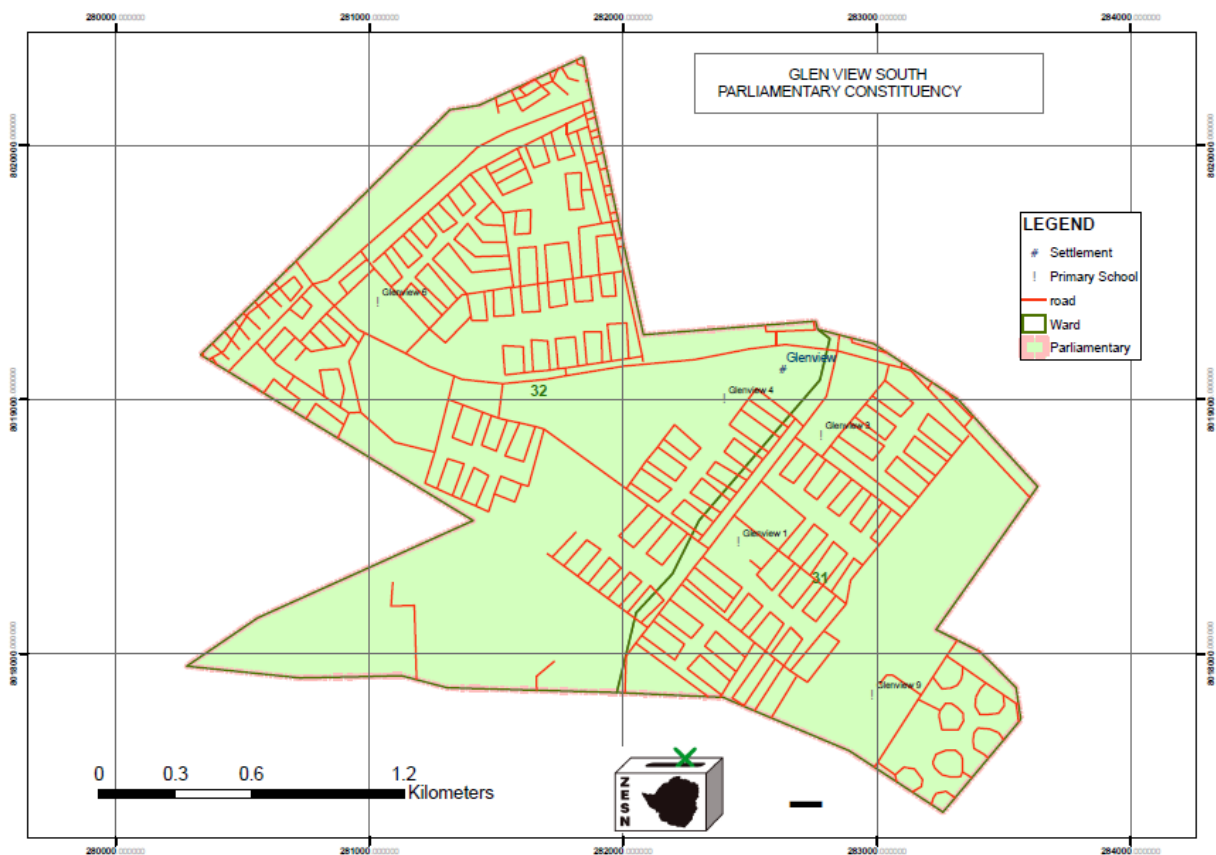


Zimbabwe Election Support Network



CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Glenview South Constituency



1. Introduction

Glen View South constituency is found in the south western part of Harare metropolitan city and it shares much of its boundaries with Budiro and Glen Norah constituencies. The constituency is made up of wards 31 and 32 of the Harare Municipality. The population of the constituency is 93 773¹ people. The main source of livelihood for the people of Glen view south is vocational entrepreneurship, small scale entrepreneurship and vending. Infrastructure is old and dilapidated. The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) allocated Harare province 875 and Glen View South 31 polling stations during the 2013 harmonised elections.

2. The population demographics

According to the ZimStat Census Report of 2012, the total population of the Province was 2 123 132 in 2012. Females had the largest population proportion of approximately 52 percent while males had a proportion of 48 percent. This resulted in a sex ratio of 93 males per every 100 females. Harare Urban constituted 70 percent of the population in the province.

3. Previous Election Results

The constituency has been an MDC T strong hold with Paul Madzore winning it three times in a row with a wide margin since 2005. In 2005 the winning MDC T candidate garnered 14231, followed by 9158 in 2008 and 8301 votes in 2013. Analyses of the voting patterns reveal a drop in MDC T voters from 2005 to 2013 election while ZANU PF votes were inconsistent.

Table 1: Previous Election Results

Year	Candidates	Political Party	Number of Votes
2008	Madzore Paul	MDC T	9158
	Muzadzi Moreprecision	VP ²	43
	Kamupini Lovemore	Independent	243

¹ Parliament of Zimbabwe, Constituency Profile for Glen View South, available at, <http://www.parlzim.gov.zw/attachments/article/71/Glen_View.pdf>

² VP- Voice of the People

	Mushonganyika Ida	ZANU PF	1273
2013 Harmonised Elections	Chinyanga Elizabeth	MDC	695
	Hurungudo Chinhete Stephen Boniface Mao	ZANU PF	2583
	Madzore Paul	MDC -T	8301
	Mapuranga Obey	MKD	62
	Mbundure Hopewell	UMD ³	96
	Mukomondera Amon	INDEPENDENT	122

Source: www.zec.org.zw

4. Background and legal framework

The Glen View South by-election will be held on the 10th of June 2015. The seat fell vacant following the expulsion of the Member of Parliament Madzore Paul from the MDC-T, after joining the United Movement for Democratic Change (UMDC). Madzore Paul was amongst the group of 21 MDC Renewal members who were then subsequently recalled from Parliament. According to the Constitution of Zimbabwe, Section 129 (1) (k) the seat of a Member of Parliament becomes vacant if the member ceases to belong to the political party of which he or she was a member when elected to Parliament. In accordance with the Electoral Act, Section 39 (2) the President proclaimed the date of the 16th of April 2015 as the date for nomination court and election on the 10th June 2015.

5. Voter Registration and Registered voters

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) began voter registration for the by-election from 22 to 28 April 2015. The ZEC used the 2013 Harmonised Elections Voters' roll as the baseline; hence there was no re-registration of those whose names were already appearing in the register. The ZEC allocated seven centres for the voter registration exercise.

In 2008, Harare Province had a total of 766 478 registered voters and in 2013 according to the ZEC Harmonised Elections Report, the registered voters increased to 826 274, an increase of 59 796 or 8%. In 2008, the Glen View South constituency had a total of 27 689 registered

³ UMD- United Movement for Democracy

voters. In 2013 Glen View South had a total of 24 954⁴ registered voters, reduction by 2 915 voters or 11%. Reasons for the drop in the registered voters' would require an analysis of the voters' roll. Mobility is high in the urban areas especially for those who are tenants. These people could have transferred from this constituency. Aspirant registrants in the urban areas encounter numerous challenges with the process especially proof of residence.

6. Nomination Process and Contesting Candidates

In view of the by-elections to be held on the 10th of June 2015, the Nomination Court sat on the 16th of April 2015 from 10am in Harare to consider submissions for Glen View South and other House of Assembly constituencies that is, Kuwadzana, and Harare East, Highfield West, Kambuzuma and Dzivarasekwa at Rotten Row Magistrate Courts.

Eleven candidates will be contesting the by-election after successfully submitting their papers with the nomination court, five are independent candidates, Mavambo/Kusile/Down, Transform Zimbabwe, Freedom Front Party, NCA, ZANU PF and DARE are the contesting political parties. The number of female candidates is very low as nine males and two females will be contesting the elections. Political parties need to promote gender parity in elections.

Table 2: Contesting candidates

Constituency	Party Name	Candidate Name	Gender
GLEN VIEW SOUTH	Independent	Donald Chirunga	M
	Independent	Donald Chimhatiri	M
	Independent	Mavis Musunami	F
	Independent	Michael Chivandirwe	M
	Independent	Tafirenyika Chipato	M
	Mavambo/Kusile/Down	Steven Sibanda	M
	Transform Zimbabwe	Moses Nkomo	M

⁴ Voters' roll obtained on 19 June 2013, this was during the mobile voter registration process.

	Freedom Front Party	Judith Mpambgwa	F
	NCA	Edwin Sithole	M
	ZANU PF	Pius Madzinga	M
	DARE ⁵	Reginald Musika	M

7. Voter Education

ZEC is currently engaged in voter education which is an essential and indisputable exercise. Voter education is in phases; pre nomination voter education, voter education for voter registration and inspection, and pre polling voter education.

Conclusion

ZESN greatly emboldens political parties, the independent candidates and supporters to observe the law in their conduct and further implores the ZEC to continue providing the voters' roll to the candidates and interested parties on a timely fashion, and the government of Zimbabwe to expeditiously align the electoral laws to the Constitution so as to avoid the electoral disputes that might compromise the conduct of the election and outcome. ZESN also calls upon political parties to entrench values of intra party democracy.

⁵ DARE- Democratic Assembly for Restoration and Empowerment