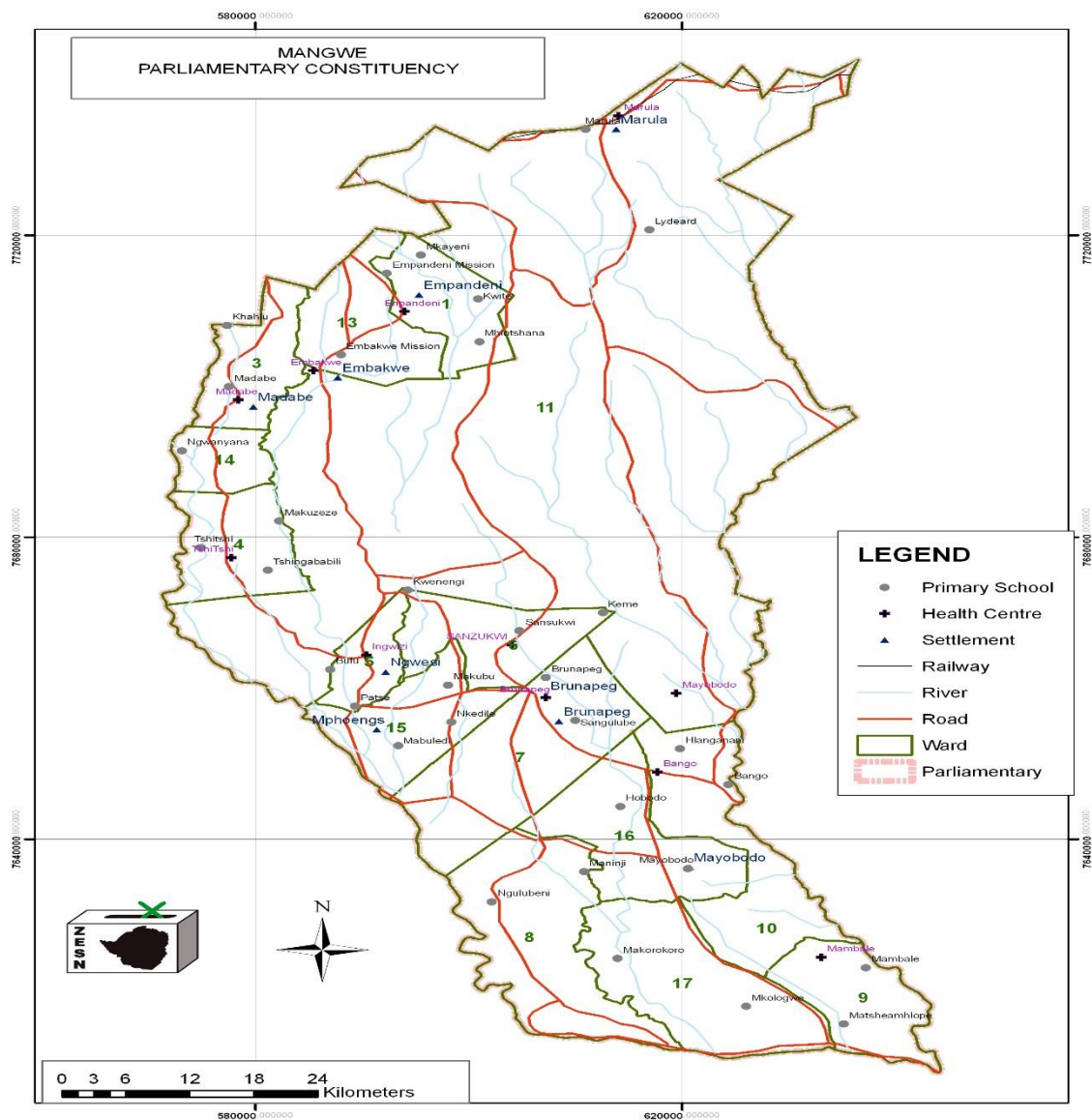


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CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Mangwe Constituency



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1. Introduction

President Emmerson Mnangagwa proclaimed September 7, 2019 as the date for National Assembly by-election for Mangwe National Assembly Constituency, in terms of Section 39(2) of the Electoral Act (Chapter 2:13). The seat fell vacant following the death of ZANU-PF Parliamentarian, Obedingwa Mguni on June 18, 2019.

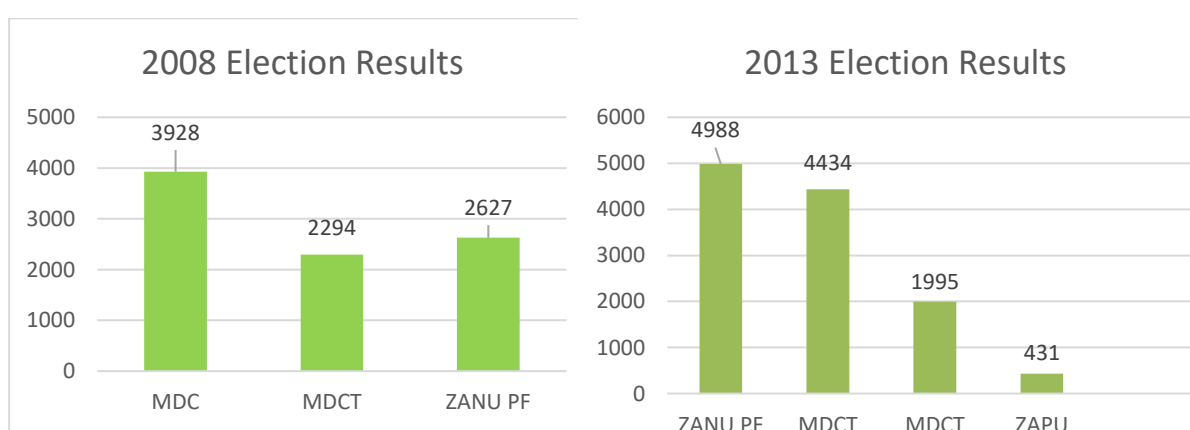
Mangwe, a Kalanga speaking community carved from the old Bulilima -Mangwe in 2005 is a Constituency located in Matabeleland South. It consists of 15¹ rural wards and comprises of Ingwizi, Mpogegns, Brunabeg, Madabe, Mbakwe, Empandeni, Mayobodo, Mambale, Makorokoro, Tshitshi, and Marula. The Constituency borders Botswana to the west and Matobo district to the east. It is endowed with a lot of wildlife and unexploited natural resources such as natural gas and timber. It is basically rural, with mainly gravel roads linking to the Plumtree Brunabeg highway. Residents rely on subsistence farming, handouts and valuable foreign currency remittances from their kin working in neighbouring Botswana and South Africa.

2. Population Demographics

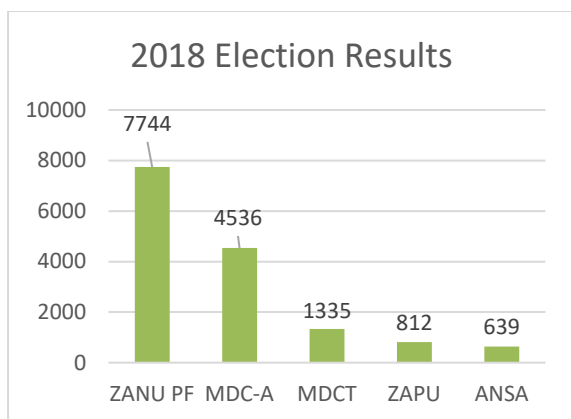
According to the 2012 Census Report, Mangwe constituency has a population of 66 218 people comprising of 35 059 Females and 31 159 males. The 2018 voters' roll indicates that the Constituency has a voter population of 18 910 people of which 11 930 are female. According to ZEC polling station voter population for the 2019 by-election, Mangwe constituency has 11 883 females and 6 911 males from a total of 55 polling stations.

3. Previous Election Results

An analysis of previous election results shows that the Constituency appears to be a ZANU-PF stronghold as the party won the past 2 elections. The graphs below illustrate the national assembly elections results for elections held in 2008, 2013 and 2018 respectively.



¹ The 15 wards are: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,13, 14, 15,16, 17



Mangwe Constituency has been predominantly a ZANU PF safe seat since the 2013 elections winning by a margin of 554 and 3 208 votes in 2018 respectively. In 2008 the MDC fielded two candidates leading with votes who collectively garnered votes which outnumbered the votes received by the ZANU-PF candidate. During the 2018 Harmonised elections ZANU PF results outnumbered the results of all the four opposition parties combined.

4. Political Environment

The political environment in Mangwe Constituency is reported to be relatively calm and peaceful. ZANU PF, MDC-A, MDC-T, ZAPU, and an Independent candidate are reported to be putting posters while ZAPU and the independent candidate are also conducting door to door campaigns. ZESN long term observer reports indicate that political campaigns for all the political contestants are in full swing with the most prominent campaign being of ZANU-PF and MDC-Alliance which have held several rallies.

4.1. Candidate nomination process

Eight candidates from different political parties successfully lodged their papers with the Nomination Court which sat at the Gwanda Magistrate Court on 26 July 2019. None of the eight Political parties contesting the Mangwe by-election conducted primary elections to choose their candidates. However, five prospective ZANU PF candidates applied to their party but three were disqualified. Of the two women who were successful, the wife of the late former ZANU PF legislature was selected without the holding of primary elections. The absence of primary elections negates the spirit of intra party democracy.

Table 1: List of Contesting Candidates for the Mangwe Constituency By-Election

No.	Name of candidate	Party	Sex
1	Edmand Nleya	Mthwakazi Republic Party [MRP]	M
2	Varaidzo Phiri	Labourers Economists African Democrats [LEADS]	F

3	George Raphael Kositsile	Movement for Democratic Change T [MDC-T]	M
4	Vincent Sihlalo	Movement for Democratic Change A [MDC-A]	M
5	Hlalani Mguni	Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front [ZANU-PF]	F
6	Tommy Zinkabi Ncube	Independent	M
7	Lizwe Dlomo	National Constitutional Assembly	M
8	Mathew Sibanda	Zimbabwe African Peoples Union [ZAPU]	M
9	Nelson Bhekinhlalo Mkandla	National Action Party [NAP]	M

5. Voter Registration and Voter Education Processes

The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) established a road map for the by-election and scheduled voter education for polling for the period 27th to the 31st of August 2019. Table 1 below shows the dates set for the election-related processes. At the invitation of ZEC, ZESN conducted voter education for polling in the constituency 28 to 31 August 2019.

Table 2: Dates set for election-related processes

Activity	Date
Formation of Multi-party Liaison Committees and submission of polling station and coalition centres	29 July 2019
and constituency command centres	30 July 2019
Polling station publication	2 August 2019
Publication of nomination results, gazette of address of constituency elections, officers and collation centres	9 August 2019
Recruitment of voter educators, training and deployment of voter education officers	15 to 30 August 2019
Recruitment of WEOs, presiding officers and polling officials	25 to 26 August 2019
Voter education for polling	27 – 31 August 2019

Setting up of constituency command centre	30 August 2019
Training of trainers (ToTs),	31 August 2019
Training of ward election officers and presiding officers.	2 September 2019
Training of polling officers, deployment of wards election officers, presiding officers and polling officers	3 -5 September 2019
Setting up of polling stations and rehearsals	6 September 2019
Polling day	7 September 2019
Collation and Announcements of results	7 – 8 September 2019
Submission of results TO PEO	9 September 2019
Decamping	8 – 10 September 2019
Report writing	8 – 9 September 2019
Submission of election report to PEO	10 September 2019

6. Conclusion

The pre-election period for the Mangwe by-election has been peaceful. ZESN commends the electoral contestants for the peaceful conduct during the campaigns and urge all the contesting political parties to ensure that election campaigns continue to be conducted in a peaceful manner. ZESN continues to monitor political and electoral developments in the Constituency ahead of the by-election and will deploy observers to track Election Day processes.

Annex 1: Mangwe Constituency Voter Population by Ward



MANGWE CONSTITUENCY VOTER POPULATION FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTION 2019

WARD	POLLING STATION	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
WARD 1	EMPANDENI PRIMARY SCHOOL	225	153	378
	KWITE PRIMARY SCHOOL	212	130	342
	MHLOTSHANA PRIMARY SCHOOL	157	96	253
	MKAYA PRIMARY SCHOOL	186	105	291
	TOTAL	780	484	1264
WARD 3	DUKWE PRIMARY SCHOOL	307	133	440
	MADABE PRIMARY SCHOOL	301	190	491
	MQOKOLWENI HIGH SCHOOL	339	204	543
	TOTAL	947	527	1474
WARD 4	DILANKOMBE BUSINESS CENTRE TENT	146	80	226
	MAKUZEZE PRIMARY SCHOOL	302	165	467
	ST FRANCIS SECONDARY SCHOOL	252	107	359
	TJINGABABILI PRIMARY SCHOOL	214	114	328
	TSHITSHI PRIMARY SCHOOL	277	133	410

	TOTAL	1191	599	1790
WARD 5	BULU HIGH SCHOOL	369	278	647
	KWENENG PRIMARY SCHOOL	308	155	463
	TOTAL	677	433	1110
WARD 6	BUTHAKA USINESS CENTRE TENT	195	96	291
	KEME PRY SCHOOL	159	94	253
	MATIWANA PRE-SCHOOL	131	75	206
	SANZUKWI PRIMARY SCHOOL	492	245	737
	TOGOTSWEU PRE-SCHOOL	188	87	275
	TOTAL	1165	597	1762
WARD 7	NEW LINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	138	90	228
	SANGULUBE HIGH SCHOOL	208	151	359
	SANGULUBE PRIMARY SCHOOL	245	121	366
	WOTSHANA BUSINESS CENTRE	93	57	150
	TOTAL	684	419	1103
WARD 8	MANINJI PRIMARY SCHOOL	444	205	649
	NGULUBENI PRY SCHOOL	159	99	258
	TOTAL	603	304	907
WARD 9	MAMBALE SEC SCHOOL	400	175	575
	MATSHAMHLOPHE PRY SCHOOL	228	70	298
	TOTAL	628	245	873

WARD 10	BANGO PRIMARY SCHOOL	285	121	406
	HLANGANANI PRIMARY SCHOOL	162	87	249
	MALAYITSHA PRE-SCHOOL	117	47	164
	MATOKONYE PRIMARY SCHOOL	264	118	382
	TOTAL	828	373	1201
WARD 11	HANNAVALE FARM TENT	41	44	85
	LYDEARD PIMARY SCHOOL	89	121	210
	MABUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL	63	77	140
	MARULA PRIMARY SCHOOL	123	133	256
	MONEARN FARM TENT	100	98	198
	PRESCOTS FARM TENT	24	40	64
	TOTAL	440	513	953
WARD 13	EMBAKWE COMMUNITY HALL	202	185	387
	ENTENJANENI BUSINESS CENTRE TENT	174	129	303
	PHAKAMANI COMMUNITY HALL	186	140	326
	SILIMA PRIMARY SCHOOL	140	107	247
	TOTAL	702	561	1263
WARD 14	NGUWANYANA PRIMARY SCHOOL	226	163	389
	ZWIMUMOYO BUSINESS CENTRE TENT	237	132	369
	TOTAL	463	295	758
WARD 15	MAKHUBU PIMARY SCHOOL	333	180	513
	MABULEDI PRIMARY SCHOOL	335	276	611

	NKEDILE PRIMARY SCHOOL	233	124	357
	PATSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	184	105	289
	TOTAL	1085	685	1770
WARD 16	HOBODO PRY SCHOOL	436	216	652
	KHALANYONI HIGH SCHOOL	199	115	314
	NSWILINSWILI PRE-SCHOOL	252	123	375
	TOTAL	887	454	1341
WARD 17	MAKOROKORO PRIMARY SCHOOL	319	182	501
	MKOLOGWE PRIMARYY SCHOOL	117	48	165
	NEW DAM PRE-SCHOOL	183	77	260
	TJEDZA PRIMARY SCHOOL	184	115	299
	TOTAL	803	422	1225