

12. We are in the winter season in Harare, with night time temperatures genuinely low. There is thus a real humanitarian dimension to the loss of shelter by so many - especially children and the elderly. The UN agencies and the International Red Cross are seized of this humanitarian dimension. DFID, along with other key donors, are working with them on provision of emergency assistance.

13. We are updating our travel advice to take into account of recent events. Thus far, tourist areas have been unaffected. So we would not recommend against travel to Zimbabwe (we understand the US will take a similar line). But we will continue to monitor carefully.