

Embassy of India, Harare
ZIMBABWE : FACT SHEET

Official Name	Republic of Zimbabwe-Capital City-Harare
Population	13.06 million (2012 census)
GDP	Nominal GDP13.9 billion for the year 2015 (as per Min. of Finance) GDP-Real Growth Rate: 11.9% (2011); 10.6% (2012), 4.5% (2013), 3.1%(2014), 1.5%(2015)
Currency	US dollar, South African rand, UK£, Pula (Indian Rupee, Yuan, Yen and Australian dollar also added since January, 2014).
Official Language	English. Other Languages: Shona, Ndebele
Date of Independence	18 April 1980
Form of Government	Parliamentary democracy
Head of State & Government	H.E. Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, PM of Zimbabwe since its independence in 1980 & President since 1987 (received Nehru Award for 1989 during his State Visit to India in 1991)
Vice Presidents	(i) Hon'ble Emmerson D. Mnangagwa(since December 12, 2014) (ii) (2 nd Vice-President) Hon'ble Phelekezela Mphoko (since December 12, 2014)
Foreign Affairs Minister	Hon'ble Mr. Simbarashe S. Mumbengegwi
Main political parties	Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) [ZANU(PF)] led by President Mugabe, has been ruling the country since 1980. In harmonized elections for the President, Senate, House of Assembly and local bodies held on 31.07.2013, President Mugabe won the election with 61% votes. His ZANU-PF won 160 seats while the major faction of opposition Movement for Democratic Change led by Morgan Tsvangirai (MDC-T) won 49 seats; the small faction led by Prof. Welshman Ncube(MDC-N) could not win any seat, one seat was won by an independent. On November 26, 2014, MDC(N) and MDC-Renewal(post 2013 election breakaway faction of MDC-T) merged to form Democratic Union. On 31 st May, 2016. Five opposition parties came together to form a grand coalition called - Coalition of Democrats or CODE. Former Vice-President Dr. Joice Mujuru has also formed a party – Zimbabwe People First(ZPF).
Inflation	Annual inflation rate was under 3.6%(2013). It is estimated nearly 0% in 2014 & -2%(proj.) in 2015.
Mineral potential	Coal, chrome, asbestos, gold, diamonds, nickel, Copper, iron ore, vanadium, lithium, tin, platinum (2 nd largest reserves in the world) and uranium.
India's exports to Zimbabwe	US\$ 222.19 million (2015-16) – medicines for chronic illness, goods vehicles, broken rice, bulldozers, transport vehicles like coaches and buses, fire fighting vehicles.
Imports from Zimbabwe to India	US\$.12 million(2015-16) – Flue-cured tobacco, industrial diamonds unworked, monumental and building stone.
Major Import Partners	South Africa, Singapore, China, Zambia, Mozambique, Japan, United Kingdom .
Major Export Destinations	South Africa, Mozambique, UAE, Zambia, Botswana, Belgium, Namibia, China
Bilateral Relations	India shares cordial and friendly relations with Zimbabwe. From 1980-1996, the relationship was marked by high-level visits from both sides. During the last couple of years, the interaction has been revived with a number of Ministerial-level visits. Zimbabwe is generally supportive of India in UN and other International fora. India has also reciprocated the gesture and is engaged in capacity building and human resource development. In 2014-15, India extended over 200 ITEC/ICCR/IAFS-II training slots/scholarships to Zimbabwe. India completed in February, 2013 an India-Zimbabwe Technology Centre in Harare Institute of Technology at a cost of US\$5 million. In 2012, India set up 3 Hole-in-the-Wall children computer learning stations. India is in the process of setting up a Vocational Training Centre, a Food Testing Laboratory and a Rural Technology Park under IAFS. In 2013, India approved a Line of Credit worth US\$28.6 million to Zimbabwe for Upgradation of the Deka Pumping Station and the River Water Intake System in Zimbabwe, which is under implementation. On October 27, 2015, another LOC of US\$87 million has been signed for Renovation/upgradation of Bulawayo Thermal Power station. Under EXIM Bank of India's buyers' credit scheme over 635 Ashok Leyland vehicles worth USD 49.92 million have been supplied to Zimbabwe and under another similar facility mining equipment worth USD 13.03 million has been supplied by BEML to Hwange Colliery in 2015.
PIOs/Indians	Around 9,500 Person of Indian Origin including 500 NRI