

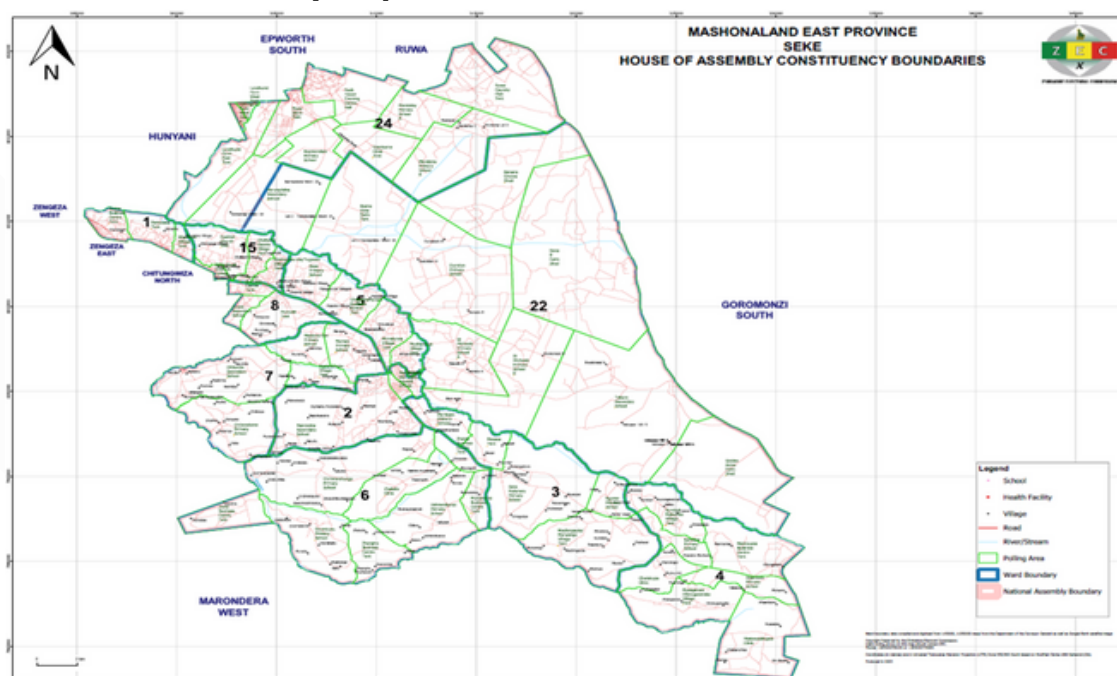
# CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

## SEKE CONSTITUENCY

### Introduction

Seke Constituency is a peri-urban constituency, geographically located in Seke District of Mashonaland East Province. It is situated approximately 50km southeast of Zimbabwe's capital Harare. Seke Constituency shares borders with Epworth South, Hunyani, Zengeza West, Zengeza East, Chitungwiza North, Marondera West and Goromonzi South. A by-election will be held in the constituency on 3 February 2024 following the recall of the Citizen for Coalition Change Member of Parliament, Williard Madzimbamuto as announced by the Speaker of Parliament on 14 November 2023. Madzimbamuto is said to have ceased to be a member of the CCC with effect from 7 November 2023, creating a constituency vacancy that ought to be filled through a by-election.

### Seke Constituency Map



Source: ZEC

### Nomination Court

In 2023, Nomination Courts sat at two (2) different intervals to accept Seke Constituency nomination papers for the August Harmonized Elections and secondly for the February 2024 By-elections. Three (3) candidates representing ZANU-PF, CCC and DUZ filed their nomination papers to participate in the August Harmonized Elections. Regarding the February 2024 By-Elections, three (3) candidates successfully filed their nomination papers--ZANU-PF, CCC (Tshabangu faction) and one independent candidate. Notably there was consistency in filing from ZANU-PF candidate, the CCC candidate filed as Independent after the recall. The DUZ member dropped, did not file papers to contest in the By-Election. A new candidate came on board, representing the CCC-Tshabangu faction.



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CANDIDATE	GENDER	21 June 2023 Nomination	18 December 2023
Kashambe Munyaradzi Tobias	M	ZANU-PF	ZANU-PF
Madzimbamuto Willard Tapfumaneyi	M	CCC	Independent
Muzanenhamo Frederick	M	DUZ	----
Chisi Everisto	M	----	CCC (Tshabangu)

### Previous Election Results

According to the 2023 Voters' Roll, Seke Constituency has a total of 39 694 registered voters. It consists of eleven (11) Wards. Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 directly fall under Seke while Ward 15 is administered by Manyame District Council and Wards 22 and 24 are administered under Goromonzi Rural District Council.

In 2023, three (3) male candidates contested for the seat and the results were as follows.

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES
Seke	Kashambe Munyaradzi Tobias	ZANU-PF	13 277
	<b>Madzimbamuto Willard Tapfumaneyi</b>	<b>CCC</b>	<b>14 032</b>
	Muzanenhamo Frederick	DUZ	235



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## Political landscape

Seke Constituency has been historically a ZANU-PF stronghold but is now experiencing electoral power shifts, indicating that voters are switching loyalties between parties and candidates. The constituency is politically strategic and tactical given its proximity to Harare. As a result, contests to gain loyalty from a population that is linked to an urban area (mostly opposition strongholds) is unavoidably very strong given the mix of the population. Two political parties, ZANU-PF and CCC currently dominate Seke Constituency political landscape and they try to maximize their support base mainly through patronage networks as well as campaigns. The politics is male dominated, both contests- August Harmonized elections and 3 February By-Elections, only male candidates successfully filed their nomination papers with ZEC. Competition for power between CCC and ZANU-PF is very high leading to slim winning margins. In August 2023 Harmonized Elections, CCC won by a margin of 755 votes over the ZANU-PF candidate. In 2018, nine (9) candidates vied for the seat, ZANU-PF candidate emerged victorious, over the MDC-Alliance candidate with a margin of 1681. An analysis of election results from 2013, however, shows that opposition support has been on an incremental basis since 2013, closing the allegiance gap of the electorate towards ZANU-PF until in 2023, the opposition dominated. Please see Table below.

## Opposition closing voting gap in Seke Constituency

YEAR OF ELECTION	ZANU-PF	OPPOSITION (MDC-T/MDC-A/CCC)	DIFFÉRENCE
2008	7 557	4 238	3 319
2013	13 285	6 411	6 874
2018	18 050	16 369	1 681
2023	13 277	14 032	755

## Socio-economic Status

Seke Constituency faces the conventional developmental challenges that most rural Zimbabwe experience. Its largely a small-scale agriculture-based community that is vulnerable to infrastructure and resource constraints. Seke has over 70% levels of unemployment and poverty.



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