

ZIMBABWE ELECTION SUPPORT NETWORK



ZESN OBSERVING THE MWENEZI EAST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTION

Harare- 5 April 2016 – The Mwenezi East by-election will be held on 8 April 2017, the seat became vacant following the death of the incumbent ZANU PF Member of Parliament, Joshua Moyo, on 22 December 2016.

In line with its mandate of promoting democratic elections in Zimbabwe, the Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) is deploying 32 election observers comprising static (polling station based observers), constituency and mobile observers to observe the electoral processes in the Mwenezi East by-election. The observation of the by-election will enable the Network to measure compliance with the Constitution, Electoral Laws as well as regional and international standards thus informing its advocacy interventions for electoral reform.

ZESN notes that the general political-electoral environment in the run up to the by-election has been marred by allegations of intimidation, abuse of traditional leaders in campaigns, defacing of campaign materials, vote buying and partisan food distribution.

ZESN is calling upon the electorate and the contestants in the constituency to ensure that peace prevails during the by-election.

As part of efforts to gather and disseminate credible electoral information, ZESN will be releasing regular information updates throughout the entire polling process. Citizens and interested stakeholders can receive updates and participate on the following ZESN information outlets:

Live Incident Mapping: <https://zesnmwenezibyelection.usahidi.io>

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