



The State of Continuous Voter Registration in Zimbabwe

"Voter registration shall be conducted on a continuous basis so as to keep the voters rolls up-to-date."

Zimbabwe Electoral Act, Part 4 Section 17A Subsection (1)

The Election Resource Centre (ERC) embarked on an exercise to assess the accessibility and continuance of voter registration in Harare. This was done through visits to some of the registration centres in Harare namely, Mt. Pleasant, Kuwadzana, Mabvuku-Tafara, Hatfield and Highfield. Such an exercise was necessitated by increasing reports of administrative hindrances against those attempting to register and the apparent closure of some registration centres. This, compounded by the lack of voter information on the continuous nature of voter registration in Zimbabwe as legally provided has prompted the ERC to make an evidence-based assessment and or give recommendations to the need for electoral authorities to adhere to the legal requirements allowing potential voters to apply for registration or inspect the voter's register on a continuous basis.

The findings of the quick assessment point to a very disturbing pattern in the voter registration process, especially given that some political actors have insisted on holding elections in 2012. The ERC team noted some irregularities in the manner in which the registration centres are conducting their day to day activities. Below is a summary of the findings;

- **Closed registration centres-** Some registration centres like Hatfield are apparently closed for the registration centres with the officials unsatisfactorily giving reasons to the effect that the process of registering voters is yet to commence.
- **Limited time for registration** -There are inconsistencies in the provision of voter registration services with most registration centres allocating an average of 4 hours for the process of registering voters. This usually results in frustrating potential registrants as they often are forced to wait for long hours as the registration officials prioritize the registration related to birth certificates, national I.D.s and death certificates. Consequently voter registration exercise is treated as a peripheral issue in the centres so visited.
- **Registration by coercion**-There is an emerging pattern of vote buying fashioned through the sprouting housing cooperatives whereupon those responsible for allocating the pieces of land, and also happen to be known leaders of certain political parties would demand the intended beneficiaries to be registered voters first before being allocated the residential stands. Such coercion apparently exposes potential voters to manipulation by certain functionaries of political parties as well as it potentially threatens the individuals' freedom of choice and association.
- **Partisan Registration**-The assessment also established that access to registration services is at times administered in a partisan manner with suspected supporters of some political parties and young people intending to register facing frustrating hurdles during their attempts to register as voters.

- **Inaccessible Registration Centres**-Some centres are not located in easily accessible locations and as such discourages potential registrants from enjoying their constitutional right as voters. For example, the registration centre in Mabvuku is obscurely located at a village known as Chizhanje, an area with poor road linkages worsened by lack of clear information highlighting the availability of voter registration services at the centre.
- **Unsuitably situated registration centres**- The registration centre at Kuwadzana sub-office is inappropriately situated in juxtaposition with a ZANU PF office. Potential registrants prominently see a ZANU PF inscription on the building before realizing the existence of a registration centre. Such a location potentially discourages and inculcates fear on would-be registrants.

The malpractices noted above are instructive of some of the challenges faced by potential registrants nationwide. Realizing the insistence on having elections in the short term, it is imperative for the registration process to be easily accessible and less costly to all would be registrants. The election management body, ZEC and the supporting Registrar of voters are mandated at ensuring unhindered access to registration to all potential voters. The ERC recommends that the election management bodies must take the following actions to ameliorate the emerging challenges whose effect might result in disenfranchisement of significant number of new voters;

- Reinforce the legal requirement for continuous registration of voters at all the designated registration centres.
- Uphold a non partisan approach to registration of voters
- ZEC must embark on a continuous voter information campaign to support the legally provided continuous registration of voters.
- Ensure that registration centres are situated at acceptably neutral places.

It therefore remains incumbent on the electoral authorities and policy makers to ensure that all eligible Zimbabweans are afforded the opportunity to become registered voters and enabled to do that freely.

ZIMBABWE CENTRES FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Bulawayo		
#	Station	Physical address
1	Provincial Registry	Old Income Tax Building, 10th Avenue/ Herbert Chitepo Street, Bulawayo.
2	District Registry	Drill Hall Grounds, 10th Avenue/ Lobengula Street , Bulawayo
3	Pumula sub-office	Pumula Housing Office, Pumula, Bulawayo.
4	Nketa sub-office	Nketa Primary School, Nketa 6, Bulawayo.
5	Emakhandeni sub-office	Emakhandeni Primary School, Emakhandeni, Bulawayo
6	Mpilo Hospital sub-office	Mpilo Hospital Grounds, Bulawayo
7	United Bulawayo Hospital sub-office	United Bulawayo Hospital /Outpatient Department, Bulawayo.
Harare		
1	Market Square	86 Mbuya Nehanda Street, Harare.
2	Hatfield sub office	Hatfield District Office, Harare Municipality, Corner Elgin and Fairfield Roads, Harare.
3	Highfield sub office	Highfield Community Centre, near Zimbabwe Hall, Corner 51st and Main Streets
4	Kuwadzana Sub office	Holland Old Farm House, Kuwadzana 6, Harare.
5	Mabvuku Tafara	Former Wenela Offices in Chizhanje Community Services, Chizhanje Area, Harare.

6	Magaba Sub office	Employment Exchange, Corner Rudd and Harare Street, Harare.
7	Mount Pleasant Sub office	Mount Pleasant District Office- Harare Municipality, 88 The Chase, Harare.
8	Harare Central Hospital	Harare Central Hospital, Old Block Out Patient Department.
9	Parirenyatwa Hospital	Parirenyatwa Hospital, Mazowe Street Entrance Harare.

Manicaland Province

1	Provincial Registry	898A Simon Mazorodze Road, Mutare.
2	District Registry	85 First Street. Mutare.
3	Marange sub-office	Domboshava Training Centre Marange.
4	Zimunya sub-office	DDF 22 Miles Zimunya.
5	District Registry	District Administrator's Office.
6	Nhedziwa sub-office	Nhedziwa Growth Point.
7	Nyanyadzi sub-office	Nyanyadzi Rural Service Centre.
8	Gata Koppa sub-office	Ndakopa Business Centre/DDF Buildings.
9	District Registry	Government Complex Building.
10	Chibuwe sub-office	DDF Building.
11	Chisumbanje sub-office	DDF Building.
12	District Registry	District Administrator's Office.
13	Gaza sub-office	Gaza Growth Point/Munyanyi Rural Service Centre.
14	Muzokomba sub-office	Muzokomba Rural Service Centre.
15	Birchenough Bridge sub-office	Birchenough Bridge Growth Point.
16	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex.
17	Chiendambuya sub-office	Makoni Rural District Hall, Chiendambuya, Makoni.
18	Chitenderano sub-office	Chitenderano Council Houses/Clinic Building, Makoni.
19	District Registry	District Administrator's Office.
20	Hauna sub-office	Hauna Growth Point.
21	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Nyanga.
22	Ruwangwe sub-office	Ruwangwe Growth Point, Nyanga.
23	Nyamaropa sub-office	Nyamaropa Clinic, Nyanga.

Mashonaland Central

1	Provincial Registry	District Administrator's Complex, corner Robert. Mugabe/ J.M. Tongogara Street, Bindura.
2	District Registry	DA's complex, corner R. Mugabe/ J.M. Tongogara Street, Bindura.
3	Nyava sub-office	Nyava Clinic Complex Bindura.
4	Gatumba sub-office	Gatumba farm house Bindura.
5	Bindura Hospital sub-office	Bindura Hospital records office, Bindura.
6	Guruve Hospital	Mhishi complex opposite Guruve bakery, Guruve.
7	Kachuta sub-office	Guruve Hospital Complex Guruve.
8	Mahuwe sub-office	Kachuta clinic complex Guruve.
9	Mushumbi sub-office	Arex building complex Guruve.
10	District Registry	Mazowe DA's office complex, Mazowe.
11	Mvurwi sub-office	Mvurwi community hall, Mazowe.
12	Howard hospital sub-office	Howard Hospital Complex, Mazowe.
13	Nzvimbo sub-office	Nzvimbo Rural Council offices, Mazowe.

14	District Registry	Mhandu buildings, Stand no 32, Lodore Street, Shamva.
15	Chakonda sub-office	Chakonda Rural District Council offices complex Shamva.
16	Madziwa sub-office	Madziwa Rural District Council Offices complex, Shamva.
17	District Registry	Mt Darwin District Administrator's Complex, Mt Darwin.
18	Mt Darwin Hospital sub-office	Mt Darwin Hospital Complex, Mt Darwin.
19	Dotito sub-office	Dotito Rural District Council offices, Mt Darwin.
20	Kamutsenzere sub-office	Kamutsenzere sub post office complex, Mt Darwin.
21	Karanda sub-office	Karanda community Hall, Mt Darwin.
22	District Registry	District Administrator's complex, Centenary.
23	Muzarabani sub-office	Muzarabani Rural District Council offices complex, Muzarabani.
24	Hoya sub-office	Hoya Clinic Complex, Muzarabani.
25	Dambakurima sub-office	Dambakurima clinic complex, Centenary.
26	District Registry	DA's Complex, Rushinga.
27	Chomotukutu sub-office	Chomotukutu High School complex, Rushinga.
28	Mary Mount Hospital sub-office	Marymount Rural District Council, Rushinga.
29	Chimhanda Hospital sub-office	Chimhanda Hospital Complex, Rushinga.

Mashonaland East

1	Provincial Registry	Cnr Second Street/ Morris Avenue, The New Government Complex Marondera.
2	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Cnr Ruzawi Road and First Street Marondera.
3	Marondera Hospital sub-office	Corner De Jager Road and Fourth Street, Marondera.
4	Mahusekwa sub-office	Mahusekwa Council Office, Mahusekwa Growth Point, Marondera.
5	Dhirihori sub-office	Dhirihori Rural Service Centre Marondera.
6	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Chikomba.
7	Chivhu sub office	Masvingo/Harare Road Chivhu.
8	Masasa sub office	Masasa Business Centre Masasa, Chikomba.
9	Sadza sub office	Sadza Growth Point, Chikomba.
10	District Administrator's Complex	Goromonzi Rural District Service Centre.
11	Ruwa sub-office	Ruwa Clinic, Ruwa.
12	Chinhamhora sub-office	Domboshava Council offices, showground,Domboshava.
13	Juru sub-office	Juru council offices, Juru Growth Point, Juru.
14	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Hwedza. Growth Point, Hwedza.
15	Mt St Mary's Hospital sub-office	Mt Saint Mary's Hospital, Hwedza.
16	Hwedza Hospital sub-office	Hwedza Growth Point, Hwedza.
17	District Registry	New Government Complex, Kotwa Growth Point, Mudzi.
18	Mudzi Hospital sub-office	Kotwa Growth Point, Mudzi.
19	Suswe sub-office	Suswe Business Centre, Mudzi.
20	Makaha sub-office	Makaha Clinic, Makaha Business Centre, Mudzi.
21	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Murehwa Centre, Murehwa.
22	Macheke Sub office	Macheke Council Offices, Macheke.
23	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Mutoko.
24	All Souls Mission sub-office	All Souls Mission, Mutoko.
25	Jani sub-office	Jani Business Centre, Mutoko.
26	Mutoko Hospital sub-office	Mutoko Growth Point, Mutoko.

27	District Registry	Seke North Administration offices, Chitungwiza.
28	Dema sub-office	Dema Council Offices, Dema Growth Point, Seke.
29	Beatrice sub-office	Beatrice Primary School, Beatrice.
30	Chitungwiza Head Office Municipality	Chitungwiza Head Office Municipality, Chitungwiza.
31	Chitungwiza Hospital	Chitungwiza Hospital, Chitungwiza.
32	District Registry	UMP Government Complex, Mutawata.
33	Nhakiwa sub-office	DDF Offices Nhakiwa Business Centre, UMP.
34	Chitsungu sub-office	Chitsungu pre-school, Chitsungu Primary School, UMP.

Mashonaland West

1	Provincial Registry	New Government complex, Chinhoyi.
2	District Registry	Std No 628, Station Street, Chegutu.
3	Mubaira Sub-office	Mubaira Rural District Council, Chegutu.
4	Norton Sub-Office	Std 203/4, Ngoni Township, Norton.
5	District Registry	District Administrator's Office Karoi.
6	Kazangarare sub-offices	Kazangarare Clinic, Hurungwe, Karoi.
7	Chidamoyo sub-offices	Chidamoyo Secondary School House, Karoi.
8	Chivende sub-office	Chivende Secondary School, Hurungwe.
9	District Registry	District Administrator's Office Height Drive Kariba.
10	Siyakobvu sub-office	Siyakobvu Growth Point, Nyaminyami Rural District Council, Siyakobvu (Former Arda Offices) Kariba.
11	Makande sub-office	Makande Business Centre, Makande Farmers Association) Kariba.
12	Kariba District Hospital sub-office	Kariba District Hospital, Kariba.
13	District Registry	District Administrator's Offices Herbert Chitepo Road, Chinhoyi.
14	Zumbara sub-office	Zumbara Police Post, Makonde.
15	Mhangura sub-office	Mhangura Mine (former laboratory), Mhangura.
16	District Registry	DA's Complex, City Square, Kadoma.
17	Sanyati sub-office	Sanyati Rural District Council old offices.
18	Mhondoro Ngezi sub-office	Kadoma Rural District Council Mhondoro Ngezi.
19	Chakari Sub-office	Chakari Hall, Chakari.
20	District Registry	Murombedzi Government Complex, Murombedzi.
21	Banket sub-office	Zvimba Rural District Council Offices, Wilmar Park, Banket.
22	Mutorashanga sub-office	Std No 210, Tafara Village 1, Mutorashanga.

Masvingo Province

1	Provincial Registry	Corner Bradburn and Simon Mazorodze Street, Masvingo.
2	District Registry	District Administrator's Office, Bikita.
3	Chiremwemwa sub-office	Chiremwemwa Business Centre, Bikita.
4	Mukore sub-office	Mukore Business Centre, Bikita.
5	District Registry	District Administrator's Office, Chibi.
6	Chibi Hospital sub-office	Chibi Hospital Complex, Chibi.
7	Vuranda sub-office	Vuranda High School complex, Chibi.
8	Ngundu sub-office	Old Cotco Office, Ngundu Business Centre, Ngundu.
9	District Registry	District Administrator's office, Chiredzi.
10	Chiredzi Hospital Sub-office	Chiredzi Hospital Complex, Chiredzi.
11	Chikombedzi Hospital sub-office	Chikombedzi Rural District Council Offices, Chikombedzi.

12	Malipati sub-office	World Vision office, Malipati Business Centre, Chiredzi.
13	District Registry	District Administrator's office, Gutu.
14	Bhasera sub-office	Bhasera Business Centre, Gutu.
15	Chatsworth sub-office	Chatsworth Business Centre, Gutu.
16	Chinyika sub-office	Machingambi Primary School Complex, Gutu.
17	District Registry	District Administrator's Office, Masvingo.
18	Masvingo Provincial Hospital sub-office	Masvingo General Hospital Complex, Masvingo.
19	Ngomahuru Hospital sub-office	Ngomahuru Hospital Complex, Masvingo
20	Renco Mine sub-office	Renco Mine Community Centre office, Renco mine.
21	Mashava sub-office	Gaths Mine Community Hall, Mashava.
22	District Registry	District Administrator's Office, Mwenezi.
23	Maranda sub-office	Maranda DDF Office, Maranda business Centre, Mwenezi.
24	Neshuro Hospital sub-office	Neshuro Hospital Complex, Mwenezi.
26	Rushumbe sub-office	Rushumbe DDF office opposite Nikita. Mangena Secondary School, Mwenezi.
27	District Registry	District Administrator's Office, Zaka.
28	Ndanga Hospital sub-office	Ndanga Hospital Complex, Zaka.
29	Chiredzana sub-office	Chiredzana Health Centre, Zaka.
30	Chivamba sub-office	Chivaka Business Centre, Zaka.

Matabeleland North

1	Provincial Registry	Old income Tax Building 10th Ave/ H. Chitepo Street, Bulawayo.
2	Nkayi District Registry	DA's Complex Nkayi.
3	Nkayi Hospital sub -office	Nkayi Hospital, Nkayi.
4	Gwelutshena sub-office	Gwelutshena Clinic, Nkayi.
5	Sikobokobo sub-office	Sikobokobo Comunity Hall, Nkayi.
6	Binga District Registry	District Administrator's Complex Binga.
7	Tinde sub-office	Tinde Business Centre, Tinde, Binga.
8	Kariangwe sub-office	Community Centre Kariangwe, Binga.
9	Siabuwa sub-office	Ministry of Roads Compound, Siabuwa, Binga.
10	Lusulu sub-office	Tsetse Control Offices, Lusulu, Binga.
11	Binga Hospital sub-office	Binga Hospital, Binga.
12	Tsholotsho District Registry	District Administrator's Compound Tsholotsho.
11	Inkunzi sub-office	Nkunzi Clinic Nkunzi Tsholotsho.
12	Hwange District Registry	District Administrator's Compound, Coronation Drive, Hwange.
13	Victoria falls sub-office	Chinotimba Suburb Council Office, Victoria Falls.
14	Ndlovu sub-office	DDF Compound, Ndlovu.
15	Dete sub-office	Dete Clinic staff quarters, Dete.
16	Makwa sub-office	Ministry of Roads Compound (Along Deka Drum Road), Makwa, Hwange.
17	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Bubi.
18	Siganda sub-office	Siganda Clinic, Siganda Business Centre, Bubi.
19	Inyathi Hospital sub-office	Inyathi Hospital, Bubi.
20	Lupane District Registry	DA's Compound, Lupane.
21	St Lukes Hospital sub-office	St Lukes Hospital, Lupane.
22	Jotsholo sub-office	Jotsholo Clinic, Jotsholo, Lupane.

23	District Registry	Tredgold Building, Cnr L. Takawira/ Herbert Chitepo, Bulawayo.
24	Nyamandlovu sub-office	Nyamandlovu Business Centre, Nyandlovu, Umguza.
25	Insiza sub-office	Insiza Business Centre Insiza Umguza.

Matabeleland South

1	Gwanda Provincial Registry	3rd And Khartoum Street, New Government Complex, Gwanda.
2	Gwanda District Office	5th Avenue/ Lawley Street, Shashe Building, Gwanda.
3	Manama sub-office	Manama Hospital, Gwanda.
4	Mtshabezi sub-office	Mtshabezi Hospita,l Gwanda.
5	Nhwali sub-office	Nhwali Clinic, Gwanda.
6	Mzimuni sub-office	Mzimuni Clinic, Gwanda.
7	Colleen Bawn sub-office	Unicem (PPC) Colleen Bawn, Gwanda.
8	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Kezi.
9	Tshelanyemba sub-office	Tshelanyemba Secondary School, Maphisa.
10	Maphisa sub-office	Maphisa District Hospital, Kezi.
11	Bhazha sub-office	Nathisa Clinic, Kezi.
12	Matopo sub-office	Matopo Mission Clinic, Matopo Secondary School, Kezi.
13	District Registry	Old Border Complex, Ground Floor, Beitbridge.
14	Chitulipasi sub-office	Chitulipasi Business Centre, Beitbridge
15	Swereki sub-office	Toporo Business Centre Veterinary Office, Beitbridge
16	Beitbridge Hospital sub-office	Beitbridge Hospital, Beitbridge
17	Zezani sub-office	Lutheran Offices, Zezani Business Centre, Zezani
18	District Registry	District Administrator's Compound, Plumtree.
19	Masendu sub-office	Masendu Primary School, Plumtree.
20	Mphoengs sub- office	Bulu High School, Plumtree.
21	Ndolwane Sub-office	Madlambudzi High School, Plumtree.
22	District Registry	Cnr Vandroxen & Pioneer Crescent, Esigodini
23	Sigola sub-office	Sigola Community Hall, Umzingwane.
24	Silobi sub-office	Silobi Primary School, Bulawayo.
25	Esigodini Hospital Sub-office	Esigodini Hospital, Esigodini.
26	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Filabusi
27	Avoca sub-office	Avoca Rural Hospital, Filabusi
28	Silalatshani sub-office	Singwango Rural Health Centre, Filabusi.
29	Filabusi Hospital sub-office	Filabusi Hospital, Filabusi.

Midlands

1	Provincial Registry	New Government Complex Corner Leopold Takawira and Tenth street, Gweru.
2	District Registry	73 Main Street, Gweru.
3	Gweru Hospital sub-office	Gweru General Hospital Shurugwi Road, Gweru.
4	Maboleni sub-office	Maboleni Clinic Maboleni, Gweru.
5	District Registry	Chirumanzu DA's Office, Chirumanzu.
6	Charandura sub-office	Charandura Rural District Council Offices, Chirumanzu.
7	Holy cross sub-office	Holy cross Mission, Chirumanzu.
8	Drienfonten sub-office	Drienfonten Non Residential Quarters, Chirumanzu.
9	District Registry	New Government Complex, Nembudzia, Gokwe North.
10	Goredema sub-office	Goredema Primary School Chief Chireya, Gokwe North.

12	Chireya sub-office	Chireya Hospital, Chief Chireya, Gokwe North.
13	Zhomba sub-office	Zhomba Clinic Chief Nenyunga, Gokwe North.
14	Gumunyu sub-office	Gumunyu Clinic, Chief Chireya, Gokwe North.
15	District Registry	Gokwe South Business Centre, New Government Complex, Gokwe South.
16	Manoti sub-office	Manoti Business Centre RDC Clinic, Gokwe South.
17	Manyoni sub-office	Manyoni Business Centre Baptist Clinic, Gokwe South.
18	Gokwe Hospital sub-office	Gokwe South District Hospital, Gokwe South.
19	Gwenungu sub-office	Gwenungu Business Centre, Arex Offices, Gokwe South.
20	District Registry	D.A.'s Complex, School Avenue, Kwekwe.
21	Crossroads sub-office	Joseph/ Malisa Clinic Kr Joseph, Hdm Lukuluba, Chief Malisa, Silobela, Kwekwe.
22	Joel sub-office	D.D. F. workshop, Joel growth point, Zhombe, Kwekwe.
23	Empress Mine sub-office	Old Empress Mine Police Post, Empress Zhombe, Kwekwe.
24	Loreto Hospital sub-office	Loreto Hospital Silobela, Kwekwe.
25	Kwekwe Hospital sub-office	Kwekwe General Hospital, Kwekwe.
26	District Registry	District Administrator's Complex, Mberengwa
27	Jeka sub-office	Jeka Hospital Chief Mapiravana, Mberengwa.
28	Mnene sub-office	Mnene Mission Hospital, Chief Mazivofa, Mberengwa.
29	Mataga sub-office	Mataga Council Beer Hall, Chief Mataga, Mberengwa.
30	District Registry	Shurugwi District Office, office No1 CABS Building, South Street, Shurugwi.
31	Donga sub-office	Donga Growth Point Chief Ndanga, Shurugwi.
32	Tongogara sub-office	Shurugwi District Development Association, Tongogara Growth Point, Chief Nhema, Shurugwi.
33	Gwanza sub-office	Gwanza Business Centre, Gwanza Re-settlement Area, Shurugwi.
34	District Registry	Robert Mugabe Road, New Government Complex, Zvishavane.
35	Zvishavane District Hospital sub-office	Zvishavane District Hospital, Gweru Road, Zvishavane.
36	Mabasa sub-office	Mabasa Growth Point Chief, Masunda, Zvishavane.
37	Mtambi sub-office	Mtambi Service Centre, Chief Mazvihwa, Zvishavane

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