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Subject
Summary

HARARE: URBAN CLEANSING: OPERATION EXPANDS

1. Operation Restore Order expands to other urban centres. Indications that it is also moving to rural areas. Little resistance so far from the population but stay away planned for 9/10 June. Humanitarian crisis getting worse, 32,000 household affected (approx 160,000 people). IOM (supported by DFID and other donors) providing emergency support to the most vulnerable

DETAIL

2. Harare egrams and reported operation "restore order" in Harare. It continued unabated over the weekend and is spreading across the country to most urban and peri urban areas. IOM now have confirmed data on 29 areas. Isolated pockets of resistance have been swiftly squashed by armed police using teargas. Only in Bulawayo have they met with any serious resistance. The Mayor of Mutare has told us that around 120,000 have been made homeless in his city and in Masvingo 2,000. Latest estimates suggest 10-15,000 in Bulawayo also made homeless. Many licensed traders in these towns have also had their stalls destroyed