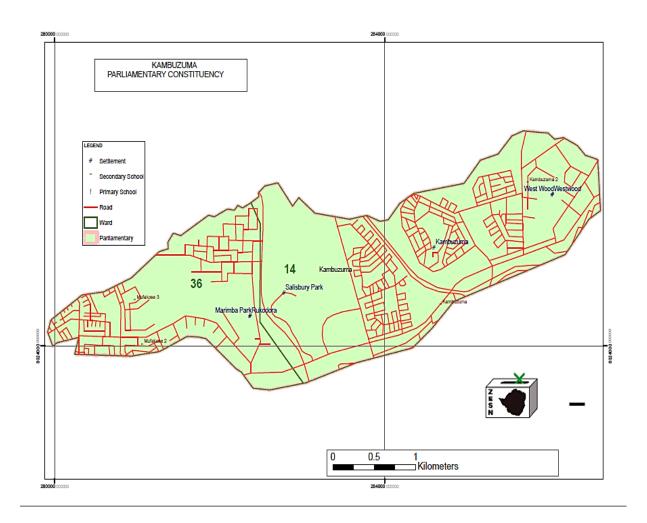
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CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Kambuzuma Constituency



1.0 Introduction

Kambuzuma Constituency is located in Harare Province. It comprises of Crowborough and Crowborough North, New Marimba Park, part of Mufakose and Kambuzuma townships. It also includes Mufakose 2 Primary and Mufakose 3 Secondary Schools and Mutiunokura. This constituency is one of the oldest high density suburbs in the city. Kambuzuma also has high levels of crime and unemployment, its roads are old and infrastructure has generally been poorly serviced.

1.1 Population Demographics

According to the ZimStat Census Report of 2012, the total population of Harare was 2 123 132 in 2012 when the last census was conducted, with 1 025 596 males and 1 097 536 females. Females had the largest population proportion of approximately 52% while males had a proportion of 48%. This resulted in a sex ratio of 93 males for every 100 females. Harare urban constitute 70% of population whilst Chitungwiza, Epworth and Harare rural districts contributed 17.8 and 5% respectively.

The composition of population by age group and sex is as follows: The 0–4 years age group have the largest population proportion of at least 14% while the age group 70-74 years had the smallest proportion of less than 1%, 0.6%. Population of people less than 15 years was at least 34% while that of the old population age 65 years and above was about 2%.

1.2 Previous Election Results

The Constituency has been a stronghold of the MDC T. Willias Madzimure of the MDC-T won the elections in 2008 and 2013. ZANU PF votes increased from 963 in 2008 to 4165 in 2013, during the same period votes for the MDC T also increased.

Year	Candidate	Political party	Number of votes
2013	Madzimure Willias	MDC-T	7944
	Nheta Tongai	ZANU-PF	4165
	Kiss Albert	ZAPU	154

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	Mavhunga Toko	MDC	635
	Mushai Hetrage	Independent	81
2008	Madzimure Willias	MDC-T	4771
	Chinyowa Samuel	ZANU PF	963
	Ndambambi Roseline	MDC	431

Source: <u>www.zec.org.zw</u>

1.3 Background to the by-election

Kambuzuma constituency by-election will be held on the 10th of June 2015. The seat fell vacant after the Member of Parliament Madzimure Willias was expelled from MDC-T for joining United Movement for Democratic Change (UMDC) and was 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 by-election as 10 June and 16 April 2015 as the date for nomination court held in Court 5 at Tredgold Building in Bulawayo.

1.4 Nomination and Contesting Parties

The nomination court sat on Thursday 16 April 2015. The main opposition political parties of the MDC-T formations withdrew from participation opening doors for independent candidates to take part. Nine candidates will contest the by-elections, representing five political parties and four independent candidates.

Below is the list of candidates who managed to successfully submit their papers to the nomination court

CANDIDATE	PARTY
Rongerai Tapoka	Freedom Front
Obey Chiwara	MKD ¹

¹ MKD- Mavambo/Kusile/Dawn

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Nyasha Solomon Makwati	Progressive Democrats Of Zimbabwe	
John Elfigo Muzhazhe	Transform Zimbabwe	
Tinashe Maduza	ZANU PF	
Tapera David Mabuwa	Independent	
Pedzisayi Nheta	Independent	
Taungana Madhino	Independent	
Tendai Morris Makoni	Independent	

1.5 Registered Voters'

Kambuzuma Constituency had 21650 registered voters in 2008². Ward 14 had 15703 and ward 36 had 5947 registered voters. In 2013 the registered voters increased to 22096³. The registered voters increased by 446 or 2%. Generally registration in the urban areas has been low. Proof of residence has often been cited as a problem, women and youth also face numerous challenges with the registration process. Generally people are not aware that voter registration is continuous.

1.6 Conclusion

Elections are a vehicle where the electorate choose their representatives. ZESN therefore urges all contesting candidates to observe peace and desist from hate speech. ZESN encourages the electorate to freely exercise their right to vote.

² Zimbabwe Electoral Commission- The Report on the Delimitation Exercise for the 2008 Harmonised Elections ³ Voters' Roll obtained on the 19th of June 2013

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