

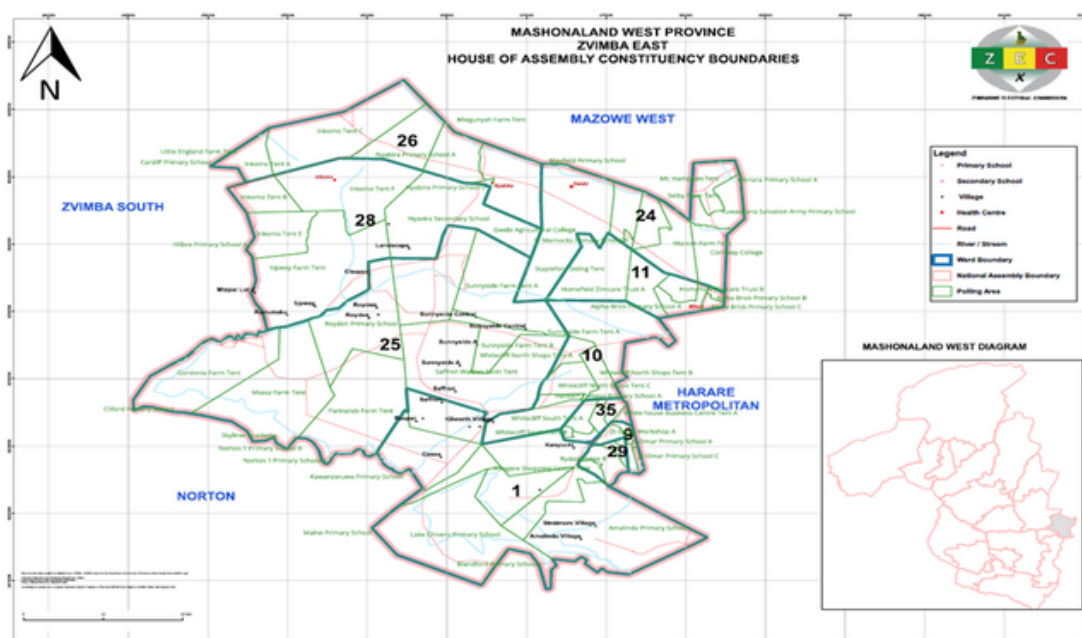
CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

ZVIMBA EAST CONSTITUENCY

Introduction

Zvimba East is a rural Constituency, located in Zvimba District, Mashonaland West Province, which is situated about 60km northwest of Harare capital. Bordered by Mazowe West, Harare Metropolitan, Norton and Zvimba North, Zvimba East was created in 2008, together with Zvimba West. Mashonaland West is former Zimbabwe President, Robert Mugabe's home province. On 14 November, the Speaker of Parliament declared Zvimba East constituency vacant with effect from 7 November 2023 following the recall of Oliver Mutasa, a CCC Member of Parliament. A By-Election is scheduled for 3 February 2024

Zvimba East Constituency Map



Source: ZEC

Nomination Court

Nomination Courts sat at two (2) different intervals in 2023 to consider candidates for Zvimba East Constituency for the August Harmonized Elections and 3 February 2024 By-Elections. Two (2) candidates successfully filed their nomination papers for participation in August 2023, representing ZANU-PF and CCC. With reference to the By-Elections, three (3) candidates filed nomination papers, the recalled candidate, Mutasa Oliver opted to file as an independent candidate. Following the ZANU-PF primary poll, the party forwarded a new candidate Kudakwashe Manhanzva as the party representative in the By-Election. The CCC-Tshabangu faction seconded Alberito Agrippa as the party candidate.



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CANDIDATE	GENDER	21 June 2023 Nomination	18 December 2023
Mukwangwarira Francis Garikai	M	ZANU-PF	-----
Mutasa Oliver	M	CCC	Independent
Muzanenhemo Frederick	M	DUZ	-----
Alberito Agrippa	M	-----	CCC (Tshabangu)
Kudakwashe Manhanzva	M	-----	ZANU-PF

Previous Election Results

The 2023 Final Voters' Roll has 42 510 registered voters in Zvimba East Constituency. The Constituency is made up of ten (10) Wards 1, 9, 10, 11, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, and 35 of Zvimba Rural District Council.

In 2023, two (2) male candidates representing ZANU-PF and CCC vied for the seat.

CONSTITUENCY	CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES
Zvimba East	Mukwangwariwa Francis	ZANU-PF	15 246
	Mutasa Oliver	CCC	15 435

Political landscape

Zvimba East was created in 2008 along with Zvimba West. It has strongly been supportive of ZANU-PF, politically due to historical ties with the former President Robert Mugabe and also due to liberation struggle legacy. This has however been eroded resulting in shifts of political allegiance by the population. While the constituency has been a ZANU-PF stronghold, and the party clenching onto power in 2013 and 2018, a swing vote was noticed in 2023 as power shifted to the CCC. There was a resounding win for ZANU-PF in 2013, with the party candidate gaining support of 13 113 against the MDC-T's 4 008 votes. Heavily contested in 2018, with eight (8) candidates on the ballot, ZANU-PF candidate again emerged the winner and polled 1 019 more votes over the MDC-Alliance candidate. In 2023, the electorate rallied behind Oliver Mutasa of CCC who won with a slightest margin of 189 votes over his main ZANU-PF (15 246) rival, Mukwangwarira Francis Garikai.



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Socio-economic Status

Zvimba East is mainly agricultural, maize, cotton are important cash crops grown in the area. Residents also engage in subsistence farming of crops such as sorghum and millet. Farming in the constituency predominantly takes place on a smaller, less productive and under-resourced small holder plot model. There is massive land degradation, leading to increased poverty levels in the constituency and over 60% of the constituency population live in poverty. The infrastructure in most parts of the constituency is underdeveloped, roads are poorly maintained, internet access is very limited and access to healthcare is also a challenge.



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