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Subject ZIMBABWE - OPERATION "CLEAN UP FILTH"
Summary 1. Crackdown by authorities in Zimbabwe. Background on our response. Instructions to raise with hosts.

2. Over the past three weeks, under the guise of "Operation Restore Order", the authorities in Zimbabwe have destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in Harare and other urban centres. Over 30,000 people have been arrested, 40,000 households are affected and over 100,000 people have been made homeless. The crackdown continues to spread across the country and into the rural areas

HMG/EU response :

4. HMA Harare protested to both the Vice President and the Minister of State for National Security (in overall charge of the operation) late last week. DFID is providing humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable mainly through the UN and the International Organisation for Migration.

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