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Summary

ZIMBABWE: OPERATION RESTORE ORDER: NO LET UP

1. Operation Restore Order continues spreading to rural areas. Most vulnerable groups in society worst affected. Over £200,000 of DFID funding already spent for humanitarian assistance. Over 5,000 families reached.

2. Last week's stay away a failure.

DETAIL

3. Harare egrams 5350/05, 5729/05 and 6142/05 reported operation "restore order" in Harare. As we reported in detail to the department by e-mail. There is no sign of a let up in the campaign. It is now extending to growth points (embryo towns) and rural conurbations. To-day we received reports that the authorities are clearing four more areas near Harare: Caledonia Farm (transit camp), Norton, Tafara and Mabvuku. Several hundred people have taken refuge in local churches. Rural areas with substantial numbers of resettled war veterans are the new target. Organisations such as orphanages, homes for the disabled and home-based care schemes have been targeted including one home which has received support from the local Diplomatic Spouses Association. This has led to an increase in the number of children, disabled and chronically ill people sleeping in the open in the winter cold. Many HIV/AIDS