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# Rooted in Trust Community Snapshot

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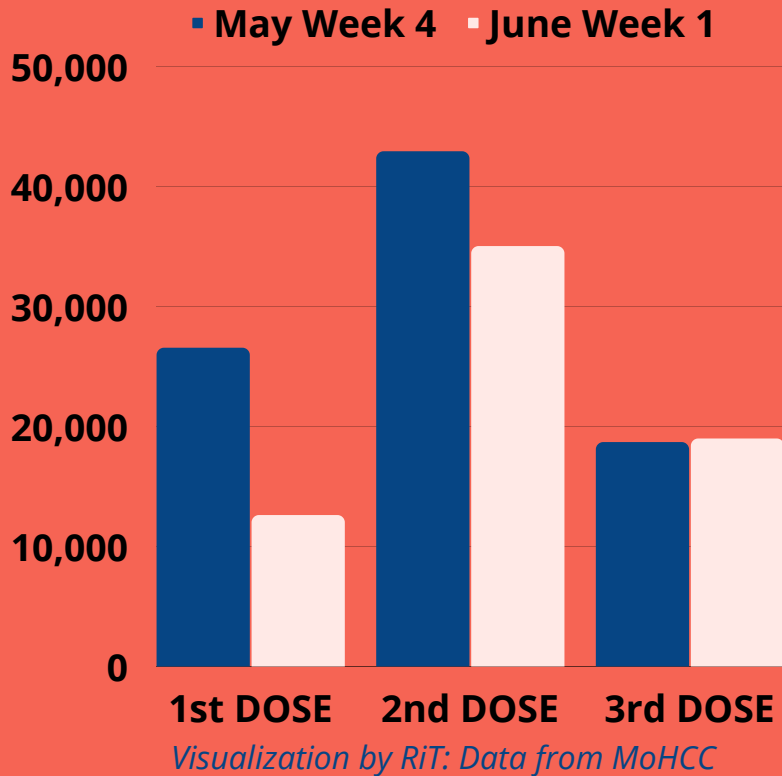
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RUMOR THEME  
COVID-19  
General

# COVID-19 Trends

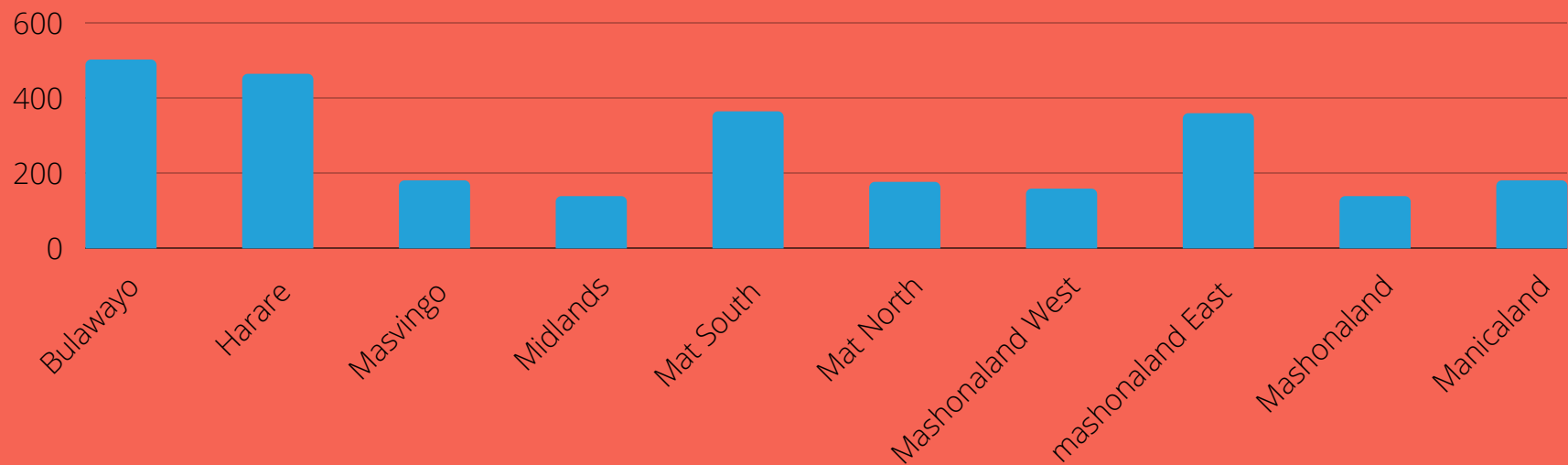
## Bi-weekly Visualization Comparison



Zimbabwe's COVID-19 active cases rose by 36% with 2685 active cases reported on June 5, compared to 2115 reported on May 21, 2022. As of June 5, 2022, there were 55 COVID-19 related hospitalizations.

45% of those hospitalized were vaccinated while 55% were unvaccinated. Internews Zimbabwe collected 183 rumors from May 21 to June 5, 2022.

## Provincial - Active Cases (June 5, 2022)



Trending themes included that COVID-19 is used for corrupt purposes by the government (34%), COVID-19 vaccines are experimental (30%), COVID-19 vaccines will cause mortality in the future (13%),

masks do not protect against COVID-19 and must be abolished (13%) and 11% of the rumors were that COVID-19 vaccines have expired.

## Rumor: “Does going close to a Chinese person expose you to Corona Virus?” (Community Interviews) (KOBO)

- An article published by [NewZimbabwe](#) addresses how anti-Chinese prejudice emanates from known facts about the emergence of the pandemic from China. The impact of this rumor is that communities, especially where Chinese nationals reside such as mining towns, may remain prejudiced against people of Chinese decent due to misinformation that they are incubators of COVID-19.
- World Health Organization (WHO) has provided information on the [transmission](#) of COVID-19 and specifies that the virus can spread from an infected person’s mouth or nose in small particles when they cough or sneeze irrespective of race.



## Actionable recommendations for communities.

- **Community health workers should** ensure an on-going COVID-19 conversation on how the virus can be transmitted through comedy skits which can satirically debunk false information and myths about the spread of COVID-19.
- **Community workers in mining communities** where the Chinese nationals are operating should hold community dialogues on the importance of inclusively helping fight against the spread of COVID-19. Concerns on racial discrimination should also be addressed by having experts engage communities in the area on the spread and prevention of COVID-19 while addressing their concerns.