

existence of a black market for foreign currency that is undermining GoZ's economic recovery plans. He threatened a crack-down on such traders. Destruction of the country's "flea markets" and arrests of informal traders began immediately, and has now spread to addressing violations of city bylaws on residences and trading. There have also been raids on the retail sector, particularly Asian businesses, in the search for foreign exchange.

6. Recently, local state press has reported that the campaign is nearing an end, and that alternative accommodation will be allocated to those who have been displaced. Events on the ground do not reflect either position, with indications that similar action is moving into the rural areas to remove newly settled farmers who are not using the land productively.

Extent of the Problem

7. Information on the extent of the problem has been hampered due to the sudden and unpredictable nature of the police raids, and to problems of accessibility. However, by Friday 3 June, IOM preliminary assessments in 29 sites indicate that an estimated 30,000 households had been affected (approximately 150,000 people). 30,000 arrests have been reported. A statement issued over the weekend by the UN, indicated that the number of people affected may now be as high as 200,000.

Location	Estimated Number of households affected
Bindura	1298