

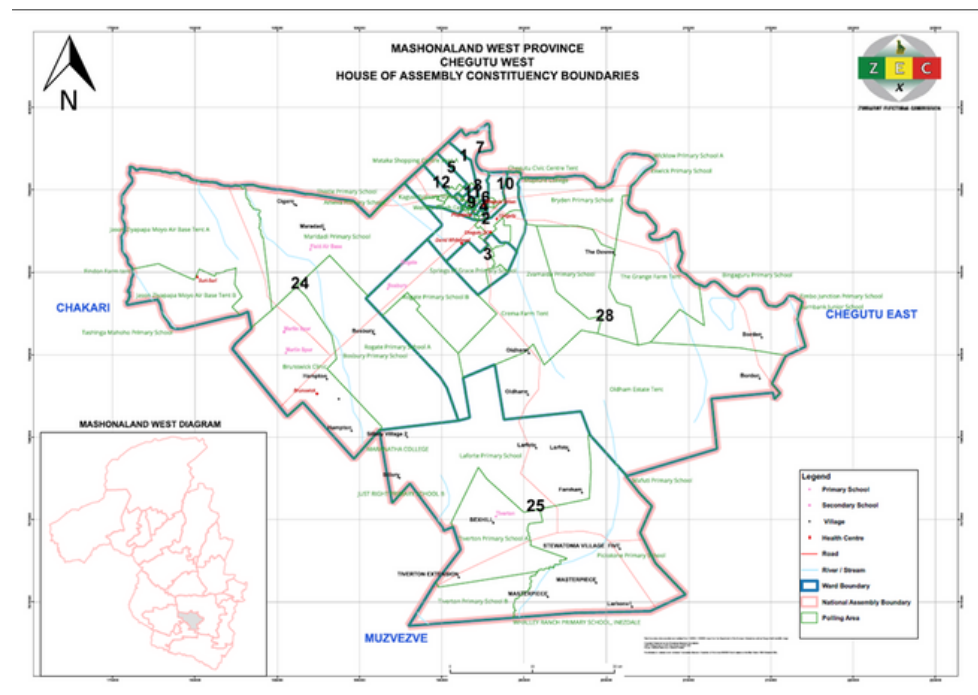
CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

CHEGUTU WEST CONSTITUENCY

Introduction

Chegutu West is a Constituency located in Chegutu District of Mashonaland West Province and consists of both rural and urban wards. It shares borders with Chegutu East Constituency, Chakari and Muzveze. Its geographic coordinates of the area are -18.20314S, 30.13705E. The Constituency experiences high temperatures and minimum rainfall and is largely dominated by sparsely vegetated trees and thorn bushes, savannah soils and grasslands. The poor rainfall affects economic activities particularly agriculture, resulting in high levels of lived poverty. Chegutu West has fifteen wards of which wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 are urban wards while wards 21, 25 and 28 are the rural wards. According to the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission 2022 Delimitation Report, Chegutu West Constituency has 30 480 registered voters.

Chegutu West Constituency Map



Source: ZEC

Nomination Court

The seat fell vacant after Admire Chivero of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC), who had won in the August 23-24 2023 Harmonised elections, was recalled by Sengezo Tshabangu, who claims to be CCC's interim secretary-general on the 10th of November 2023. The nomination court was convened on the 18th of December 2023 in accordance with the constitutional procedures outlined in Section 129(1) (k) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe. In the February 3, 2024 by elections, ZANU-PF will be represented by Wellington Shakemore Timburwa while the CCC will be represented by Konjana Gift Machoka and Chivero Addmore will be contesting as an independent candidate.



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Previous Election Results

In 2023, five (5) candidates contested for the seat and the results were as follows.

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES
Chegutu West	Chigavazira Last Farai	ZANU-PF	11 308
	Chivero Addmore	CCC	13 942
	Konjana Gift Machoka	Independent	875
	Makiyi Elizabeth	Independent	72
	Matibe Prince Takalani	Independent	320

Source: Zimbabwe Electoral Commission

Political landscape

Since independence in 1980, the politics of the area was largely dominated by the ruling ZANU-PF party, until the year 2008 when the MDC-T candidate won the National Assembly results. The Constituency has been represented by Members of Assembly from both the ruling party, ZANU-PF and the opposition since 2008. In 2018, the Chegutu West Constituency Seat was won by Dexter Nduna of ZANU-PF against MDC Alliance Gift Konjana in a case where the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) admitted to have made an error but advised that the matter could only be overturned by the Electoral Court. Konjana filed a petition with the Electoral Court in Harare seeking the nullification of Nduna's declaration on the grounds that an error had occurred, prejudicing him of 120 votes. Konjana lost the case and then made an appeal to the High Court, where it was indicated that his appeal was out of time as it had been lodged after the expiry of the legal three month window. The table below shows the performance of candidates from the ruling party and the opposition between the years 2008 and 2023.



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Chegutu West Constituency

YEAR OF ELECTION	ZANU-PF	OPPOSITION (MDC-T/MDC-A/CCC)	DIFFÉRENCE
2008	3 713	6 772	3 059
2013	11 130	7 399	3 731
2018	10 932	10 828	104
2023	11 308	13 942	2 634

Source: Kubatana

Socio-economic Status

Chegutu West is primarily a mining area. The area has large gold deposits and some of the largest gold mines are the Giant Mine, owned by the Africa Consolidated Resources (ACR). Nickel is another major mineral in the area. Artisanal gold mining is prevalent in this area, often using unsafe methods. Besides mining, agriculture and tourism are also prevalent. The major crops grown are maize, cotton and wheat as well as cattle rearing.



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