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# ***A Profile of 28 National Assembly By-Election Constituencies***

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Zimbabwe holds elections every five years to elect councillors, Members of Parliament (MPs) and the President. In-between the election cycle, by-elections may be conducted to fill in vacancies arising within the National Assembly and local authorities. Upon a seat falling vacant, by-elections are supposed to be conducted within 90 days to fill in the vacancy. By-elections were last conducted in 2019 as they were indefinitely suspended, from early 2020, on account of COVID-19. This publication is a consolidated profile of the 28 National Assembly constituencies in which by-elections will be held. In line with the mission of promoting democratic elections in Zimbabwe, ZESN effectively gathers, disseminates and communicates objective information about elections and other democratic processes. This profile of 28 constituencies, communicates objectively to stakeholders ahead of the 26 March by-elections.

## II. BACKGROUND

Following the promulgation of Statutory Instrument (SI) 2 of 2022, President Mnangagwa proclaimed 26 March for the holding of by-elections to fill in vacancies. There are 28 vacancies in National Assembly seats and 122 vacancies in local authority seats emanating mainly from recalls and deaths.

### *i. Causes of Vacancies*

Of the 28 vacant seats in the National Assembly, 19 resulted from the recalling of Members of Parliament (MPs) who were elected on the ticket of the MDC Alliance in the 2018 harmonised elections. After the 2018 elections, there were disputes in the MDC Alliance that were ultimately settled through the Courts. A Supreme Court judgement of April 2020 upheld a 2019 High Court judgement that nullified the appointment of Advocate Nelson Chamisa and Elias Mudzuri as deputy presidents of MDC-T by Morgan Tsvangirai in 2016. The same judgement also nullified the appointment of Advocate Chamisa as the president of the MDC-T following the death of Tsvangirai in 2018, instead recognising Dr. Thokozani Khupe as the interim leader of the party pending a congress to elect the substantive successor to Tsvangirai.

Consequently, a faction of the MDC-T led by Dr. Khupe, and later Senator Douglas Mwonzora, recalled MDC Alliance MPs arguing that by declaring themselves MDC Alliance members, the MPs had ceased to belong to the MDC-T which they belonged to at the time when the MDC-T joined with other parties to form the MDC Alliance. In effecting the recalls, Section 129 (1) (k) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe was invoked. The Section provides that a Member of Parliament may be recalled if he or she ceases to belong to the political party which he or she was a member of when elected to Parliament.

Vacancies in the other eight National Assembly seats followed the death of the then sitting MPs. In one of the constituencies, a sitting MP was promoted to the post of Zimbabwe's ambassador to Mozambique. Table 1 below shows the constituencies where by-elections will be held, names and sex of former MPs, and the causes of the vacancies.

**Table 1: Causes of vacancies in constituencies where by-elections will be held**

	Constituency	MP	Sex	Cause of vacancy
1	Binga North	Prince Dubeko Sibanda	M	Recalled
2	Chivi South	Killer Zivhu	M	Recalled
3	Dangamvura-Chikanga	Prosper Chapfiwa Mutseyami	M	Recalled
4	Epworth	Earthrage Kureva	M	Recalled
5	Glen Norah	Wellington Chikombo	M	Recalled
6	Harare Central	Murisi Zwizwai	M	Recalled
7	Harare East	Tendai Biti	M	Recalled
8	Highfield East	Erick Murai	M	Recalled
9	Highfield West	Happymore Chidziva	M	Recalled
10	Kambuzuma	Willias Madzimure	M	Recalled
11	Kuwadzana East	Charlton Hwende	M	Recalled
12	Marondera Central	Caston Matewu	M	Recalled
13	Mutasa South	Regai Tsunga	M	Recalled
14	St Mary's	Dickson Unganai Tarusenga	M	Recalled
15	Mkoba	Amos Chibaya	M	Recalled
16	Mufakose	Susan Matsunga	F	Recalled
17	Pumula	Sichelesile Mahlangu	F	Recalled
18	Nkulumane	Ivumile Kucaca Phulu	M	Recalled
19	Mbizo	Settlement Chikwinya	M	Recalled
20	Gokwe Central	Victor Matemadanda	M	Appointed to Public Office
21	Glen View North	Kennedy Dinar	M	Death
22	Kuwadzana	Miriam Mushayi	F	Death
23	Kwekwe Central	Masango Matambanadzo	M	Death
24	Murehwa South	Joel Biggie Matiza	M	Death
25	Mberengwa South	Alum Mpofo	M	Death
26	Marondera East	Patrick Chidhakwa	M	Death
27	Mwenezi East	Joosbi Omar	M	Death
28	Tsholotsho South	Zenzo Sibanda	M	Death

## **ii. Indefinite Suspension of By-elections**

The 26 March 2022 by-elections are going to be held after a long period of suspension. Ordinarily, and in line with Section 158(3) of the Constitution and Sections 39 and 121 of the Electoral Act, by-elections to fill in vacancies are held within 90 days of the vacancy having arisen. However, the 26 March 2022 by-elections are not in compliance with this

constitutional timeframe, with the first by-election (in Ward 16 of Chiredzi Rural District Council) postponed having been initially scheduled for 4 April 2020. This is because by-elections were indefinitely postponed by the government on account of the danger posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the wake of the declaration by President Mnangagwa on 17 March 2020 of the COVID-19 pandemic a national disaster and institution of a raft of measures, including a national lockdown meant to curb the spread of the disease, the ZEC Chairperson announced the indefinite suspension of electoral processes on 25 March 2020. Subsequently, on 9 May 2020, the ZEC's Chief Elections Officer said that all pending by-elections had been suspended in view of the pandemic. Acknowledging that the decision made was necessary in light of the prevailing circumstances, Veritas<sup>1</sup>, concluded that the decision was not made in terms of any law and therefore ZEC probably acted unlawfully. Veritas was of the view that while there was little difficulty with the fact that there was a real and immediate danger, and that the danger was not one that the law says must be endured, it is debatable that the step taken (suspending elections) was the only reasonable way of avoiding the danger, and that the interest infringed (the right to participate in elections) was not greater than the interest protected (public health).

On 19 May 2020, the Minister of Justice, Legal, and Parliamentary Affairs, Hon. Ziyambi Ziyambi, said that the government did not have plans to indefinitely postpone the holding of by-elections which he asserted are a constitutional requirement such that a court challenge could be launched if they are not held as stipulated. In October 2020, Vice President and Minister of Health and Child Care, Dr. Constantino Chiwenga, promulgated Statutory Instrument (SI) 225A, indefinitely suspending by-elections. The ZEC, which had earlier developed a policy to guide the conduct of electoral processes amid COVID-19, cited SI 225A as standing in the way of the holding of by-elections the claims Deputy Minister of Health and Child Care, Dr. John Mangwiro dismissed, arguing that his Ministry was not responsible for stopping by-elections as it did not have the role to supervise elections.<sup>2</sup>

During the period when by-elections were suspended, ZESN issued statements calling for the holding of the by-elections, in compliance with COVID-19 protocols, to ensure adequate representation of the electorate as well as to strike a balance between protecting the health of the people and of democracy. Calls for by-elections were also made in the context of the opening up of other sectors and the resumption of activities with the requirement to adhere to COVID-19 protocols, particularly the convening of large religious and political party gatherings by some churches, political parties, and government officials who were engaging in activities that addressed crowds.

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<sup>1</sup> Veritas provides information on the work of the Parliament of Zimbabwe and the Laws of Zimbabwe and makes public domain information widely available

<sup>2</sup> Newsday. 27 October 2021. We're not responsible for by-election delays: Mangwiro

### iii. Proclamation of By-elections

On 5 January 2022, through Proclamation 1 of 2022, contained in Statutory Instrument 2 of 2022, President Mnangagwa set 26 March 2022 and 26 January 2022 as the dates for the holding of by-elections and the sitting of the nomination courts for the by-elections, respectively.

### iv. Candidates' Nomination

For purposes of the nomination of candidates to contest in the 26 March by-elections, nomination courts sat twice. On 26 January nomination papers were received from candidates wishing to contest in 22 of the 28 National Assembly constituencies. The declaration of vacancies in six other constituencies had been reversed by the High Court which ruled in favour of recalled members of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) party in the MDC Alliance who had argued that the person purported to have recalled them was not a bonafide member of the PDP<sup>3</sup>. But the High Court order cancelling by-elections in the six constituencies was set aside by the same court on 27 January, resulting in President Mnangagwa issuing another proclamation, contained in Statutory Instrument 16A of 2022, declaring vacancies in the six National Assembly seats. Accordingly, the Nomination Court sat for the second time on 28 January 2022 to receive nomination papers for by-elections in Pumula; Nkulumane; Kambuzuma; Harare East; Mutasa South; and Mbizo constituencies.

Against the background of a contest over the 'MDC Alliance' name, Douglas Mwonzora, wrote to ZEC notifying the Commission that his party would contest by-elections using the name 'MDC Alliance'. Ultimately, Nelson Chamisa, who contested as a presidential candidate of the MDC Alliance in 2018, launched a new political party, the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), ahead of the sitting of the Nomination Courts. Prospective candidates who were members of the MDC Alliance led by Chamisa were nominated under the CCC party. Table 2 below shows the outcomes of the 26 and 28 January nomination courts sittings.

**Table 2: Outcomes of the 26 and 28 January Nomination Courts sittings**

#### BULAWAYO METROPOLITAN PROVINCE

Constituency	Name of Candidate	Sex	Political Party
Nkulumane	Mangena Gideon	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Ncube Gregory Lovejoy	M	RPZ
	Ndlovu David	M	ZANU PF
	Phulu Kucaca Ivumile	M	CCC
	Tokwido Dumisani	M	DOP
Pumula	Mahlangu Sichelesile	F	CCC

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.herald.co.zw/updated-biti-recalled-from-parly/>

	Mhlanga Albert	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Ncube Richard	M	ZAPU
	Ndlovu Ntandoyenkosi	M	UDA
	Nsingo Pumulani	M	ZANU PF
	Nyoni Stanford	M	RPZ
	Tshuma Thabani	M	INDEPENDENT

#### HARARE METROPOLITAN PROVINCE

Constituency	Name of Candidate	Sex	Political Party
Epworth	Hazvina Innocent	M	INDEPENDENT
	Kureva Earthrage	M	CCC
	Makari Zalerah Hazvineyi	F	ZANU PF
	Mhetu Togarepi Zivai	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Musiyadzaanikwa Richard	M	LEAD
<b>Glen Norah</b>	Chikombo Wellington	M	CCC
	Garwe Kuda	M	NPF
	Mabhande Israel	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Magaya Chrispen Allen	M	ZANU PF
	Munyuki Allan	M	UDA
Glen View North	Mambo Martin	M	ZANU PF
	Mashaya Rhino	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Munengami Fani	M	CCC
	Munyanduri Prudence Tatenda	F	NPF
<b>Harare Central</b>	Magweba Loice	F	ZANU PF
	Marara Norest, Chiureki	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Masarira Linda Tsungirirai	F	LEAD
	Rukanda Henry Gwinyai	M	MA'AT Zimbabwe
	Zwizwai Murisi	M	CCC
<b>Harare East</b>	Biti Laxton Tendai	M	CCC
	Gumbo Mavis	F	ZANU PF
	Mbanga Christopher Lovemore	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Mlambo Garikai	M	UZA
	Musarurwa Precious Nyaradzo	F	LEAD
<b>Highfield East</b>	Bgwende Gilbert	M	MDC-ALLIANCE



	Chikumbo Nobert	M	ZANU PF
	Mupambwa Shelton	M	PZ
	Murai Erick	M	CCC
<b>Highfield West</b>	Chidziva Happymore	M	CCC
	Hove Ruwuke Simon	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Juta Emmanuel	M	ZANU PF
<b>Kambuzuma</b>	Chiposi Fungai	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Madzimure Willias	M	CCC
	Nyamunokora Oscar	M	ZANU PF
<b>Kuwadzana</b>	Madamombe Fatima	F	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Mapfumo Nesbert	M	UDA
	Matambo Johnson	M	CCC
	Nhambu Betty	F	ZANU PF
<b>Kuwadzana East</b>	Chagadama Ernest Kudzaishe	M	ZANU PF
	Chigariro Jedidiah K. S.	M	UDA
	Hwende Chalton	M	CCC
	Kachidza Chamunorwa David	M	UZA
	Majiri Selestino	M	PATRIOTIC ZIMBABWEANS
	Mangwiro Urayayi	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
<b>Mufakose</b>	Marembo Melvin Taurayi	M	ZANU-PF
	Matsunga Susan	F	CCC
	Shambamuto Rodwell	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
<b>St Mary's</b>	Jinjika Norbet	M	ZANU-PF
	Puzo Adam	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Sanyanga Marcos	M	INDEPENDENT
	Tarusenga Unganai Dickson	M	CCC

#### MANICALAND PROVINCE

Name of Constituency	Candidate's Name	Sex	Political Party
Dangamvura	Chipanga Hosia	M	PATRIOTIC

<b>Chikanga</b>			ZIMBABWEANS
	Mudzipurwa Taurai	M	MDC ALLIANCE
	Mupfumi Isau Fungai (Dr)	M	ZANU-PF
	Mutseyami Chapfiwa Prosper	M	CCC
	Zaranyika Anesu	M	MA'AT Zimbabwe
<b>Mutasa South</b>	Mugadza Misheck	M	ZANU-PF
	Ndoro Eurydice Lynette	F	INDEPENDENT
	Tauzeni Pedzisai	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Tsungu Regai	M	CCC

### MASHONALAND EAST PROVINCE

Constituency	Candidate's Name	Sex	Political Party
<b>Marondera Central</b>	Mateveke Ignatius	M	ZANU PF
	Matewu Caston	M	CCC
	Muzavazi Witness	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Pindirire Tawanda Carlos	M	INDEPENDENT
<b>Marondera East</b>	Chiwetu Jeremiah Z.	M	ZANU PF
	Machekanyanga Samuel	M	CCC
	Mandaza Moses	M	ZLP
	Tasarirehamo Thomas	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
<b>Murewa South</b>	Marudza Dagmore	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Masoka Nyasha	M	ZANU PF
	Munemo Rodreck	M	CCC
	Nesara Simba	M	UDA

### MASVINGO PROVINCE

Constituency	Name of Candidate	Sex	Political Party
<b>Chivi South</b>	Chuma Faith	F	PATRIOTIC ZIMBABWEANS
	Mapope Shadreck	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Mhlolo Paul Thompson	M	CCC
	Zizhou Munyaradzi	M	ZANU PF
<b>Mwenezi East</b>	Makope Master	M	ZANU PF
	Mandizvidza Tendekai	M	CCC

	Mhango Turner	M	FREE ZIMBABWE CONGRESS
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#### MATABELELAND NORTH PROVINCE

Constituency	Name of Candidate	Sex	Political Party
<b>Binga North</b>	Mudimba Peggie	F	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Mukuli Disciple	M	INDEPENDENT
	Munsaka Kudakwashe M.	M	ZANU PF
	Muzamba Clive	M	UDA
	Sibanda Dubeko Prince	M	CCC
<b>Tsholotsho South</b>	Moyo Bongani	M	INDEPENDENT
	Mthombeni Leonard	M	ZAPU
	Ncube Musa	F	ZANU PF
	Sibanda Tapson Nganunu	M	CCC

#### MIDLANDS PROVINCE

Constituency	Candidate's Name	Sex	Political Party
<b>Gokwe Central</b>	Masvisvi Daveson	M	ZANU PF
	Mutegwe Liasis	M	CCC
	Vakai Edward	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
<b>Kwekwe Central</b>	Dzingire Tafadzwa Lenin	M	UZA
	Mapurazi John	M	ZANU PF
	Ndlovu Mbekezeli	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Tobaiwa Judith	F	CCC
<b>Mberengwa South</b>	Hungwe Tasara	M	ZANU PF
	Shoko Davies	M	CCC
<b>Mbizo</b>	Chibukwe Lovemore	M	UDA
	Chikwinya Settlement	M	CCC
	Mapfumo Eventhough Brave	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Mupereri Vongaishe	M	ZANU PF
	Mutunami Gladys G.	F	UZA
<b>Mkoba</b>	Chadoka Albert	M	MDC-ALLIANCE
	Chibaya Amos	M	CCC

	Gondo William	M	ZANU PF
	Zihapa Marlven	M	FAS

### III. PRE-ELECTION ENVIRONMENT AND PROCESSES

#### *i. Voter Registration*

ZEC Chairperson, Justice Priscilla Chigumba, told the media on 13 January 2022 in a briefing that for National Assembly by-elections, the voters' rolls closed two days after the proclamation of the date of the by-elections by the President, which is in accordance with Section 26A of the Electoral Act and that for the local authority by-elections, the voters' rolls for wards closed when the vacancies occurred, as provided in Section 121A (3) of the Electoral Act. There is a possibility that many potential voters and stakeholders were not aware of the aforementioned provisions. ZEC postponed a BVR blitz, initially scheduled for December 2021, to February 2022. Had it not been postponed, the BVR blitz could have afforded those not registered to register during the blitz and vote in the 2022 National Assembly by-elections.

#### *ii. Voter Education*

ZEC normally conducts voter education (VE) ahead of elections, by-elections included. ZEC conducted VE for nomination in relation to the 26 March by-elections. At the time of writing, ZEC had finished the phase 1 of the mobile BVR blitz which ended on 28 February 2022. ZEC VE teams were going ahead of voter registration teams to raise awareness about the mobile BVR blitz. On 7 January, ZEC published a list of CSOs accredited to provide VE, warning those not accredited not to be involved in the provision of VE as they would be acting outside the law.

#### *iii. Candidates Selection Processes*

With the exception of Mwenezi East and Chivi South, ZANU-PF primary elections to select candidates for the National Assembly elections were held in January 2022. The Mwenezi East primary election was held in May 2021. It was reported in the media that a headmaster at a local school had participated and won the primary election. The participation of civil servants in partisan politics is in contravention of Section 200 (4) of the Constitution which bars members of the Civil Service from being office-bearers of any political party. In Chivi South, the ZANU PF primary election was held in October 2020, following the recall of Killer Zivhu in July of the same year.

The rest of ZANU-PF primary elections were held in January 2022. There were allegations and accusations of electoral malpractices in primary elections in a number of provinces.<sup>4</sup> The primary elections were held against the background of the party's District

<sup>4</sup> New Zimbabwe.com. 1 February 2022. Fresh Poll Rigging Claims Rock Zanu-PF

Coordinating Committees (DCCs) and Provincial Coordinating Committee elections held in 2019 and 2020 and in 2021, respectively, which in many cases were reportedly marred with violence, vote buying, and vote rigging, among other malpractices<sup>5</sup>.

Sometime in 2021, the MDC Alliance led by Chamisa indicated plans to field candidates ‘*wanted by the grassroots and community leaders outside the party structures*’.<sup>6</sup> The community-based candidate selection process would not work in the same way as primary elections. The party also indicated plans to field recalled MPs as its candidates in the by-elections. After Nelson Chamisa launched the CCC, most of the recalled MDC Alliance MPs were nominated as by-elections candidates for the party.

Candidate selection processes in MDC- Alliance were not clear. Some people who had been listed on the party candidates list for 26 March by-elections withdrew their names at the last minute citing various reasons leading to a situation where the party failed to contest in some constituencies.

#### **iv. Campaigns**

Reports received from ZESN observers indicate that in many constituencies, campaigns by prospective candidates interested in contesting in the by-elections started well before the proclamation and nomination processes. During the campaigns, there was evidence of the selective application of COVID-19 restrictions and the Maintenance of Peace and Order Act (MOPA) to benefit the incumbent and disadvantage the opposition.

ZANU-PF launched its by-election campaigns with a rally in Epworth on 12 February 2022. The rally, which was addressed by party senior leadership including the party president Emmerson Mnangagwa and Vice President Dr. Constantino Chiwenga, was reportedly attended by thousands of supporters. Addressing supporters at the rally, Mnangagwa promised residents of the informal settlement that the government would grant title deeds for their properties and regularize the settlements. Subsequently, ZANU-PF held rallies in Marondera, Kwekwe, Chegutu and Tsholotsho.

The CCC launched its by-elections campaign on 20 February 2022 at Zimbabwe Grounds in Highfield. The rally was held under conditions set by the Police, including that the party was expected to control the behaviour of its members before, during and after the launch; members would not intimidate passers-by and those who had nothing to do with the party’s campaign launch; people would not be bussed from other constituencies; and members would not be involved in *toy-toying*, convoying of vehicles of people chanting slogans and singing and disseminating hateful and defaming information. The carrying of dangerous weapons at the gathering was strictly prohibited and cooperation with all government agencies was urged. The party was also urged to observe COVID-19

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<sup>5</sup> Newsday. 20 January 2022. Violence forces Zanu PF to postpone primaries.

<sup>6</sup> The Zimbabwe Mail. 23 June 2020. Chamisa takes battle to grassroots structures.

regulations outlined by the government<sup>7</sup>. The Police indicated that any deviation would result in the dispersing of the crowd.<sup>8</sup>

On the 26th and 27th of February, CCC rallies were scheduled for Gokwe and Kwekwe respectively. The Gokwe rally failed to materialize after people were allegedly dispersed by members of the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP). It was reported that although the ZRP had earlier authorised CCC to hold their rally in Gokwe, they later claimed that they had manpower shortages and instructed the opposition party to postpone the event. Skirmishes between the police and the party supporters were reported.

At the Kwekwe rally of the CCC, violence broke out when the party's president, Nelson Chamisa, was addressing the rally. The CCC has alleged that the perpetrators of the violence were ZANU-PF supporters disguised in CCC party regalia. While the party's president was being taken off the stage by his security personnel, the party's organizing secretary and Mkoba constituency candidate, Amos Chibaya, rushed to the microphone to urge CCC's youths to retaliate.

The MDC Alliance, led by Douglas Mwonzora, officially launched their campaign for the 26 March by-elections with a rally at Zororo Grounds in Highfield. The LEAD party led by Linda Masarira had a scheduled rally in Epworth to launch their campaign for the by-elections. Streaming live on Facebook, Open Parly as well as 263 Chat reported that the LEAD rally had been disrupted by ZANU-PF members.

Generally, there have been reports, incidents and allegations of violence and an unlevel electoral field in the pre-election period. It was alleged that on 14 February, the ZANU-PF campaign team had been attacked in Bulawayo<sup>9</sup>. The opposition parties, particularly CCC, have accused the members of the ZRP of treating them unfairly when compared to other parties. For instance, on 8 February, CCC alleged that 12 of their members had been arrested at a roadshow in Mkoba (Gweru). It was also reported that Tendai Biti, a candidate and vice president of CCC had been arrested by the police in Greendale. State media, however, disputed the claim<sup>10</sup>.

In their campaigns, political parties are using different methods. Apart from the face to face rallies, campaign posters are being used, mostly by ZANU-PF and CCC.

#### **v. By-elections Constitutional Court Challenge**

On 02 March 2022, a case was filed at the Constitutional Court, challenging the constitutionality of the 26 March by-elections. In the case, four applicants who cite President Mnangagwa and the ZEC as respondents are seeking an order declaring the

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<sup>7</sup> Newsday. 18 February 2022. Police set tough conditions for Chamisa rally.

<sup>8</sup> VOA. 17 February 2022. Police Give Nelson Chamisa's Citizens Coalition for Change Greenlight to Hold Star Rally amid Fears of Political Violence.

<sup>9</sup> VOA. 14 February 2022. Zimbabwe's Ruling Party says Opposition Has Attacked its Election Campaign Team.

<sup>10</sup> The Herald. 14/02/2022. Tendai Biti not arrested. Retrieved from <https://www.herald.co.zw/bit-not-arrested/>

proclamations for by-elections null and void. The applicants’ main argument is that the President failed to follow the timelines for by-elections as set by Section 158 (3) of the Constitution. The applicants further argue that the Constitution does not provide for a ‘General’ by-election of 28 National Assembly. The applicants also state that, because the next harmonized elections would be in 16 months, it would be better not to hold the by-elections than commit financial resources of a struggling country to an election whose outcome would not alter Parliament in any significant way. The bid to stop the by-elections has since been challenged through an application filed by CCC Highfield West constituency parliamentary candidate. Another application to the Constitutional Court challenging Sengweni’s application has since been filed jointly by two Harare residents. The case was still pending at the time of writing, and election preparations appeared to be in full swing.

In line with the mission of promoting democratic elections in Zimbabwe, ZESN effectively gathers, disseminates and communicates objective information about elections and other key electoral processes such as by-elections. This profile of 28 constituencies, communicates objectively to stakeholders ahead of the 26 March by-elections.

#### IV. CONSTITUENCY PROFILES

##### i. BINGA NORTH

Binga North is one of the two constituencies in Binga District, Matabeleland North Province. It has fifteen wards (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, and 24). The constituency borders the Midlands and Mashonaland West Province to the east and Nkayi to the south. Its northern border is defined by the Zambezi river. Fishing and farming are the main economic activities. Weaving and braiding for tourists is another way people use to supplement income. Infrastructure such as schools and road networks is poor.

The constituency was created in 2008 following the division of Binga into two constituencies namely Binga North and Binga South. In the 2018 elections, the constituency had 33 716 registered voters (20 846 female and 12 870 male). The Binga North by-election follows the recall of Sibanda Dubeko Prince who was elected under the MDC-Alliance in 2018.

##### **Previous Election Results**

In the 2018 harmonized elections, Sibanda Dubeko Prince of MDC-Alliance won the Binga North seat with 18 428 votes. There were a total of seven (7) candidates. Of the seven only one contested as independent.

	Name of Candidate	SEX	PARTY	Votes Received
1	Mudenda Cephassiangoma	M	ZANU-PF	7 751



2	Mudimba Jessie	F	PRC	621
3	Munkuli Funwell	M	NCA	403
4	Muntanga Robert Baggio	M	ZIPP	384
5	Mwembe Peter	M	NPF	191
6	Siampuwo Robert	M	INDEPENDENT	133
7	<b>Sibanda Dubeko Prince</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-A</b>	<b>18 428</b>

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

The constituency has been a stronghold of the MDC (MDC-T/MDC Alliance) since 2008 when the constituency was created. At the time, Binga constituency was divided into two, the larger Binga constituency seat had an MDC MP. Prince Dubeko Sibanda won the seat twice in a row in 2013 and 2018 under MDC. After being recalled in 2020, Sibanda will compete against four other candidates namely Peggie Mudimba (MDC-Alliance), Disciple Mukuli (Independent), Munsaka Kudakwashe Mavula (ZANU-PF), and Clive Muzamba (United Democratic Alliance).

Five candidates will participate in the 26 March 2022 by-election, two less than the seven who participated for the parliamentary seat in the 2018 elections. Except for Sibanda Dubeko Prince, all the other candidates did not contest in the 2018 elections. Sibanda Dubeko Prince is seeking re-election, this time contesting under the CCC.

#### ***ii. CHIVI SOUTH***

Chivi South is one of the 26 constituencies in Masvingo province. Chivi South is made up of 11 wards. Ten wards (namely ward 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31 and 32) fall under Chivi Rural District Council and one ward is administered under Mwenezi Rural District Council. In 2018, Chivi South had a total of 22 217 (13 492 female and 8 725 male) registered voters.

### ***Previous Election Results***

In 2018, six candidates (2 female and 4 male) contested for the seat and the results were as follows;

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Dzingirai Ivene	M	Independent	1 823
Madzimure Tarisai	F	PRC	226
Malunguza Sharon	F	RPZ	184
Mhlolo Paul Thompson	M	MDC Alliance	3 312
<b>Zivhu Killer</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>13 330</b>
Zizhou Togarepi	M	ZIPP	248



In 2018, Killer Zivhu of ZANU-PF won the parliamentary seat. Zivhu was recalled by ZANU-PF on the 7th of July 2020, accused of breaking party protocol.

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Chivi district has been a stronghold of ZANU-PF since independence in 1980. The district was subdivided into three constituencies in 2008 namely Chivi North, Chivi Central and Chivi South. The first MP following the 2008 election was Irvine Dzingirai (ZANU-PF). He was succeeded by Mafios Vutete (ZANU-PF) in the 2013 elections. Killer Zivhu of ZANU-PF won the parliamentary seat in 2018 and was recalled in 2020. Four candidates from four political parties are contesting for the Chivi South seat. These are Faith Chuma (Patriotic Zimbabweans), Shadreck Mapope (MDC-Alliance), Munyaradzi Zizhou (ZANU-PF) and Paul Mhlolo (CCC).

#### **iii. DANGAMVURA-CHIKANGA**

Dangamvura Chikanga constituency is located in Manicaland Province. This constituency consists mainly of Mutare city's high density suburbs of Dangamvura and Chikanga and other suburbs which exclude Fern Valley and Green Side. The constituency consists of ten wards (6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19) of Mutare Municipality. In 2018, the constituency had a total of 60 726 registered voters (33 161 female and 27 565 male) and 85 polling stations.

According to the ZimStat Census Report of 2012, the total population of the province was 1 752 698, with 830 697 (approximately 47%) males and 922 001 (approximately 53%) females.

### **Previous Election Results**

In 2018, nine candidates (1 female and 8 male) contested for this seat and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
CHIPANGA HOSIAH	M	INDEPENDENT	1 385
CHOTO NGONI	M	ZIPP	520
JERIMANI ALEC	M	CP	282
KADZERE CHENGETAI RICHARD	M	INDEPENDENT	327
MACHIKWA EMMANUEL	M	APA	170
MAERESERA TAZIVEYI RAJAB	M	PRC	266

MUDEHWE TENDAYI LYNNET	F	MDC-T	2 818
MUPFUMI ISAU FUNGAI	M	ZANU PF	9 856
<b>MUTSEYAMI CHAPFIWA PROSPER</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-ALLIANCE</b>	<b>32 381</b>

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

The constituency is a stronghold of the opposition MDC-T (MDC-T/MDC-Alliance). In 2008 it was won by Giles Mutsekwa. In 2013, the MDC T had two candidates contesting in the Constituency (Giles Mutsekwa and Arnold Tsunga). Arnold Tsunga emerged as the winner. The votes for ZANU-PF increased from 3 654 in 2008 to 9 336 in 2013, a rise of 5682 (156%). The MDC party lost 495 votes in 2013 and the other candidates had less than 100 votes in the 2013 election. In the 2018 harmonized elections, the parliamentary seat was won by Prosper Chapfiwa Mutseyami of the MDC-Alliance with 32 381 votes, 22 525 ahead of the runner up Fungai Isau Mupfumi of ZANU-PF who had 9 856. Musician Hosiah Chipanga contested as an independent candidate.

Five candidates from five political parties are contesting for the Dangamvura-Chikanga seat. These are Hosiah Chipanga (Patriotic Zimbabweans), Taurai Mudzipurwa (MDC-Alliance), Isau Mupfumi (ZANU PF), Prosper Mutseyami (CCC) and Anesu Zaranyika (MA'AT Zimbabwe).

#### ***iv. EPWORTH***

Epworth constituency is located in Harare Province. It comprises the following areas: Stopover, Zinyengere, Pentagon, Magada, Overspill, Maulana, Donhoru, Munyuki and Danastein. It is situated to the south east and 12 kilometres from Harare Central Business District area. Being located at the fringes of Harare, most of the settlements of the constituency are largely informal with shacks and poorly built houses. The area has experienced perennial service delivery problems including in terms of water supply, sewerage reticulation and roads. The area has registered high unemployment levels among the youth and harbours most of the city's newest dwellers in search of greener pastures. Consequently, the economic activities of the area are predominantly sex work, street vending, informal manufacturing as well as buying and selling of commodities on the informal market, from neighbouring countries such as South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique.

Epworth has a total of 7 wards namely ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. According to the ZimStat Census Report of 2012, Epworth has 167 462 inhabitants. The male population consisted of 83 983, while 83 479 were female. In 2018, Epworth had a total of 72 019 registered voters (36 837 female and 35 182 male) and 84 polling stations.

### ***Previous Election Results***

In the 2018 elections, 11 candidates (3 female and 9 male) contested for the seat. The results were as follows:

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Charakupa Kudzai Shekelton	M	PRC	419
Damson Kudakwashe	M	ZANU-PF	16 149
Gosha Felix	M	Independent	462
Kahanda Calista	F	CODE	249
Kamukosi Christopher	M	ZDU	151
Kasvosve Memory	F	NCA	180
<b>Kureva Earthrage</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-ALLIANCE</b>	<b>26 082</b>
Makari Zalerah Hazvineyi	F	Independent	10 745
Mukaadira Lambert	M	FREEZIM CONGRESS	115
Mukanhairi Damian	M	MDC-T	2 673
Muroyiwa Tichaona	M	ZIPP	111

Table below shows the results of the 2015 Epworth by-election

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
<b>Zalerah Hazvineyi Makari</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>ZANU -PF</b>	<b>10 509</b>
Tsikirai Muchena	M	Transform Zimbabwe	305
Daniel Foya	M	Independent	128

### Electoral History of the Constituency

The MDC-T won in the constituency in 2005 and 2008. In the 2013 harmonized elections Amos Midzi, representing ZANU-PF, won the constituency with 15 468 votes. Makari Zalerah Hazvineyi won the seat in the 2015 by-election following the death of Amos Midzi. In the 2018 elections, Kureva Earthrage of MDC-Alliance won the seat ahead of Damson Kudakwashe of ZANU-PF. Zalerah Hazvinei Makarii who contested as an independent came third with 10 745. Four candidates are contesting for the seat. These are Innocent Hazvina (Independent), Earthrage Kureva (CCC), Hazvineyi Zalerah Makari (ZANU-PF), Zivai Togarepi Mhetu (MDC-Alliance) and Richard Musiyadzaanikwa (LEAD).

#### v. GLEN NORAH

Glen Norah constituency is located in the south western part of the City of Harare. Glen Norah is a high density suburb. The roads are badly potholed and other municipality infrastructure is severely dilapidated. Glen Norah constituency falls under the City of Harare. The constituency covers wards 27 and 28 of the City of Harare. In 2018, Glen Norah had a total of 24 072 (12251 female and 11821 male) registered voters. There were 34 polling stations in the constituency.

### Previous Elections Results

In the 2018 elections, eleven (11) candidates contested for the Glen Norah parliamentary seat. The seat was won by Wellington Chikombo of MDC-Alliance with 14 998 votes, 10 973 votes ahead of runner-up Mudzengerere Alexio (ZANU PF). The 2018 elections results for Glen Norah parliamentary seat were as follows:

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
<b>Chikombo Wellington</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>14998</b>
Jaya Phillipa	F	UDA	183
Jiri Liberty Tapiwa	M	CODE	49
Juta Francis	M	Build Zim Alliance	67
Konde Simon	M	Independent	371
Kwinjo Godwin Zvikomborero	M	ZIPP	151
Mangwiro Dumisani	M	NCA	33
Manomano Simbarashe	M	MDC –T	644
Muchenyura Tinashe	M	PRC	120
Mudzengerere Alexio	M	ZANU-PF	4025
Story Finess	F	UANC	55

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

Since 2000, Glen Norah Constituency has been a stronghold of the opposition MDC party. In the 2000 parliamentary elections, Priscillia Misihairabwi-Mushonga won the seat under the MDC ticket and also managed to retain the seat in 2005. In 2008, Gift Dzirutwe (MDC-T) won the Glen Norah parliamentary seat and served until 2013. In the 2013 elections, MDC-T candidate Webster Maondera emerged victorious before passing over to Wellington Chikombo who won the seat in the 2018 elections. After the 2020 recall, Wellington Chikombo will be seeking re-election on 26 March 2022, on a CCC ticket. Other contesting candidates are Chrispen Allen Magaya (ZANU-PF), Allan Munyuki (United Democratic Alliance), Israel Mabhande (MDC-Alliance) and Kuda Garwe (NPF).

### **vi. GLEN VIEW NORTH**

Glen View is a high-density suburb located in the southern part of Harare. It shares boundaries with the residential suburbs of Glen Norah and Budiro. Glen View North is one of the two constituencies in Glen View. The constituency covers Ward 30 of Harare Municipality. In 2018, it had a total of 17 981 registered voters (9 135 female and 8 841 male) and 24 polling stations.

### ***Previous Election Results***

In the 2018 elections, ten candidates (2 female and 8 male) contested for the seat and the results were as follows:

Name of Candidates	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Chafa Silvia	F	CODE	100
Chaparika George	M	PRC	192
Chasakara Thomas	M	UDM	80
Chikamveka Reuben	M	MDC –T	1 526
Chiwamba Sitamire Fortunate	F	NCA	28
<b>Dinar Kennedy</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>10 523</b>
Kamtsamba Kevin Partson	M	ZDU	66
Machingura Lovemore	M	ZIPP	76
Mambo Martin	M	ZANU-PF	2 957
Shana Fungai	M	Independent	59

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Glen View North constituency was created in 2008, following the splitting of the then Glen View constituency into two constituencies namely Glen View North and Glen View South. In the 2008 elections, the seat was won by Fani Munengani (MDC-T) who was re-elected in 2013. In 2018, the seat was won by Kennedy Dinar (MDC-Alliance) who passed away in November 2020. The 26 March 2022 by-election is intended to fill in the vacancy. Contesting candidates are Martin Mambo (ZANU PF), Rhino Mashaya (MDC-Alliance), Fami Munengami (CCC) and Tatenda Prudence Munyanduri (NPF).

### **vii. GOKWE CENTRAL**

Gokwe Central constituency covers wards 15, 19, 20, 32, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Gokwe South district. Wards 15, 19, 20 and 32 are administered under Gokwe South Rural District Council whilst Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are administered under Gokwe Town Council. In 2018, the constituency had a total of 29 600 registered voters (16 135 female and 13 465 male) and 57 polling stations.

### **Previous Election Results**

Name of Candidates	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Chawatama Johnson	M	CODE	318
Chinyama Abel Desai	M	ZIPP	434
Chipa Vushe	M	Independent	190
Magombedze Tavonga Ranganai	M	PRC	239
Mangami Dorothy	F	Independent	4496
<b>Matemadanda Victor</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>9997</b>
Mutegwe Lisias	M	MDC Alliance	8207

Tembo Elika	F	NPF	192
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### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Although in 2018 the seat was closely contested, Gokwe Central is a ZANU-PF stronghold. In the 2018 elections, the winning candidate and the runner-up had a difference of 1 790 votes. In 2000, the seat was won by Lovemore Mupukuta of ZANU-PF with 11 082 votes ahead of the MDC's Edson Nyathi who had 5 987 votes. Mupukuta was re-elected in 2005. Dorothy Mhangami of ZANU-PF took over, winning the elections in 2008 and 2013. In 2018, Victor Matemadanda contested under ZANU-PF and won the seat. The 26 March 2022 by-election will be held to fill in the vacancy left after Victor Matemadanda was appointed Zimbabwe's ambassador to Mozambique. Contesting candidates are Masvisvi Daveson (ZANU-PF), Mutegwe Lisias (CCC), and Vakai Edward (MDC Alliance).

### **viii. HARARE EAST**

Harare East Constituency is located in Harare Metropolitan Province. It comprises of Wards 8, 9 and 46. The suburbs constituting the constituency are New Tafara, Glen Lorne, Amby, Athlone, Blantyre, Manresa, Mandara, Chisipite, Brookridge, Greystone Park, Donnybrook, Hogerty Hill, Helensville, Highlands, Kambanji, Letombo, Lewisam, Msasa, Newlands, Rhodesville, Quinington, Umwingsdale and Shawasha Hills. In the 2018 elections, Harare East had 49 polling stations, an increase of 19 from the 30 that were available for the 2013 elections. In the 2018 elections, the constituency had a total of 37 837 registered voters (18 434 female and 19 403 male).

### **Previous Election Results**

In the 2018 harmonized elections, nine candidates (1 females and 8 males) contested for the seat and the results were as follows:

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
<b>Biti Laxton Tendai</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>20 592</b>
Gutu Obert Chaurura	M	MDC – T	1269
Mabviko Damiano	M	NCA	60
Mlambo Garikai	M	Independent	798
Mudavanhu Peter	M	Independent	239
Mudzumwe Jobert	M	NPF	41
Mukupe Terence	M	ZANU-PF	8593
Sibanyoni Linda Kushinga	F	Independent	485
Zvenyika Munyoro Itai	M	PRC	381

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Harare East Constituency has voted for MDC in 2000, 2005, 2008 and 2013. Since 2000, Harare East has been represented by Tendai Biti, initially as a member of the MDC and then



MDC-T from 2008. Under the MDC-T ticket, Biti also won the seat in 2008 and in 2013 before he was recalled in 2015. In 2000, the MDC obtained the highest number of votes, compared to 2005, 2008 and 2013. In 2013, Biti won with a narrow margin of 1 340 votes as compared to the widest margin of 13 738 in the 2000 elections.

Biti was recalled by the MDC party in 2015 paving way for a by-election. Biti and the opposition MDC-T party did not take part in the by-elections in which Terrence Mukupe of ZANU-PF won the seat. In 2018, Tendai Biti contested under MDC-Alliance and won the seat. After he was recalled in 2021, Biti is contesting under CCC.

#### **ix. HARARE CENTRAL**

Harare Central Constituency is located in the central area of Harare. It falls under the City of Harare. Harare Central Constituency covers ward 2 and 6 of the City of Harare. In 2018, the Constituency had a total of 22 541 (11 122 female and 11 419 male) registered voters. There were 33 polling stations in 2018.

#### **Previous Elections Results**

In the 2018 elections, seven candidates contested for the Harare Central Constituency. The election was won by Murisi Zwizwai of MDC-Alliance, who had 10 876 votes ahead of second placed Misheck Mangwende of ZANU-PF who had 5 632 votes. The 2018 parliamentary results of Harare Central were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Bvirakare Francis	M	PRC	105
Chinyati Christopher	M	Build Zim Alliance	191
Mangwende Misheck	M	ZANU-PF	5632
Masarira Linda Tsungirirai	F	MDC - T	2251
Matsaira Brian	M	Independent	286
Toure Edith	F	NCA	173
<b>Zwizwai Murisi</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>10876</b>

#### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Since the turn of the millennium, the opposition party, MDC, has enjoyed monopoly of the Harare Central parliamentary seat. The last time ZANU-PF won the seat was in 1995 with Florence Chituro. In 2000, Mike Auret won the seat under MDC. Murisi Zwizwai has successively won the seat in 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2018.

Five political parties will be contesting for the Harare Central Constituency. Linda Masarira (LEAD), Loice Magweba (ZANU-PF), Norest Marara (MDC-Alliance), Henry Rukanda (MAAT Zimbabwe) and Murisi Zwizwai (CCC) will be battling it out for the constituency. Having won the seat in four successive elections under MDC (MDC-T/MDC-Alliance), Murisi Zwizwai is seeking re-election on a CCC ticket following a recall.

#### x. **HIGHFIELD EAST**

Highfield East covers Ward 24 and 25 of the City of Harare. In 2018, Highfield East had a total of 23 791 (12 157 females and 11 634 males) registered voters. There were 41 polling stations in the constituency.

#### **Previous Election Results**

In the 2018 harmonized elections, eleven candidates contested for the Highfield East constituency. The seat was won by Erick Murai (MDC-Alliance) with 13 079 votes ahead of Mike Mashonganyika (ZANU-PF) who had 3 648 votes. The results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidates</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Bgwende Gilbert	M	PRC	453
Charama Nyaradzo	F	MDC –T	1 943
Chinamano Kudakwashe I. T	M	Independent	726
Kwenda Onias	M	CODE	106
Luveve Pennina	F	NCA	43
Mashonganyika Mike Taka	M	ZANU PF	3 648
Mhizha Wellington	M	Independent	412
<b>Murai Erick</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>13 079</b>
Mushosho Cephas	M	ZIPP	100
Ndawana Edina	F	Build Zim Alliance	97
Shoko Timew Admire	M	UDF	23

#### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Highfield is one of the oldest residential suburbs in Harare. Highfield suburb is closely associated with Zimbabwe nationalist history. It is where the ruling party was formed and was at one point home to prominent Zimbabwean figures such as Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole, Joshua Nkomo, Robert Mugabe, Maurice Nyagumbo, Leopold Takawira, Emmerson Mnangagwa, Michael Mawema, George Tawengwa, Oliver Mutukudzi and Thomas Mapfumo among others.

Until 2008, Highfield was a single electoral constituency. In 2008 it was subdivided to create two constituencies namely Highfield East and Highfield West. Prior to the subdivision, Highfield had become a stronghold for the MDC since 2000. The MDC hegemony in the constituency remained uninterrupted by the delimitation. After the creation of Highfield East as a separate constituency, Pearson Mungofa (MDC-T) served as MP from 2008 - 2013 and Erick Murai (MDC-T/MDC-ALLIANCE) from 2013 - 2020.

On the 26th of March, four candidates from four political parties will contest for the Highfield East seat. These are Erick Murai (CCC), Nobert Chikumbo (ZANU-PF), Shelton



Mupambwa (Patriotic Zimbabwe) and Gilbert Bgwende (MDC-Alliance). In the 2018 elections, Bgwende Gilbert contested under People Rainbow Coalition and lost. He will be contesting on the MDC-Alliance ticket. Erick Murai contested on an MDC-Alliance ticket and won in 2018. On 26 March 2022, he will contest under CCC.

**xi. HIGHFIELD WEST**

Highfield West is one of the two constituencies in the suburb of Highfield in Harare. Highfield West covers Ward 26 and 29 of the City of Harare. In 2018, Highfield West constituency had a total of 19 256 (9 728 females and 9 528 males) registered voters. There were 41 polling stations in the constituency.

**Previous Elections Results**

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
<b>Chidziva Happymore</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC - Alliance</b>	<b>11 515</b>
Chitsora Kudakwashe Future	M	CODE	183
Gwenzi George	M	PRC	150
Kasawaya Virimayi Dzoreraayi	M	Zanu PF	3 473
Mangachena Musekiwa	M	MDC –T	730
Marasiro Tsitsi Mercy	F	UDA	164
Mutikani Claynious	M	ZIPP	44
Mwendamberi Victor Vimbai	M	Build Zim Alliance	22
Ngano Charles	M	NPF	28
Nyamande Michael Ngoni	M	UANC	113
Zivambiso Enock	M	NCA	21

**Electoral History of the Constituency**

Since its creation in 2008, Highfield East Constituency has been a stronghold of the MDC. Under MDC (MDC-T/MDC-Alliance) the following people have served as MPs for Highfield West: Simon Hove (2008 - 2013), Moses Manyengawana (2013 - 2018) and recently Happymore Chidziva (2018 - 2020). Chidziva was recalled and will be seeking re-election under the CCC.

**xii. KAMBUZUMA**

Kambuzuma is among the oldest high-density suburbs in Harare. The roads and other public amenities are old and infrastructure has generally been ill-serviced. Kambuzuma is home to a lot of vending businesses, especially the vegetable industry. Urban agriculture is prominent in the wetlands and backyards in the suburb. Kambuzuma Constituency covers Ward 14 and 36 of Harare City. In the 2018 elections the constituency had a total of

21 495 registered voters (11 084 females and 10 411 males) and 29 polling stations.

### Previous Election Results

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Agoneka Michael	M	NPF	140
Chigiji Ereck	M	NCA	152
Ganje Petronella	F	Build Zim Alliance	75
Gumbu Fungai	F	MDC –T	1164
Machaya Lewis Johnson	M	Independent	172
<b>Madzimore Willias</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC –Alliance</b>	<b>10694</b>
Mazana Netsai	F	PRC	183
Mugwagwa Innocent Zvidzai	M	Independent	1153
Mupandanyama Simbarashe	M	ZANU PF	4269
Pika Ignatius	M	CODE	64
Verukayi Annah	F	NPF	75

### Electoral History of the Constituency

In the 1990 elections, Oliver Chidhawu won the Kambuzuma seat ahead of Xebio Bosha of Zimbabwe Unity Movement (ZUM). In 1995, Oliver Chidhawu (ZANU-PF) became MP for Kambuzuma uncontested. ZANU-PF's hegemony in the constituency was interrupted in 2000 after Willias Madzimore (MDC) won the seat with a wider margin. Willias Madzimore went on to win the seat in 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2018. Madzimore was recalled and on 26 March he will contest against Fungai Chiposi (MDC-Alliance) and Oscar Nyamunokora (ZANU-PF).

### xiii. KUWADZANA

Kuwadzana is a high density suburb located in the southwestern edges of the City of Harare. Kuwadzana is divided into two electoral constituencies which are Kuwadzana and Kuwadzana East. Kuwadzana constituency covers three wards in the City of Harare (Wards, 38, 44 and 45). In the 2018 elections, the constituency had a total of 38 398 registered voters (20 224 female and 18 174 male) and 44 polling stations.

### Previous Results Election

Eleven candidates (4 females and 7 males) contested in 2018 and the results were as follows:

Name of Candidates	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Chimbalanga Jossam	M	Independent	202

Mafirowanda Wongai	F	Independent	602
Mafuta Richard	M	NCA	69
Makasi Jenifa	F	PRC	198
Mbewe Maston Zippie	M	Independent	63
Muchemwa Munashe	M	Independent	197
Muchenje Piniel Brighton	M	ZIPP	113
Mudimu Kuda Vincent	M	NPF	38
<b>Mushayi Miriam</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>MDC –Alliance</b>	<b>19 808</b>
Nhambu Betty	F	Zanu PF	9 597
Nyamupingidza Joseph Taperasei Tuli	M	MDC –T	1338

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

The current Kuwadzana constituency which covers ward 38, 44, and 45 is a section of the large constituency that had the same name. The larger Kuwadzana constituency was split into two in 2008 to create Kuwadzana and Kuwadzana East. In 1995, Zebron Chawaipira became MP for Kuwadzana unopposed. Since 2000, Kuwadzana constituency has been won by the opposition party MDC. Learnmore Jongwe and later Nelson Chamisa served as MPs of this constituency between 2000 and 2008.

In 2008, the constituency was split into two, namely Kuwadzana (with three wards) and Kuwadzana East (with one ward). Lucia Matibenga (MDC-T) became the first MP of the newly delineated Kuwadzana Constituency. In 2013, Matibenga was re-elected and later on recalled in 2015 by the MDC-T. By-elections were called for in June 2015, in which the MDC-T did not field candidates. In the by-elections, Betty Nhambu-Kaseke of ZANU-PF won the seat. The 2018 parliamentary election in Kuwadzana was won by Miriam Mushayi (MDC-Alliance). Mushayi died in September 2020, leading to the arising of a vacancy for the Kuwadzana Constituency.

#### ***xiv. KUWADZANA EAST***

Formerly known as Parkridge Fontainebleau, Kuwadzana is a residential suburb that lies on the city's western border, just south of the main Harare-Bulawayo road. Kuwadzana East was previously part of a larger Kuwadzana constituency. It was created as a separate constituency in 2008. It covers only one ward (Ward 37) of Harare Municipality. In 2018 it had a voter population of 24 811 registered voters (12 664 female and 12 147 male) and 29 polling stations.

#### ***Previous Election Results***

In 2018, eleven candidates (2 female and 9 male) contested for the seat and the results were as follows:

Name of Candidates	Sex	Party	Votes Received
Chagadama Ernest Kudzaishe	M	ZANU-PF	3 862
Chikoore Shylet	F	PRC	160
Hamandishe Emmerson	M	Build Zim Alliance	114
<b>Hwende Chalton</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC - Alliance</b>	<b>15 390</b>
Katsande Crispen	M	NCA	84
Kauzani Ishmael	M	Independent	93
Magondo Stuart	M	ZIPP	79
Mangwiwo Urayayi	M	Independent	1 127
Mutetwa Taurai	M	UDA	16
Nyanguwo Teriazer	F	UANC	25
Nyanhi Musekiwa Gift	M	Independent	129

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Since 2008, Kuwadzana East has been a stronghold of the MDC-T. Nelson Chamisa who had served as Kuwadzana MP since 2003, became the first Kuwadzana East MP following the March 2008 elections. Chamisa served as MP for Kuwadzana East from 2008 to 2018 when he contested as MDC-Alliance presidential candidate. In 2018, Charlton Hwende (MDC-Alliance) won the Kuwadzana seat. In the party wrangles that followed, Hwende was recalled in May 2020.

Six candidates from six political parties are contesting for the Kuwadzana East seat. These are Kudzaishe Chagadama (ZANU-PF), Jedidiah Chigariro (UDA), Charlton Hwende (CCC), David Kachidza (UZA), Selestino Majiri (Patriotic Zimbabweans) and Urayayi Mangwiwo (MDC-Alliance).

#### **xv. KWEKWE CENTRAL**

Kwekwe Central is an urban constituency, comprising Kwekwe, Globe and Phoenix. The 2008 delimitation removed rural parts from this constituency and created three other constituencies. People derive livelihoods from the mines and farms that surround the town. However, most of the gold mines have since closed and illegal gold panning has grown to unprecedented levels, which has resulted in environmental degradation. Kwekwe Central falls under Kwekwe Municipality and covers eight (8) wards (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14). In 2018, the constituency had a total of 24 434 (12 502 female and 11 929 male) registered voters and 36 polling stations.

### **Previous Elections Results**

Seven candidates contested for the seat in 2018 and the results were as follows:

Name of Candidate	Sex	Party	Votes received
Chebundo Blessing	M	MDC Alliance	7127

Madhonoru Tongai	M	ZIPP	124
<b>Matambanadzo Masango</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>NPF</b>	<b>7578</b>
Matina Otto Owen Mhareyashe	M	Independent	57
Mugabe Kandros	M	ZANU-PF	4571
Muparazi Learnmore	M	PRC	68
Maupa Josiniah	M	Independent	978

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

The current size of the constituency was determined in the 2008 delimitation exercise. In 2000, Blessing Chebundo (MDC) won the seat with 15 388 ahead of Emmerson Mnangagwa (ZANU-PF) who had 5 352. Chebundo was re-elected in 2005 and 2008 before he lost to Masango Matambanadzo (ZANU-PF) in 2013 with a narrow margin. Matambanadzo was re-elected in 2018 before passing away in July 2020. The by-election in Kwekwe Central is to fill in the vacancy that arose.

### ***xvi. MARONDERA CENTRAL***

Marondera Central constituency is one of the 23 National Assembly seats in Mashonaland East Province. It mainly comprises Marondera town and the residential areas close to the town centre. The constituency was born out of Marondera East and Marondera West constituencies after the delimitation exercise of 2008. Commercial farms surround the town and the predominant economic activities in the area revolve around farming activities and trading in farm produce. Marondera Central is divided into 12 wards (1 up to 12) governed by the Municipality of Marondera. In 2018, the constituency had a total of 29 079 registered voters (15 508 females and 13 571 males) and 40 polling stations.

### ***Previous Election Results***

Eight candidates (1 female and 7 male) contested for the seat in 2018 and the results were as follows:

<b>Names of Candidates</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Chasesa Fred	M	People's Rainbow Coalition.	288
Kundiona Cleopas	M	ZANU PF	8 386
Makayi Onias	M	Zimbabwe Partnership for Prosperity.	71
Makaza Solomon	M	Freezim Congress	34
Makombe Francis	M	MDC T	840
<b>Matewu Caston</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-Alliance</b>	<b>14 604</b>
Munuhwa Chipu Contilda	F	Independent.	189
Nyika Kingdom	M	Independent.	57

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

In 2008 Marondera Central Constituency was won by MDC T candidate James Ian Kay, who garnered 8 022 votes against 3 170 votes amassed by Peter Murwira (ZANU PF). In 2013 the seat was retaken by ZANU PF with Ray Kaukonde garnering 9 308 votes while the MDC-T candidate James Ian Kay polled 7 892 votes. In 2018, however, Caston Matewu managed to win the seat with a much wider margin. Matewu got 14 604 votes, 6 218 votes ahead of runner up Cleopas Kundiona of ZANU PF. The vacancy in Marondera Central follows the recall of Caston Matewu by MDC-Alliance. Matewu will be contesting under CCC.

### **xvii. MARONDERA EAST**

Marondera East Constituency covers ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 of Marondera Rural District Council. In 2018, the constituency had a total of 27 603 registered voters (13 455 female and 14 148 male) and 67 polling stations.

### ***Previous Elections Results***

Three candidates contested for the seat in the 2018 elections and the results were as follows:

<b>Names of Candidates</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Chakaingesu Musekiwa	M	MDC-Alliance	4 604
<b>Chidakwa Patrick</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>18 365</b>
Mandaza Moses	M	Zimbabwe Labour Party	187

### ***Electoral history of the constituency***

Marondera East is a ZANU PF stronghold. The closest that the opposition got to getting the seat was in 2000 when Sydney Sekeramayi (ZANU PF) won with a narrow margin of 63 votes. Sekeramayi garnered 10,692 against 10 629 that were polled in favour of Didymus Munenzva (MDC). Ever since, ZANU-PF has been winning the seat safely. In 2005 Sydney Sekeramayi (ZANU-PF) got 19 192 against the 10 066 polled for James Ian Kay (MDC). In 2008 Tracy Mutinhiri (ZANU-PF) emerged victorious. Mutinhiri was expelled from ZANU-PF and recalled from Parliament in 2012. After crossing the floor to join MDC-T, Mutinhiri lost an election to Jeremiah Chiwetu (ZANU-PF). Jeremiah Chiwetu (ZANU PF) won the seat with 15 626 votes ahead of Tracy Mutinhiri (MDC-T)' 2 113 votes. Again in 2018, ZANU-PF, represented by Patrick Chidakwa, won the seat with a wider margin. The by-election was proclaimed following the death of Patrick Chidakwa in 2020.

### xviii. **MBERENGWA SOUTH**

Mberengwa South Constituency is one of the four parliamentary constituencies in the district of Mberengwa in Midlands Province. The Constituency was created in 2008 following the subdivision of Mberengwa Constituency. The Constituency covers 10 wards (Wards, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28) of Mberengwa Rural District Council. In the 2018 harmonized elections, the Constituency had a total of 19 658 registered voters (11 805 female and 7 853 male) and 51 polling stations.

#### **Previous Election Results**

Five candidates contested in the 2018 elections for the seat and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Maphosa Swaziin	M	ZIPP	516
<b>Mpofu Alum</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>12 791</b>
Nkomo Ishechete Josta	M	APA	116
Shoko Davies	M	MDC Alliance	2507
Shoko Ronald	M	PRC	229

#### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Mberengwa South is a ZANU PF stronghold. In 2008, the seat was won by ZANU PF. In 2013, the seat was won by Chiratidzo Mabuwa (ZANU PF) with over 86% of the casted vote. ZANU PF, represented by Alum Mpofu, managed to secure the seat in 2018. Alum Mpofu died in March 2021, leading to a vacancy.

### xix. **MBIZO**

Mbizo is a high density suburb in Kwekwe, Midlands province. It is located east of the city centre, across the railway line from the ferro-chrome factory Zimbabwe Mining and Smelting Company (ZIMASCO). The suburb is divided into numerous sections, each of which is assigned a number from one to twenty. Mbizo Sections One and Two are the earliest parts of the suburb, which were intended to accommodate low-cost labor for the gold mining in uptown. Mbizo constituency covers six wards (Ward 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 12) of Kwekwe Municipality. In 2018, Mbizo had a voter population of 29 549 registered voters (15 814 female and 13 735 male) and 39 polling centres.

#### **Previous Election Results**

Twelve candidates contested in the 2018 elections and the results were as follows;

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
<b>Chikwinya Settlement</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC Alliance</b>	<b>15349</b>
Chinhava Tangai	M	NPF	544
Choga Makesure	M	Independent	77



Fuyana Nqobile	M	Independent	63
Mangombe Godwin	M	Independent	118
Mupereri Vongaishe	M	ZANU PF	6164
Mutasa Mafios	M	NPF	162
Mutemaringa Givemore	M	Independent	125
Mvududu Bright	M	Independent	67
Sambayi Ekbate	M	Independent	1633
Shinyira Tapfuma	M	ZIPP	141
Zhavairo Onesimo Tafireyi	M	PRC	162

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

Mbizo became a constituency following the delimitation exercise in 2008. Prior to that, Mbizo was part of Kwekwe Constituency. Emmerson Mnangagwa (ZANU PF) was the MP in that Constituency up to the year 2000 when he was defeated by Blessing Chebundo of the MDC T. After the delimitation process in 2008 Settlement Chikwinya became MP for Mbizo Constituency. Chikwinya was re-elected in 2013 although ZANU-PF slightly closed the margin. Settlement Chikwinya was recalled by the MDC-T in 2015 after joining the MDC Renewal.

By-elections were conducted in June 2015. Following their decision to boycott the elections until reforms were implemented, the MDC-T did not field any candidates. Vongaishe Mupereri (ZANU-PF) won the by-election. In 2018, Settlement Chikwinya contested under MDC-Alliance and won the seat. He was however recalled in 2021. Chikwinya is contesting under CCC. Chikwinya will contest against Lovemore Chibukwe (UDA), Brave Mapfumo (MDC-ALLIANCE), Gladys Mutunami (UZA) and former legislator Vongaishe Mupereri (ZANU PF).

#### **xx. MKOBA**

Mkoba is a high-density suburb to the south-west of the Midlands capital city of Gweru. Mkoba constituency covers seven wards (Wards 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16) of Gweru district and falls under Gweru Municipality. In 2018, the constituency had a total of 34 924 registered voters (18 977 female and 15 947 male) and 52 polling stations.

### ***Previous Election Results***

A total of eleven candidates (2 female and 9 male) contested for the seat. The results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
<b>Chibaya Amos</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC Alliance</b>	<b>18 925</b>



Kamwemba Margaret	F	MDC-T	795
Makumbe Melania	F	BZA	1 307
Mashamba Nelson	M	Independent	187
Mazviro Farai	M	APA	70
Msongelwa Austin	M	FreeZIM Congress	47
Muindisi Anos	M	PRC	133
Mutendeudzwa Sailas	M	UDA	81
Nhlabati Wilfred Dumezweni	M	NPF	78
Shamu Simbarashe Leonard	M	ZIPP	168
Simbi Charles	M	ZANU PF	6088

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

The MDC-T/Alliance has enjoyed strong support in Mkoba. In 2000, Stanley Makwembere (MDC) won the seat with 14 587 votes ahead of Federick Shava (ZANU PF) who had 4 840. Amos Chibaya (MDC-T) successively won elections for the seat in 2005, 2008, 2013 and 2018. Chibaya was recalled in June 2020 by the Thokozani Khupe-led MDC-T party. The 26 March by-election is intended to fill in the vacancy. Amos Chibaya (CCC), Albert Chadoka (MDC-Alliance), William Gondo (ZANU PF) and Marlven Zihapa (Federation of African State) will battle it out for the seat.

### **xxi. MUFAKOSE**

Mufakose Constituency covers wards 34 and 35 of Harare Municipality and covers the suburb of Mufakose. Mufakose suburb is bordered by Kuwadzana, Crowborough North, Old Marimba Park Suburb and Budiro. In the 2018 harmonized elections, the Mufakose Constituency had a total of 18 086 registered voters (9 441 female and 8 645 male) and 26 polling stations.

### **Previous Election Results**

Twelve candidates (5 females and 7 males) contested for the seat in 2018 and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Chamunorwa Florence	F	Independent	1683
Chikerema Tinei Stanley	M	ZIPP	79
Chiseva Agatha	F	Independent	350
Derera Dunny	M	ZANU PF	2425
Gahadza Abigail	F	NPF	112
Jairos Charles	M	MDC -T	1075
Khozomba Awali	M	Build Zim Alliance	202

Lumumba Jonathan	M	CODE	108
<b>Matsunga Susan</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>9087</b>
Ncube Desire Kudakwashe	M	FREEZIM CONGRESS	105
Rosi Rosa	F	NCA	79
Zivave Farirai Remember	M	PRC	135

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

In 1995, Sabina Thembanani (ZANU-PF) won the seat with over 81% ahead of Kingston Marimo (Forum Party) who had slightly above 12%. In 2000, Paurina Mpariwa (MDC) won with 15 233 votes against Thembanani's 3 965. Since 2000, ZANU-PF has not been able to win the seat. Paurina Mpariwa (MDC and later MDC-T) was re-elected in 2005, 2008 and 2013. In 2018, Susan Matsunga (MDC-Alliance) won the seat with an even wider margin. The Mufakose Constituency parliamentary seat fell vacant following the recall of Susan Matsunga by the MDC-Alliance. Contesting candidates are Taurayi Marembo (ZANU-PF), Susan Matsunga (CCC), and Rodwell Shambamu (MDC-Alliance).

### **xxii. MUREWA SOUTH**

Murewa South (also referred to as Murehwa South) Constituency covers nine wards (Wards 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 29) of Murewa Rural District Council. It is one of the three constituencies in Murewa district of Mashonaland East province. In 2018, the Constituency had a total of 28 091 registered voters (14 549 female and 13 542 male) and 49 polling stations.

### **Previous Election Results**

Six candidates contested for the seat in the 2018 elections and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Chawora Jeremy Jonathan	M	MDC-Alliance	1 821
Chodewa Tukisai	M	NCA	129
Mangondo Noah Takawota Joni	M	Independent	10 653
<b>Matiza Biggie Joel</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>10 808</b>
Mupanguri Musatye	M	ZAPU	81
Muparadzi Blessed	M	Peoples' Rainbow Coalition	50

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Murewa South is a stronghold of ZANU-PF and Joel Biggie Matiza (ZANU-PF) successively won the seat in 2000, 2005, 2008, 2013, and 2018. In 2018, he won with a very narrow margin (155 votes) against former fellow party member, Noah Mangondo, who contested

as an independent candidate. Joel Biggie Matiza passed away in January 2021, paving way for the by-election. Contesting candidates are Nyasha Masoka (ZANU PF), Rodreck Munemo (CCC), Dagmore Marudza (MDC-Alliance) and Simba Nesara (United Democratic Alliance).

### **xxiii. MUTASA SOUTH**

Mutasa South Constituency is located in Manicaland Province and is administered under the Mutasa Rural District Council. The Constituency covers six wards (Wards 18, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26) in Mutasa District. In the 2018 harmonized elections, the Constituency had a total of 14 715 registered voters (7 155 female and 7 560 male) and 30 polling stations.

#### **Previous Elections Results**

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Mugadza Misheck	M	ZANU PF	12 736
Mukarakate Anyway	M	FREEZIMCONGRESS	201
Munyoro Learnmore	M	ZIPP	185
Murahwa Daniel Ngonidzaishe	M	PRC	168
Nyakunu Walter	M	APA	144
Sande Patrick	M	ZDU	128
<b>Tsungu Regai</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-ALLIANCE</b>	<b>14 783</b>

#### **Electoral History the Constituency**

In 2005, the seat was won by Oppah Muchinguri (ZANU-PF) with 9 715 votes ahead of Edwin Mauppa (MDC) who had 9 318 votes. In 2008, the seat was won by Misheck Kagurabadza (MDC-T). In 2013, Kagurabadza lost the seat to Irene Zindi (ZANU-PF). In 2018, Regai Tsunga won the seat on an MDC-Alliance ticket. The 2018 parliamentary election in Mutasa South was won by Regai Tsunga (MDC-Alliance). Tsunga was recalled in March 2020, leading to a vacancy in the Mutasa South Constituency parliamentary seats. The 26 March by-election will be seeking to fill the vacancy. Contesting candidates are Mugadza Misheck (ZANU-PF), Lynette Ngoro (Independent), Pedzisi Tauzeni (MDC-Alliance), and Regai Tsunga (CCC).

### **xxiv. MWENEZI EAST**

Mwenezi East Constituency comprises Masvosva, Chingwizi, Neshuro, Sarahuru, and Chingwizi and Chizumba consisting of 8 wards namely 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13 and 18. The Shangani and Karanga people live in this area. The main source of livelihood is communal farming which has been hampered by poor rain patterns. Employment prospects have diminished due to the closure of mines in Zvishavane and Chiredzi, residents of this community have instead turned to small-scale and artisanal mining. The constituency's proximity to South Africa provides an opportunity for residents to cross the border in search of jobs and engaging in informal trade.

In the 2018 harmonized elections, the constituency had a total of 33 256 registered voters (19 050 females and 14 206 males).

### **Previous Elections Results**

Four candidates (all male) contested in the 2018 elections and the results were as follows:

<b>Name Of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Bhasikiti Chuma Kudakwashe	M	MDC-Alliance	3 574
<b>Omar Joosbi</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>22 926</b>
Mashora Josiya	M	ZIPP	511
Mhango Turner	M	Free Zim Congress	317

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Mwenezi East is regarded as a safe seat for ZANU-PF and its stronghold, with the party winning the National Assembly seat consecutively since 2005. It was won by Kudakwashe Bhasikiti (contesting under ZANU-PF) twice in a row in 2008 and 2013. Joshua Moyo of ZANU-PF won the seat uncontested in the 2015 by-election after Kudakwashe Bhasikiti was expelled from ZANU-PF.

#### **xxv. NKULUMANE**

Nkulumane is a high density suburb inhabited mostly by a low income earning population. The majority of the populace are of the Ndebele ethnic and language group. There are also people of Shona and Kalanga origin. The constituency covers wards 20, 22 and 23 of Bulawayo Municipality. In 2018, the Constituency had a total of 21 860 registered voters (12 025 female and 9 835 male) and 36 polling stations.

### **Previous Elections Results**

In the 2018 elections, fifteen (15) candidates (3 female and 12 male) contested for the seat. Phulu Kucaca Ivumile of MDC-ALLIANCE won the seat. The results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Makubalo Senzeni	F	ZIPP	117
Moyo David	M	PRC	1295
Moyo Qinisani	M	INDEPENDENT	1701
Ndlovu Colson	M	ZAPU	455
Ndlovu David	M	ZANU-PF	4261
Ndlovu Dorothy Molly	F	MDC-T	1295
Ndlovu Mbonisi	M	PPPZ	160
Nobela Joe	M	FREE ZIM CONGRESS	198

<b>Phulu Kucaca Ivumile</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC-ALLIANCE</b>	<b>7409</b>
Sibanda Killian	M	NPF	811
Sibanda Miniyothando	M	RPZ	61
Sibanda Mkhalihi Tanaka	M	ERA	44
Sibanda Sibhekubuhle	M	NCA	20
Whatt Morege	F	ZDU	71
Xaba Partone	M	MRP	333

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

In 1995, Dumiso Dabengwa (ZANU-PF) became an MP for Nkulumane unopposed. Since 2000, the seat has become a stronghold of the opposition MDC. Gibson Sibanda (MDC) won the seat in 2000 with 20 380 ahead of Dumiso Dabengwa (ZANU-PF) who had 3 644. Gibson Sibanda was re-elected in 2005. Following the delimitation exercise of 2008, the seat was won by Tamsanqa Mahlangu (MDC-T) beating Gibson Sibanda who had joined another faction of the MDC. MDC-T won the election in 2013 and again in 2018 as MDC-Alliance. Gideon Mangena (MDC-Alliance), Gregory Ncube (RPZ), David Ndlovu (ZANU-PF), Ivumile Kucaca Phulu (CCC) and Dumisani Tokwido (DOP) are contesting for the seat.

### ***xxvi. PUMULA***

Situated South West of the city of Bulawayo, Pumula is one of the oldest modern residential areas in Bulawayo metropolitan province. Pumula Constituency covers wards 17, 19 and 21 of Bulawayo Municipality. In 2018, the Constituency had a total of 25 108 registered voters (14 134 female and 10 974 male) and 43 polling stations.

### ***Previous Elections Results***

Twenty (20), candidates (3 female and 17 male) contested in the 2018 elections for the seat and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Bhebhe Hosea George	M	ZDU	142
Hlongwane Sifiso George	M	PRC	248
Hove Marano	M	NCA	64
Jaison Esnath	F	FREEZIM CONGRESS	65
<b>Mahlangu Sichelesile</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>MDC-ALLIANCE</b>	<b>9241</b>
Moyo Ndumiso	M	UDA	111
Mphamba Letlogonolo Nhlanhla	M	INDEPENDENT	91
Mpofu Kumbulani	M	ZANU-PF	4650
Ncube Godfrey Malaba	M	NPF	715

Ncube Losiya	F	INDEPENDENT	243
Ncube Peter	M	ZIPP	92
Ncube Richard	M	ZAPU	911
Ncube Xolani	M	MRP	332
Nkala Nkululeko	M	INDEPENDENT	838
Nyathi Paul	M	ZRDP	260
Peresu Zacheous	M	FJCZ	92
Phugeni Kalpani	M	MDC-T	1917
Sebata Ulokile	M	MAAT ZP	62
Sibanda Artwell	M	UMD	103
Tagara Godwin	M	INDEPENDENT	89

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

Pumula Constituency was created in 2008 from a much larger constituency which was known as Pumula-Luveve. Following its creation, the seat was won by Albert Mhlanga (MDC-T) who was re-elected in 2013 under the same party. In the 2018 harmonised elections, after the MDC-T formed the MDC Alliance together with other parties, Mahlangu Sichelesile represented the MDC-Alliance and won. Mahlangu Sichelesile is seeking re-election to the seat on a CCC ticket.

### **xxvii. ST MARY'S**

St Mary's Constituency covers ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 of Chitungwiza District in Harare Metropolitan province. St Mary's is administered under Chitungwiza Municipality. In the 2018 elections, the Constituency had a total of 29 460 ( 15 439 female and 14 021 male) registered voters and 39 polling centres.

### ***Previous Elections Results***

Eleven candidates (4 females and 7 males) contested for the St Mary's parliamentary seat in 2018 and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Chimedza John	M	PRC	536
Goliati Samson	M	Build Zim Alliance	348
Gudo Maria	F	NCA	89
Guyo Phillip	M	ZANU PF	7 438
Gwata Garikayi Hillary	M	Independent	4 287
Madimutsa Mambo	M	CODE	93
Makonola Rhoda	F	ZDU	81
Mapuranga Hughstess	M	MDC - T	1 888
Mashiri Tsitsi Patience	F	Independent	102

Takaedza Thelma	F	ZIPP	111
<b>Tarusenga Unganai Dickson</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>MDC -Alliance</b>	<b>10 219</b>

### **Electoral History of the Constituency**

Since 2000, the seat has been a stronghold of the opposition MDC. The last time ZANU-PF won the seat was after the 1995 elections when Joseph Macheka won unopposed. In 2000, Job Sikhala (MDC) won the seat with 17 740 ahead of Christopher Pasipamire (ZANU-PF) who had 6 135 votes. In 2005, Job Sikhala (MDC) was re-elected to the seat. St Mary's was reduced in size following the delimitation of 2008. In 2008, Marvellous Kumalo (MDC-T) won the seat ahead of Job Sikhala who had become a member of another MDC faction. Dickson Tarusenga successively won the seat in 2013 and 2018 before he was recalled in 2020 by the MDC-T under controversial interparty power wrangles.

### **xxviii. TSHOLOTSO SOUTH**

Tsholotsho South is one of the two constituencies in Tsholotsho district in Matabeleland North. Matabeleland has 13 National Assembly and six senatorial constituencies. Tsholotsho South Constituency covers twelve wards (Ward 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22) of Tsholotsho district and is administered under Tsholotsho Rural District Council. In 2018, the Constituency had a total of 19 653 registered voters (13 286 female and 6 367 male) and 67 polling stations.

### **Previous Elections Results**

In the 2018 elections, eleven candidates contested for the Tsholotsho South parliamentary seat and the results were as follows:

<b>Name of Candidate</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Votes Received</b>
Dube Maxwell	M	MDC-T	1 628
Mathe Thamusango	M	ZIPP	254
Matshazi Lawrence Hastings	M	INDEPENDENT	1 540
Mlingo Mthabisi	M	ZAPU	486
Moyo Bongani	M	ZDU	122
Ndlovu Colin	M	INDEPENDENT	137
Nkomo Edward	M	NPF	167
Nkomo Innocent Zenzo	M	MDC-ALLIANCE	2 508
Nyathi Majaha	M	RPZ	73



<b>Sibanda Zenzo</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>ZANU PF</b>	<b>8 283</b>
Sebele Sithithibele	F	PRC	131

### ***Electoral History of the Constituency***

Tsholotsho South Constituency was created in 2008 following the splitting of the then Tsholotsho Constituency into two namely Tsholotsho South and Tsholotsho North. Tsholotsho South is a swing constituency. In 2008, the seat was won by an MDC legislator. In the 2013 elections, Zenzo Sibanda of ZANU-PF won the seat with 4 736 ahead of Maxwell Dube of MDC-T who had 3 976 votes. Zenzo Sibanda managed to secure the seat in the 2018 elections with a much wider margin, getting 8 283 votes ahead of Innocent Nkomo of MDC-Alliance who had 2 508 votes.

## **V. CONCLUSION**

ZEC will conduct by-elections in 28 National Assembly and 122 local authority by-elections to fill in vacancies that arose mostly from the recalling of MPs and Councillors elected on tickets of the MDC Alliance in the 2018 harmonised elections. This profile of constituencies focused on 28 constituencies where by-elections will be conducted. In the last elections, 20 of the parliamentary seats in this profile were won by the MDC Alliance, 7 by ZANU-PF, and one by the NPF. The vacancies have not been filled for a period of time that goes far beyond the 90 days within which vacancies should be filled in line with the Constitution. By-elections were indefinitely suspended on account of the danger posed by COVID-19, despite that other activities that could equally expose people were allowed to resume. The prolonged suspension of by-elections denied people representation and had negative effects on democracy. Ahead of the 26 March by-elections, cases of violence have been recorded, vitiating the by-elections' credibility, particularly in the affected constituencies.