



## **THE ZIMBABWE DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH SURVEY (ZDHS)**

**17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TO 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Child Care (MOHCC), the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency will be conducting the 2023 Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey (ZDHS). The survey aims to provide up-to-date information on fertility and mortality levels, education, employment, child care, prevalence of anaemia, maternal health care, family planning practices, HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, and violence against women, among others.

Data collection for the 2023 ZDHS is expected to run for five and half months beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The survey will be conducted on a nationally representative sample of 11,200 households randomly selected across the country's ten provinces. Demographic and health data will be collected with respect to women, men and children.

Statistics produced through the ZDHS are key to the Government as they inform the design and evaluation of policies and programmes aimed at improving the health and well-being of Zimbabweans while moving towards equitable growth in which no one and no place is left behind. Other stakeholders also use the statistics in their decision-making processes, programming and research, among other uses.

A modular approach will be used in undertaking the 2023 ZDHS to which four questionnaires will be administered as follows:

**a) Household questionnaire**

Information collected through this questionnaire relates to households and their respective members. This includes age, sex, marital status, highest educational attainment, employment status, source of water, type of toilet facility, ownership of various durable goods and availability of electricity. In addition, salt used for cooking by the households will be tested for the presence of iodine.

**b) Questionnaire for women aged 15-49**

The questionnaire is designed to collect information from women 15-49 years old. The information to be collected includes but is not limited to knowledge of contraception, maternal health care, breastfeeding and other feeding practices, vaccinations and childhood illnesses, children born in the last five years and domestic violence among other areas of interest to the survey.

**c) Questionnaire for men aged 15-54**

The questionnaire will be administered to men in the 15-54 age group. Information will be collected with respect to reproduction, fertility preferences, marriage and sexual activity, knowledge of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, among others.

**d) Biomarker questionnaire**

In addition to data collected through interviews during the 2023 ZDHS, the nutrition status of individual respondents will be assessed through anaemia testing and anthropometric measurements with respect to height and weight. The anthropometric measurements will be taken from individuals in 50% of survey households and focus on children under 5 years, women 15-49 years, and men 15-54 years. The blood test will be performed on children 6-59 months old, women aged 15-49 and men aged 15-54.

In view of the foregoing, the Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT), is requesting maximum cooperation from members of households selected for the 2023 ZDHS across the provinces.

The information collected is strictly confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only. For ease of identification, our field personnel will have with them official letters and ZDHS programme identity cards.

More information about the survey can be obtained from ZIMSTAT Provincial Managers/ Statisticians whose contact details are listed below:

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