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ZESN CONDUCTS VOTER EDUCATION AMID THE ZEC VOTER REGISTRATION BLITZ

THE ZIMBABWE Election Support Network (ZESN) conducted voter education outreach activities as part of its efforts to compliment the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) following the commencement of nation-wide biometric voter registration blitz from the 12th to the 26th of March 2023. This registration blitz was conducted by the Commission as part of its efforts to increase the number of people who participate in electoral processes in Zimbabwe as the nation draws nearer to the 2023 harmonised elections.

The activities facilitated by ZESN's Secretariat, Provincial coordinators and taskforce members included community hall meetings, roadshows and the distribution of information education and communication materials such as fliers, posters, branded, hats, caps and wrappers across all the 10 provinces of Zimbabwe. ZESN also conducted BVR media and publicity campaigns and utilized popular artist Tocky Vibes, social media, still images, jingles, radio programmes, print and TV adverts to increase awareness of the ZEC voter registration blitz that was taking place and to educate the electorate about the fundamental right of voting.

Community meetings were fairly well attended in all provinces by people from all walks of life with youths, women and People with Disabilities attending these meetings. In provinces like Mashonaland West and Mashonaland Central, traditional leaders were also part of the participants that attended these VE meetings and they also assisted in the distribution of VE materials.

The fliers and posters that the Network made use of during the voter education exercise had information which capacitated the electorate on the requirements of voter registration. Notable response to flier distribution was noted in Manicaland's Mutasa South Constituency, Masvingo and

Mashonaland East among other provinces where ZESN mobile voter education teams visited. These also illuminated the #yourvoteisyourright message which was key in the mobilisation of potential voters to register for the 2023 harmonised election

Roadshows carried the same messaging and where edutainment was provided for in Harare, Bulawayo, Midlands and Matabeleland North. ZESN also took the opportunity to answer questions posed by the electorate whilst directing those who intended to register towards nearest centres where the ZEC BVR kits were present.

Within community meetings in all provinces, participants continuously for more information about the delimitation process. The participants also showed concern regarding the lack of adequate information on ward boundaries. They went to implore the ZEC to illuminate information on processes such as these and recommended the usage of all forms of media in order for the electorate to quickly understand different electoral processes, their conduct and the different times they take place.

Participants also highlighted their difficulties in trying to locate different registration centres and bemoaned the lack of clear information regarding where these could be and the absence of elaborate published information about the registration blitz in general.

The voter education campaign successfully managed to reach more than 80 constituencies and conscientized the electorate, ensuring that they understood in depth the importance of participation, the need for voter registration and the requirements of the process thereof before the next elections in 2023. However, ZESN suggests that the ZEC carries out another voter registration blitz before the proclamation of the election date to allow for more of the electorate to register to vote.



#yourvoteisyourright



ZESN CALLS FOR 50/50 GENDER PARITY TO ENSURE WOMEN INCLUSION IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES

THE ZIMBABWE Election Support Network (ZESN) has reiterated its call for 50/50 gender parity across the divide to ensure women inclusion in all realms of economic, social and political activities. This is a call that the ZESN chairperson Andrew Makoni made in his remarks during this year's commemoration of the International Women's Day which ran under the theme “#EmbracingEquality,”

“The 50-50 representation has remained a figment of imagination in Zimbabwe as women remain under represented in politics in spite of the Constitution provisions on women's rights, gender balance, equality, inclusion and non-discrimination to enhance women's participation in democratic electoral processes.” said Makoni.

Furthermore Makoni added on that, Zimbabwe is a state party of Regional and International instruments that recognize the need for having women in democratic governance processes and removing all barriers in female participation citing instruments like the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) as examples and amplifying that the state must work to eliminate all barriers that prevent women from actively participating in the political sphere.

ZESN's Executive Director Rindai Vava noted with concern the perpetuation of violence against women in elections (VAWIE) acknowledging that this was “*manifesting in the form of hate speech, name calling and body shaming, cyberbullying and physical violence.*”

She also went on to mention that, “*media reportage falls short on bringing to the fore the gender dimensions of elections. This can be attributed to lack of understanding of the different roles of men and women in the elections, and actions being taken to ensure marginalized group's participation. The Network thus implores the media to focus on the gender dimensions of elections with a bias towards women to enhance their participation in democratic electoral governance processes.*”



Vava urged the government and those in power to show their political will in creating an enabling environment for women to fully participate in politics and election processes ahead of the 2023 harmonized elections.

“Many women having been shying away from politics due to the toxic violent political environment that usually characterizes elections, hence the need for political parties to shun violence which impedes women participation in elections,” reiterated Vava

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NGATITAUREI NEZVEMHIRIZHONGA INOITIKA MUNGUVA DZESARUDZO

Chikamu 155 (1) (a) (d) cheBumbiro reMutemo wemuZimbabwe chinoti sarudzo dzinofanira kugara dzichiitwa pamwe nesarudzo dzekugamuchira kana kusagamuchira Bumbiro remutemo (referendum) dzinofanira kuitwa nenzira ine runyararo, yakasununguka, pasina kubiridzira uye pasina mhirizhonga nechitsotsi.

Chii chinonzi mhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo?

Mhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo yakananga vashandi vezvesarudzo, vanovhota, vaongorori vesarudzo, varikukwikwidza musarudzo, vatapi venhau, midziyo inoshandiswa panoitwa sarudzo, zvekufambisa, mahofisi kana nzvimbo dzekuvhotera. Mhirizhonga iyi inoitwa senzira yekupesvedzera vanhu kuti vasarudze neimwe nzira pamwe nekuti zvinobuda musarudzo zvibude neimwe nzira.

Mhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo inogona kuratidzira nenzira dzipi?

Mhirizhonga inogona kuratidzira kubudikidza nekurwisana kana dzimwe nzira dzakaita sekuitira vanhu hukasha hunosangisira kumanikidza kana kutyisidzira, kushungurudza, kutaura mazwi eruvingo, kushandisa hindaneti kana makombiyuta uchityisidzira kana kuvhundutsira, kana kuvhundutsira kana kutyisidzira zvine chekuita nebonde, kupondwa kwevanhu kana kukuvadzwa kunoitika pakati pevatsigiri vemapato ematongerwo enyika ari kukwikwidzana.

Mhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo inoitika pachikamu chipi chekufambiswa kwesarudzo?

Mhirizhonga inogona kutanga kuitika pakunyoresa kuvhota, pakutsvaga rutsigiro rwezvematongerwo enyika, pakusarudza vamiriri vemapato, pazuva resarudzo, pakushambadzirwa kwezvabuda musarudzo uye kana sarudzo dzapera

Mhirizhonga inokanganisei pamafambiro esarudzo?

Inokanganisa kugamuchirwa kwezvabuda musarudzo nekuti inotadzisa vanhukadzi, varume, vanhu vane hurema nevehidiki kushandisa kodzero yavo yekuvhota. Naizvozvo mavhoti avo anoshaikwa nekuti vanenge vachitya uye vanenge vakashungurudzika chose zvekuti vanotadza kuita rupande rwavo pakuitwa kwesarudzo. Mhirizhonga inogona zvakare kunonotsa, kukanganisa nekutadzisa kufamba zvakanaka kwesarudzo pamwe nekukanganisa zvinobuda musarudzo. Mhirizhonga inoitika kuti vanhu vazhinji vasavhote.

Chii chinofanira kuitwa pakudzikisira huwandu hwemhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo?

Panofanira kuitwa ongororo, nekuwanikwa kwenzira dzinodzikisa mhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo pamwe nekukurudzira runyararo kune vese vane chekuita nesarudzo.

Masangano anomirira kodzero dzeruzhinji, echitendero pamwe nemasangano anoshanda nevagari vemunharaunda - anogona kutsvaga nzira dzekukurudzira runyararo, kudzidzisa ruzhinji zviri mubumbiro remutemo zvinotaura nezvekodzero dzevanhu nekodzero dzeruzhinji mune zvematongerwo enyika.

Komishini inoona nezverunyararo nekugadzirisa pane makakatanwa inonzi National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC)-

inofanira kuongorora pamwe nekutaura ichipikisana nemhirizhonga, kubuditsa pachena zvikonzero zvevakakatanwa, kubatsira vese vakakuvadzwa kana kukanganisirwa nekuda kwemakakatangwa, kukurudzira kutaurirana pakati pemapato ematongerwo enyika, vagari vemunharaunda, masangano pamwe nemamwe mapoka pamwe nekutsvaga nzira dzekudzivirira nekugadzirisa makakatanwa nekusawirirana kunogona kusanganikwa nako mune ramangwana.

Komishini inoona nezvekufambiswa kwesarudzo inonzi Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) -

inofanira kuve nechokwadi chekuti zvese zvine chekuita nesarudzo zvafambiswa nemazvo zvichienderana nezvinotarisirwa nevese vane chekuita nesarudzo.

Komishini inoona nezvekodzero dzeruzhinji inonzi Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) -

inofanira kukurudzira, kuchengetedza, kutsigira nekuve nechokwadi chekuti zvizvarwa zvemu-Zimbabwe zvakanisa kushandisa kodzero dzazvo pamwe nekusununguka kubudikidza nekugamuchira zvichemo nekuongorora nyaya dzinenge dzamhangarwa dzemhirizhonga inoitika munguva dzesarudzo.

Mapato ezvematongerwo enyika - anofanira kudzidzisa vatsigiri kuti vatevedzere nekukurudzira tsika dzakanaka panyaya dzesarudzo dzakaita sekugadzirisa makakatanwa zvakanaka pamwe nekugamuchira kuti vanhu vane maonero akasiyana.

Matare ekutongwa kwedzimhosva - anofanira kuve nenzira dzinokasika kugadzirisa makakatanwa, nekukwanisa kuronda nekupa tsananguro izere yemafambiro esarudzo.

Vatapi venhau vanofanira kutora nhau dzemafambiro esarudzo dzechokwadi uye pasina kurerekera kudivi rimwe chete vasinga kuchidziri kutaura kuzere neruvingo nekuti zvinogona kukuchidzira kukakatana pamaonero uye zvowedzera kurwadzisana pamwe nekuwedzera nekukudza makakatanwa.

MaDzishe nemaSabhuku nevamwe vatungamiri vemunharaunda - vane basa guru pakudzikisa huwandu hwemhirizhonga yakazendama pamafungiro nezvitendero zvinotora mhirizhonga sechiitiko chinogamuchirika mukurarama kwevanhu pamwe nekugadzirisa mhirizhonga yemudzimba nemakakatanwa anechekuita netsika nemagariro anowanikwa munzvimbo dzavanogara pamwe nekukurudzira tsika dzinokasika kucherechedza dambudziko iri pamwe netsika dzakanaka.

Vakadzi, vechidiki nevanhu vane hurema

vanofanira kusimudzirwa nekuwaniswa ruzivo nemasimba ekuti vakwanise kukasika kutaura nekutsvaga kuti pangagadziriswe sei kana kodzero dzavo dzatyorwa pamwe nekuve nechokwadi chekuti pave nekutongwa kwakakodzera nekuchengetedzwa kwavo sezvizvarwa zveumunyika zvine kodzero dzakaenzana. Vanofanira kudzidzisana pachavo pamusoro pekukosha kwesarudzo dzinotwa paine kugara mese murunyararo pamwe nekugamuchira kuti vanhu vane maonero ezvematongerwo enyika akasiyana.

Mapurisa enyika yeZimbabwe Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) -

Mapurisa anofanira kuchengetedza mutemo pamwe nekuongorora nyaya dzemhirizhonga inoitika panguva dzesarudzo pamwe nekuranga vapari vemhosva.



Munhu wese anofanira kusununguka kupinda mune zvekufambiswa kwesarudzo. Unogona kupinda semushandi wesarudzo, muvhota, anokwikwidza, vaongorori vesarudzo pamwe nekukwanisa kutsvaga rutsigiro zvakasununguka uye murunyararo. Ngatikurudzirei runyararo sarudzo dzisati dzaitwa, munguva dzesarudzo uye mushure mekunge sarudzo dzapera!

#NGATIVHOTEIMURUNYARARO!



ASIKHULUME NGODLAKELA OLUPHATHELANE LOKHETHO

Usigaba 155 (1) (a) (d) wesisekelo sombuso welizwe leZimbabwe wethula ukuthi ukhetho okumele lwenziwe ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo lamareferendumu, kumele kuqhutshwe ngokuthula, kube mgceke njalo kube ngokukhululekileyo kungekho ukuqilibezela. Akumelanga njalo kube lodlakela lezinye indlela zokungaqhubi kühle ukhetho.

Q: Luyini udlakela oluphathelane lokhetho?

A: Udlakela oluphathelane lokhetho luhlobo lodlakela lwezombusazwe oluqondiswe kuziphathamandla eziqhuba ukhetho, abavotayo, abahlola ukuqhutshwa kokhetho, abancintisayo kukhetho, kuntathelizindaba, kokusetshenziswa ukukhankasela ukhetho, ezimoteni, amawofisi loba indawo zokuvotela. Lolu udlakela lwenziwa ngejongo yokuphazamisa ukuqhutshwa kokhetho kanye lempumela yalo.

Q: Lubonakala njani udlakela oluphathelane lokhetho?

A: Udlakela lungaba ngoluhlukuluza inyama loba lube yiloba yiphi indlela yokuhlukuluza egoqela ukubanjwa ngamandla ukwenza okuthile, ukwethuselana, ukukhahlamazana, inkulumo ezitshengisa ukuzonda umuntu othile, ukuhlukuluzana kusetshe-nzwa indlela zokukhulumisana zemitshina yolwazi lwakulezi insuku, ukuhlukuluzana kwezemacansini, ukubulalana loba ukulimazana okwenzakala phakathi kwabasekeli bamabandla ancintisanayo

Q: Lwenzakala kusiphi isigaba sokuqhutshwa kokhetho udlakela oluphathelane lokhetho?

A: Udlakela lolu lungenzeka langesikhathi. Esokubhalisela ukuvota, ukukhankaselwa ukuvotelwa, esokukhetha abazancintisa, ngosuku lokuqhutshwa kokhetho, ngosuku lokwethulwa kwempumela zokhetho langemva kokuqhutshwa kokhetho.

Q: Udlakela luphazamisa njani indlela zokuqhutshwa kokhetho

A: Udlakela luphazamisa ukwamukeleka kwempumela zokhetho lendlela zokuqhutshwa kwalo ngoba luphazamisa ukuphatheka kwabesifazana, abesilisa, abakhubazekileyo labatsha. Impumela yodlakela iphazamisa njalo ukubakhona kombuso wentando-kazulu ngoba abantu basuka besabe ukuphatheka ekhethweni. Udlakela lulakho njalo ukuthi luphuzise ukuqhutshwa kokhetho loba luphazamise ukuqhutshwa kwalo kühle okuyizinto ezingaphazamisa impumela yokhetho. Udlakela lulakho njalo ukuthi lwenze abantu bangathakazeleli ukuvota.

Q: Kuyini okumele kwenziwe ukuze kwehliswe izehlakalo zodlakela oluphathelane lokhetho?

A: Kuyadingeka ukuthi kuqaphelwe udlakela, kuphunywe lendlela zokulwenqabela njalo kukhuthazwe ukuthula yibobonke okusetshenzelwana labo ekuqhutshweni kokhetho.

Ingatsha ezilwela inhlalakahle kazulu, inhlanganiso zezokholo lenhlanganiso zemphakathini – zingaqhuba inhlelo zokudala lokukhuthaza ukuthula, zifundise zilimukisa ngezethulo zesisekelo sombuso welizwe sikhangelane lamalungelo ezenhlalo lawezombusazwe.

Ikhomishini ekhuthaza ukuthi kube lokuthula lokukhumisana umlotha – kumele iphenye ngezehlakalo zodlalela, imelane lodlakela, idalule imbangela zengxabano, iphathise bonke ababhekane lengxabano, idale indlela zokukhulumisana phakathi kwamabandla ezombusazwe, imiphakathi, inhlanganiso lamanye amaqembu abantu iphume lezisombululo zokwenqabela ingxabano lokulwa okungabakhona kwelakusasa.

Ikhomishini yeZimbabwe ebona ngokuqhutshwa kokhetho – kumele ibone ukuthi indlela zokuqhutshwa kokhetho zilawulwa ngendlela njengalokhu kukhangelelwe yilabo abamqoka okusetshenzelwana labo ekuqhubeni ukhetho.

Ikhomisini yeZimbabwe ebona ngezamalungelo oluntu – kumele ikhuthaze, ivikele, isekela njalo iqinise ukufezwa lokuhlonitshwa kwamalungelo oluntu lenkululeko ezimqoka zezizalwane zeZimbabwe. Kumele ifeze lokhu ngokwamukela izikhalazo lokuphenya amacala odlakela oluphathelane lokhetho.

Amabandla ezombusazwe – kumele afundise abasekeli bawo ukuthi baziphathe ngendlela sikhangelane lokuqhutshwa kokhetho njalo akhuthaze ukuziphatha ngendlela eqondileyo njalo eyamukelekayo. Kumele akhuthaze ukuziphatha ngendlela eyiyo sikhangelane lezinto ezifana lokuxazulula ingxabano lokwamukela imibono eyehlukene leyabo.

Inkundla zomthethwandaba – kumele zitholise indlela eziphangisayo zokuxazulula ingxabano, ziqinise ukudingeka kokuba lomlandu kwalabo abaphatheke ekhethweni loba labo abalawula ukuqhutshwa kokhetho.

Ukwethula okuqotho njalo okungathathi uhlangathi sikhangelane lendlela zokuqhutshwa kokhetho kuyinto emqoka ekhangelelwe **kulabo abakusigaba sezokusakaza labamaphephandaba**. Akumelanga baqinise inkulumo ezidala inzondo ngoba lokhu kungakhuthaza ukungezwani ngemibono kuphehle uthuthuva njalo kukhwezele lokukhulisa ingxabano.

Inkokheli zomdabu: zilomlandu omkhulu ekwehliseni udlakela oluphehlwa yinkolo elwenze lube yindlela yokuphila eyamukelekayo. Inkokhelo zomdabu zilomlandu wokuthonisisa lokuxazulula ingxabano zezenzalo lamasiko ezibakhona ezigabeni zazo. Zikhangelelwe ukuthi zikhuthaze ukuhloniphana ngokwehlukana kwamasiko kanye lokuziphatha ngendlela eyamukelekayo.

Abesifazana, amankazana, abatsha labakhubazekileyo – kumele bahlonyiswe ngamasu okwenelisa ukuthi baphange badinge uncedo lapho amalungelo abo oluntu esephulwa njalo bafune ukulunga lokuvikeleka ngokulinganayo kwezizalwana zomphakathi. Kumele njalo bafundisane labontanga babo ngokuqakatheka kokuhlalisana ngokuthula lokwamukelana ngokwehlukana kwabo sikhangelane lezombusazwe.

Amapholisa – kumele akhuthaze lokuqinisa ukuhlonitshwa lokusebenza komthetho njalo baphenye amacala odlakela oluphathelane lokhetho. Kumele babone ukuthi labo abaluphehlayo labaphatheka kulo bagotshwa yingalo yomthetho.



Umntu wonke kumele akhululeke ukuphatheka endleleni zonke zokuqhutshwa kokhetho ingabe njengesisebenzi esiphatheke endleleni thile yokuqhutshwa kokhetho, njengomuntu ovotayo, njengomuntu oncintisayo ekhethweni, njengomuntu ohlola ngokuqhutshwa kokhetho. Kumele umuntu wonke akhankase ekhululekile njalo ngokuthula. Asiqinise ukuthi kube lokuthula kungaqhuthwa ukhetho, ngesikhathi kuqhutshwa ukhetho langemva kokuqhutshwa kokhetho!

#VOTANGOKUTHULA!