



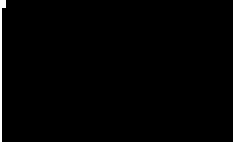
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Dear Zimbabwe Human Rights Organisation Members,

Thank you for your petition regarding women's and children's health in Zimbabwe delivered to the Prime Minister. Your correspondence has been passed on to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) for a response. I am replying as the Minister for Africa.

We acknowledge the challenges faced by the Zimbabwean health system and therefore welcome the Government of Zimbabwe's recently announced 2025 budget which increased its allocation to health from 9.8% to 13% for the health sector.

The UK supports Zimbabwe's health system through its development programme, delivering essential sexual, reproductive, maternal, new-born, child and adolescent health and nutrition services which benefit 5.4 million women and children in Zimbabwe. Through our bilateral programmes we are also supporting the Health Worker Investment Compact and the development of health technical partnerships between Zimbabwe's Ministry of Health and the UK's NHS, which cover a range of areas such as breast cancer care and surgery, leadership, mental health, and maternal and child health.

Thank you very much for writing.

Yours ever,

Lord Collins of Highbury
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