

ZIMBABWE ELECTION SUPPORT NETWORK



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ZESN OBSERVING THE JUNE 10 BY-ELECTIONS

Harare-9 June 2015- The Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) a network of 31 non-governmental organisations working on the promotion of democratic elections in Zimbabwe will be observing the parliamentary by-elections set for 10 June 2015. The by-elections will be held in 16 constituencies namely, Dzivarasekwa, Glen View South, Harare East, Highfield West, Kambuzuma, Kuwadzana, Lobengula, Luveve, Makokoba, Pelandaba-Mpopoma, Pumula, Headlands, Dangamvura/Chikanga, Tsholotsho North, Hurungwe West and Mbizo.

14 constituencies fell vacant following the recalling from Parliament of MDC T legislators on allegations of floor crossing to the MDC Renewal. The other two seats, Hurungwe West and Headlands fell vacant after the expulsion of Temba Mliswa and Didymus Mutasa from ZANU PF and their subsequent recall from Parliament.

As part of its mandate to promote a democratic environment and electoral processes, ZESN is deploying 158 observers for the 16 by-elections comprising static (Polling station based observers), constituency and mobile observers.

ZESN urges citizens in the 16 constituencies to go out and exercise their right to vote. Political parties and traditional leaders are also urged to ensure that peace prevails during these elections and that the electorate exercises their right to vote without intimidation and fear of retribution.

To fulfil its mandate to gather and disseminate credible electoral information, ZESN will be releasing regular alerts, statements and information updates throughout the entire polling process. Citizens can receive updates on the following ZESN information outlets:

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