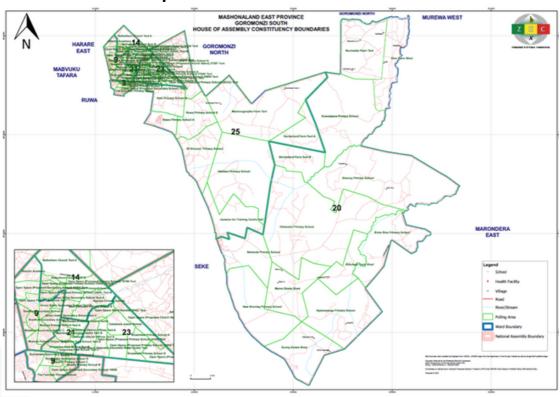
CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

GOROMONZI SOUTH

Introduction

Goromonzi South Constituency lies in Mashonaland East's Goromonzi District. Goromonzi South Constituency share borders with Harare East, Mabvuku-Tafara, Ruwa, Goromonzi North, Murewa West, Seke and Marondera East. Since August 2023, the constituency has been under a CCC MP, until that time when the 'interim secretary general" of the party recalled him on grounds that he had ceased to be a member of the party. A By-Election is scheduled to take place on February 3 to fill the vacancy created by the recall. Goromonzi South is a rural constituency, with traditional families that base their livelihoods on subsistence farming methods.

Goromonzi South Map



Source: ZEC

Nomination Court

Nomination of Goromonzi South candidates was done in June for the August 2023 Harmonized Elections. Four (4) candidates were vying for the seat. Two entered the race as independent candidates, was on a CCC ticket and the other one as ZANU-PF. In December, three (3) submitted their nomination papers, with double candidates from CCC and ZANU-PF candidate. The recalled candidate was barred from contesting the February 3 By-election after a High Court ruling which nullified his participation.





CANDIDATE	GENDER	JUNE 2023 COURT NOMINATION	DECEMBER 2023
Chagwiza Stephen	М	ccc	CCC
Chikonye Tinashe	М		ZANU-PF
Chikudo Reuben	М	Independent	ccc
Chirenje Julieth	F	Independent	
Zhanda Reuben	М	ZANU-PF	

Previous Election Results

The Zimbabwe Delimitation Report of 2022 has 32 094 registered voters. The 2018 Voters Roll had 73 155 registered voters. The Constituency has seven (7) Wards 9, 14, 20, 21, 23 and 25 are directly under Goromonzi South and administered by Goromonzi Rural District Council, as well as Ward 9 of Ruwa Local Board.

The 2023 Harmonized Elections saw a massive reduction in number of candidates vying for the constituency seat, from fourteen (14) down to three (3).

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES
Goromonzi South	Chikonye Tinashe	ZANU-PF	15 216
	Chagwiza Stephen	ccc	16 312
	Chikudo Reuben	Independent	421









Political landscape

2018 was a multi-candidate race for Goromonzi South Constituency, with fourteen (14) candidates representing different political parties and some independent. MDC-Alliance had strong electorate plurality, won with a resounding margin of 13 602 after he polled 32 423 votes over 18 821 garnered by the ZANU-PF candidate. ZANU-PF admitted intra-party infighting costed the seat it controlled in 2013. In 2013, ZANU-PF garnered 17 234 votes ahead of the MDC-T candidate who polled 11 102 votes. ZANU PF also believed the existence of land barons in the constituency fuelled divisions and worked to the advantage of the opposition MDC-Alliance[1]. In 2023, the voting gap closed, giving CCC a tight winning margin when compared to the 2018 voter result. The party candidate lost by 1096 votes.

YEAR OF ELECTION	ZANU-PF	OPPOSITION (MDC- T/MDC-A/CCC)	DIFFÉRENCE
2008	5305	6456	1151
2013	17 234	11 102	16 132
2018	18 821	32 423	13 602
2023	15 216	16 312	1096

Socio-economic Status

Goromonzi South is predominantly a rural and agricultural constituency that faces challenges related to poverty and underdevelopment. Local unemployment is above 80%, and this affects the Constituency population.

[1] <u>Land barons, infighting cost us Goromonzi South seat: Zanu PF -Newsday Zimbabwe</u>







