prior weeks, or the full *Country Status Reports* from April and May. [Click here to subscribe](#) for future updates and releases.

## Bi-Weekly Highlights | June 13 – June 26, 2020

This bi-weekly release, *Report No. 6* for the **East and Southern Africa (ESA) COVID-19 Fertilizer Watch** by IFDC's AfricaFertilizer.org initiative, continues its regional monitoring of the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency for impacts on the fertilizer sector in eleven (11) ESA regional countries. The Watch provides highlights as a snapshot for key stakeholders and programming partners relative to the impacts of COVID-19 on the fertilizer sector and related to regional agricultural production. Overall the situation is not causing significant issues for fertilizer supply and distribution; with more countries continuing to ease restrictions on movement and transport as they anticipate having to deal with global and regional economic impacts of COVID-19. While concerns still remain over cross-border trade and transport enabling the spread of the virus between countries, active measures such as testing and isolation periods to track and contain transport personnel testing positive at border crossings remain in place but are still varied in terms of robustness. Additional highlights for this week's release include:

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# Methodology & Sources

## Methodology

- This Watch monitors a series of indicators aiming at facilitating access and use of fertilizers and agro-inputs by small holder farmers across East and Southern Africa, which will evolve according to further developments in the COVID-19 pandemic (new cases over previous 7 days and total confirmed cases); on the government/public measures taken (health and economy); and on fertilizer-specific measures and/or logistic issues affecting movement and transport out of ports to farms as planting seasons start (ports, roads, borders, retail, stocks and sector-wide responses).
- IFDC and AfricaFertilizer.org will report on these indicators every Thursday, for the coming 3 months. The ESA Fertilizer Watch will be available on the AfricaFertilizer.org, IFDC websites, and disseminated through social media, emails and WhatsApp alerts.
- This Country Status, compiling information from 11 ESA countries serves as a basis for publication of the Weekly Watch.

## Sources and Note of Thanks

- IFDC and AFO private and public sector partners.
- AfricaFertilizer.org for historical statistics on fertilizer consumption and trade.
- World Health Organization ([WHO COVID-19 Dashboard](#))

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# Country Status Indicators – Legend

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			General notes/comments.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	# To-date	Cumulative total case number to-date and % change over past week's cumulative figure reported, DATE sourced as of Watch update.	WHO or National sources
	# NEW Cases	7-day #	Cumulative case number over previous 7 days and % change over the preceding 7-day cumulative figure reported, DATE sourced as of Watch update.	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Main public health and sanitary measures taken by government.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Main economic measures taken by government, e.g. tax relief, business operations, curfews, lockdowns etc.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Any issues affecting Port operations?	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Are transporters allowed to transport fertilizer across the country? Any restrictions, delays, any other issues?	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Are transporters allowed to move fertilizer across borders? Any restrictions, delays, any other issues?	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Are there any issues affecting trade?	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Are fertilizer stakeholders (associations, companies, partners, govt, NGOS) undertaking any activities to facilitate supply, access in the value chain? Finance? Subsidy? Donor Response?	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		Is there enough fertilizer in stock to supply expected demand (basal, top-dressing)? Any indication of volumes in-country?	

COLORS	5 logistics indicators: ports, roads, borders, agro dealer shops and fertilizer sector responses	Pandemic indicator: weekly changes of diagnosed cases of COVID-19
	Little to no impact	Stable/No Change/Negative Change
	Limited impact	Up to 25%
	Moderate impact	From 25% to 50%
	Strong impact	More than 50%
	No information/data	No information reported



# Burundi

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Court ordered winner of recently held presidential election to be sworn in as President after the demise of the incumbent president.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	144	38.5% [24 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	40	90.5% [19-24 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Screening at border points.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Development of contingency and response plans estimated at \$27.8m, with \$16m coming from WHO Burundi and the UN Agencies.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Dar es Salaam. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operation.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal operations with screening.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

# Ethiopia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-State of emergency in place until September. -No plans to impose lockdown as a COVID-19 containment measure. -Ethiopian airlines has resumed passenger flights to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	5,034	33.9% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	1,275	1.8% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		-Relaxation of a number of COVID-19 emergency preventative measures e.g. shortening mandatory 14-day quarantine of arrivals from abroad to as little as 3 days for some travelers. -Families of COVID-19 victims can now arrange funerals, but the number of people allowed to attend burials remains at 15.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Additional support of \$250 million (\$125 million grant and \$125 million credit from world bank to help in the fight against COVID-19.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operation at Port of Djibouti.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Only commercial traffic to/from Ethiopia allowed through Galafi, border with Djibouti. The Ethiopia-Sudan border is closed.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal Trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	



# Kenya

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Covid-19 active cases present in 40 out of the 47 counties in the country. -Cessation of movement in Mombasa, Nairobi and Mandera counties in place until July 6 <sup>th</sup> . -Schools to re-open gradually from September. -Local air travel set to resume. -9pm-4am countrywide curfew still in place until July 6th.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	5,206	28.7% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	1,162	22.3% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Donation of test kits worth 400,000 USD from the Korean Government towards the fight against COVID-19. Stanbic Bank Kenya in partnership with Base Titanium, Centum, Gulf Energy, Valar Frontier, and Africa Practice handed over a total of 192 ventilators worth KES 147m to the support the Ministry of Health, war on COVID-19. Inter-religious council inaugurated on 17th to discuss opening of places of worship.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Mandatory closing hours from 5:00pm to 7:30pm daily of restaurants and hotels extended.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operations.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Essential goods permitted to move during curfew.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at the border. However, significant delays experienced at the Malaba and Namanga border crossings attributed to screening and testing of drivers. Negotiations between Kenya and Tanzania for driver testing, but allowed to proceed with their journey, and to receive test results upon return. Previous govt directive that mandated all transit goods destined for EAC states to be cleared through Naivasha, reversed by court.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		KTDA suspends tea fertilizer importation for the year 2020 following COVID-19 disruption, affecting 600,000 farmers.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage. Season ongoing. Tea farmers to forego fertilizer application due to KTDA tender cancellation.	

# Malawi

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			The National Planning Taskforce recommended reopening all educational institutions from 13 July 2020. No lockdown measures in place.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	848	48.3% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	276	135.9% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		-Save the Children refurbishing the Permit Isolation Center at Pirimiti Hospital. -Rapid response team set up to oversee the reception of returnees and deportees from South Africa.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		The government's response plan includes US\$20m (0.25 percent of GDP) in spending on health care and targeted social assistance programs, including hiring 2,000 additional health care workers.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira and Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal but slower movement of transit goods. However, there has been an increase in transportation costs by approximately USD \$300 per truckload, attributed to increased distance covered after the closure of other Malawi-Mozambique border points.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortage of fertilizers.	

# Mozambique

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-State of emergency still in place till 29th June -Testing capacities currently available only in Maputo. Ministry of Health to establish testing capacity of COVID-19 in Nampula province which is expected to commence on 25th June.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	762	17.1% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	111	-38.0% [19-25 June 2020] <i>Note: negative/zero figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Normal operations.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Movement of goods by duly accredited operators is permitted.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operations at all ports.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at the border.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		Agro-dealer-targeted initiatives by development agencies (e.g. FAO, WFP, AFAP, AGMARK, and the Yara Group) to increase small holder farmer's accessibility and affordability of fertilizers and other farming inputs.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

# Rwanda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			Countrywide curfew 9pm-5am. Schools, places of worship remain closed.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	830	29.9% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	191	17.2% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		All services resumed will follow health guidelines from Ministry of Health. Rwandan citizens and residents returning to the country are subject to a mandatory seven-day quarantine at designated locations at their own expense.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Domestic and international tourism is permitted only for visitors traveling on charter flights.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Dar es Salaam and Mombasa. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Transport between provinces is permitted, except for Rusizi and Rubavu districts.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at the border. Cargo offloaded at border entry and reloaded on Rwandan trucks. Tanzania negotiated permission to enter to be granted to drivers who test negative at border; and use of the relay system for those who tested positive.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

# South Africa

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Lockdown restrictions remain at Level 3. -Borders open for repatriation of South African nationals and evacuation of foreign nationals.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	111,796	39.0% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	31,384	25.6% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		President announces that specific and stringent safety requirements being developed before a businesses can re-open. Approval of dexamethasone to treat COVID-19 by the health minister.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Restaurants open for 'sit-in' services. Accredited and licensed hotels open, with the exception of home sharing accommodation like AirBnB. Conferences and meetings being held for business purposes in line with restrictions on public gatherings. Non-contact sports such as golf, tennis, cricket and others able to resume.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operation at Port of Durban. Cape Town Container Terminal dealing with backlog.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Only about a fifth of the taxis are operating, with vehicles filled to a maximum of 70% and sanitized regularly with deep cleaning twice a week.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods, with delays attributed to screening and testing of drivers.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Off season. Limited trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

# Tanzania

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Tanzania declared COVID-19 free by President Magufuli -Schools to reopen on 29th June. -Ethiopian and Qatar airlines resume passenger flights to/from Dar es Salaam since June 6th.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	509	0.0% [10 June 2020] <i>Note: Tanzania has not reported any new cases since 7 May.</i>	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	0	0.0% [4-10 June 2020] <i>Note: negative/zero figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Morocco donate COVID-19 medical supplies. No restrictions, or sanitary measures/practices recommended. Places of worship, and businesses open.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		The Tanzania Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (TCCIA) to conduct an economic analysis of the impacts of the Coronavirus to businesses addressing policy and legal challenges.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Normal operations.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Normal operations.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Movement between Tanzania and Uganda at the Mutukula border has resumed. Truck drivers to undergo mandatory screening and testing.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		The government of Tanzania has launched an online crop marketing tool to link farmers, to traders and buyers.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	



# Uganda

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-7pm-6:30am countrywide curfew extended. -Schools set to re-open beginning of July. -Efforts underway to open borders to receive repatriated Ugandans.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	805	-2.2% [25 June 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	-18	-162.9% [19-25 June 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Mandatory testing at all border. Public gatherings banned. Places of worship to remain closed.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		USD \$34.7m of the national budget set aside for intensive public works in urban and peri-urban areas to create jobs for the “vulnerable but able bodied” people affected by Covid-19; with USD \$68m set aside for organized special interest groups like the youth and women.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Mombasa. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Public transport operational countrywide except for border districts due to the fear of transportation of COVID-19 from neighboring countries.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at the border. However, significant delays experienced at the Malaba border crossings, attributed to screening and testing of drivers.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading between from 9am to 2pm.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		USD \$80 million, of the national budget set aside to cater for improved agricultural inputs and up-scaling extension services to boost production.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages.	

# Zambia

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Universities/Colleges to re-open starting with 3rd year and 4th year students from June 29. -Continued ease of COVID-19 restrictions as several businesses re-open and operational under the new COVID-19 norms.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	1,489	5.5% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	77	-51.9% [19-25 June 2020] <i>Note: negative figures are likely due to a decrease in testing over that week and not a decline in new or cumulative total cases.</i>	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Morocco donate COVID-19 medical supplies. Students being given free face masks and sanitizers and social distance encouraged. Social distancing being encouraged.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Government to waiver tax, and penalties and interest on outstanding tax liabilities resulting from the impact of COVID-19, to private companies and businesses. The government suspends customs duties and VAT on additional medical supplies used in the fight against Covid-19 until December 2020. Government of Zambia approves USD \$440m bond issue to cover COVID-19 related economic stagnation.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of goods is permitted. Passenger public service vehicles in operation with strict measures of use of masks and sanitizing.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods at Nakonde border with Tanzania. Mandatory drivers testing at the border. Passport signed only after producing testing slip. If positive, drivers called and asked to go to nearest hospital.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages as port activity seems to be increasing.	

# Zimbabwe

LEVELS	INDICATORS	FLAGS	COMMENTS	MAIN SOURCES
Overall Country Status			-Lockdown extended indefinitely. -Phased schools opening with Form 4 & 6 and Grade 7 to resume end of July; form 3 & 5 & and Grade 6, to resume mid-August. -Borders open for repatriation of Zimbabweans with a mandatory 21-day quarantine period.	IFDC/AFO Summary
COVID tolls	# CONFIRMED Cases	530	32.2% [25 June 2020]	<a href="#">WHO COVID-19 Dashboard</a>
	# NEW Cases	129	59.3% [19-25 June 2020]	
Government Measures	Health Measures		Mandatory wearing of masks and social distancing measures still in place. No Bars, gyms or crowds permitted, with sit-down restaurant service and non-contacts sports allowed.	Public statements, online verified sources
	Economic Measures		Commercial sector mining and manufacturing operating under new norms. Informal sector to resume after entities perform registration with the relevant authorities.	
Measures Affecting Fertilizer Sector	Port Operations		Majority of product comes through the port of Beira. See relevant port restrictions.	Private sector contributors, online inquiries
	Domestic Transport		Movement of most goods allowed. National bus company allowed to operate.	
	Transit and Border Crossings		Normal movement of transit goods with mandatory screening and testing of drivers.	
	Agro-Input Retail Shops		Normal trading.	
	Fertilizer Sector Response		None.	
	Fertilizer Stocks Availability		No expected shortages. Winter season on going.	

# About IFDC, AfricaFertilizer.org and USAID/RFS-SFT

## About IFDC

As an independent non-profit organization, [IFDC](#) works throughout Africa and Asia to increase soil fertility and develop inclusive market systems. Combining science-backed innovations, an enabling policy environment, holistic market systems development, and strategic partnerships, the organization bridges the gap between identifying and scaling sustainable agricultural solutions, resulting in improved household food security and enriched family livelihoods around the world. Using an inclusive approach, IFDC employs locally driven solutions that are environmentally sound and impact oriented that bring change at local, regional, and national levels.

## About AfricaFertilizer.org

The [AfricaFertilizer.org \(AFO\)](#) initiative is the premier source for fertilizer statistics and information in Africa. It is hosted by IFDC and supported by several partners key among them being IFA, Argus Media, and Development Gateway. Since 2009, AFO has been collecting, processing, and publishing fertilizer production, trade, and consumption statistics for the main fertilizer markets in sub-Saharan Africa. AFO has an extensive network of fertilizer industry players in the main fertilizer trade corridors and maintains key information on the major producers, their production facilities and capacities, importers/suppliers, various distribution channel.

## About USAID/RFS Project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT)

IFDC is implementing the USAID-funded Bureau of Resilience and Food Security (RFS) Feed the Future (FTF) project on Soil Fertility Technology Adoption, Policy Reform, and Knowledge Management (RFS-SFT) under cooperative agreement with USAID/RFS. The project aims at bridging the gap between scientific research and technology dissemination to smallholder farmers. RFS-SFT conducts research with partners from universities, national and international research and development institutions, and the private sector.

