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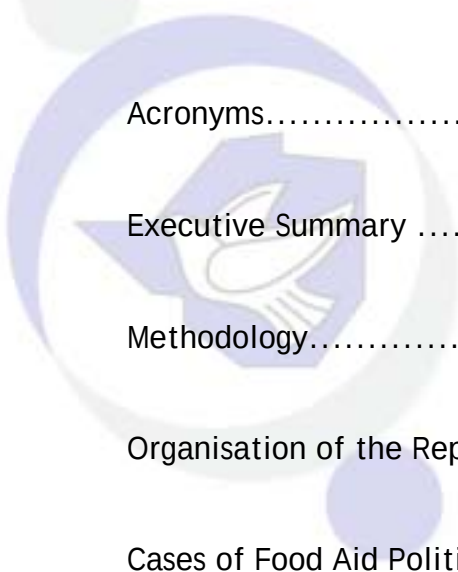
Zimbabwe Peace Project

***Partisan distribution of food and other forms of aid
at District Level***

THE CASE OF MANICALAND

SEPTEMBER 2006

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ACRONYMS



BEAM	-	Basic Education Assistance Module
GMB	-	Grain Marketing Board
MDC	-	Movement for Democratic Change
ZANU PF	-	Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
NGO	-	Non-Governmental Organisation
OVC	-	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
ZFU	-	Zimbabwe Farmers Union

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Zimbabwe's food security situation is now precarious. It is estimated that about 1 400 000 people will be in need of food aid before the next harvest. This is as a result of a combination of factors including the fact that only 40% of the land acquired under fast track land reform is productive and poor harvests in the 2005/6 agricultural season. Some communities have become dependent on food hand outs from the Grain Marketing Board, Non-Governmental Organisations and the Church. The occurrence of political favouritism around food aid distribution has continued in Manicaland province. The primary perpetrators of violence remain Zanu PF supporters and sympathizers while the victims have been predominantly MDC supporters and those of no specified political affiliation. (Refer to table 1&2)

In some constituencies, such as, Makoni North, it is alleged that some NGOs have been instructed by political party activists on who to supply medical assistance and who not to supply. There are also reported cases of some ruling party political activists threatening NGO staffers with banning them from distributing food in their constituencies

if they do not comply with their requests to play a role in the identification of beneficiaries.

The violations have been varied with some persons being asked to surrender MDC cards and T/shirts before they are eligible to benefit from food aid. Due to hunger some of the victims have complied. It needs to be noted that denial of food aid rarely occurs in isolation but is in most cases one of the many forms of human rights violations being experienced by persons of no known political affiliation or of the opposition.

In some cases the victims of denial of food or other forms of aid are also victims of harassment, intimidation and sometimes assault. The reasons given for denial have been included as non attendance to ruling party meetings, participation of one in opposition party politics or attendance of NGO meetings. In extreme cases the elderly who are likely not to attend meetings of the ruling party due to infirmity are denied food aid distributed through the GMB. There is an inherent assumption that aid being distributed through government sponsored channels is only for the members of the ruling party.

Table 1: Victimization by political parties

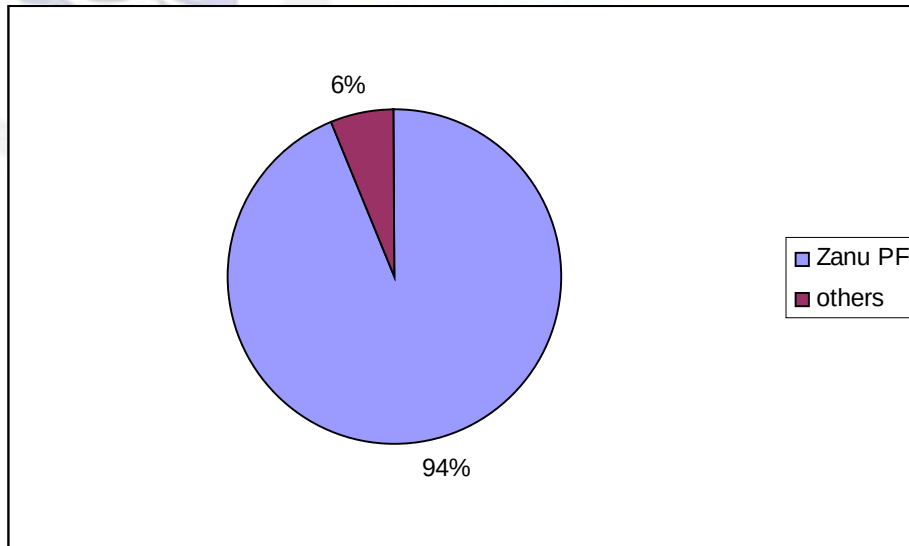
Victims affiliation	Number of victims	%
MDC	64	80
Zanu PF	8	10
Unknown/undisclosed	8	10
Total	80	100

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Perpetrators

During the month of September the perpetrators of violence were mostly from Zanu PF (94%) (Refer to figure 2)

Figure 2



The cases of denial of food and other forms of assistance had the highest number of incidences with 50 victims citing having been denied food in the form of mealie meal and being refused to buy grain. Agricultural inputs followed with 26 of the victims having been denied fertilisers. During the months under review, ZPP recorded 18 cases where victims were asked to

produce a Zanu PF card before they were allowed to access grain. In some cases victims have bought the cards as a response while in other cases they have been further victimised for refusing to comply with these requests. (Refer to table 3.)

Table 3 Prevalence of violations by type of violation

Type of violations	Number of victims
Denial of food aid	50
Demand party cards	18
Denied fertiliser	26
Denied education assistance	2
Denied seed	1
Denied access to water	2
Denied tillage facilities	6
Denied all	3



ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

During the month of September ZPP recorded a total of 20 returnees (*Refer to table 3.1*) There are indications to suggest that most returnees are discriminated against in the distribution of food, medical assistance or other forms of assistance. Of the documented 20 cases 15 have experienced some victimization and were accused of being supporters of the opposition MDC. In some cases it is alleged that the returnees are labeled ‘sell out,’ ‘Tony Blair’s children’ or ‘spies’.

Table 3.1

Country	Number of returnees
Republic of South Africa	12
Namibia	1
Botswana	4
Mozambique	1
United Kingdom	2
USA	0
Total	20

Methodology

This report is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based primary peace monitors who observe, monitor and record cases of politicisation of food and other forms of aid. There are 15 constituencies in Manicaland and ZPP has a total of 30 Primary Peace Monitors (two per each constituency) in Manicaland. The monitors reside in the constituencies which they monitor and submit their reports to the Provincial Coordinator who in turn verifies the information and compiles a preliminary provincial report. The monitors complete two sets of forms with one form on incidents occurring and another on the constituency. The information is forwarded to the national office where the Programme Manager and the Information Assistants produce a report for circulation.

Organisation of the report

The report is organised into two sections with the first section showing the specific incidences of political human rights violations and the second section gives the provincial overview in which these incidences are occurring.

Buhera North

5 September 2006

An elderly couple JB and his wife of Murambinda village were purportedly denied food aid by M a Zanu PF official at the food distribution centre for not attending ruling party meetings. The victims have no one to look after them and have resorted to gardening and selling their goats in order to make a living.

10 September 2006

It is reported that the Mugwenhi community in ward 6 collected money and sent five members of the community to the GMB to buy maize but the GMB staff refused to sell the maize to them on allegations that they are MDC supporters. They were reportedly told that the maize was meant for Zanu PF supporters only.

13 September 2006

At Marenga village, PV an MDC supporter was supposedly denied an opportunity to buy maize meal which had been delivered to his son's store by his own son CV. CV accused his father of supporting the MDC, therefore, he was not going to sell maize meal to him.

20 September 2006

For refusing to carry bricks for the local Zanu PF chairman M free of charge FC of Mawire village in ward 7 was denied to register for agricultural inputs.

Makoni North

7 September 2006

It is purported that an old lady Mbuya EM (+/-90) of village 27 in Makoni was completely denied social aid at a meeting where the elderly were to receive aid in the form of food, medicine and clothing by Chief TM and the District Chairperson both from the ruling party Zanu PF on grounds that her son was alleged to be an MDC supporter and also that she too supported MDC since she had been getting assistance from other NGOs. In this village, it is alleged that all those who get any form of aid from NGOs are labelled MDC supporters.

12 September 2006

It is alleged that JM (57) was completely denied food aid by a local Zanu PF councillor GMB. It is further alleged that the victim as a community leader had collected money from his community for purposes of acquiring maize from the GMB, the GMB officials allegedly requested him to get a support letter from his local councillor for the same. The Councillor apparently refused to grant the victim the support letter on grounds that he was an MDC supporter and thus no food aid could be accessed by the whole community.

15 September 2006

For officiating the opening of a new shop belonging to a man believed to be an MDC supporter the CM (55) an Anglican Freelance Evangelist was reportedly denied access to assistance for his children by the chief of Chendabuya (Zanu PF). It is said that all the victim did was to say prayers at the official opening of the shop praying that

God would give wisdom to all political leaders. The victim has since appealed to the Ministry of Education in this regard.

23 September 2006

It is alleged that Zanu PF supporters apparently approached a local NGO lady Health Care giver EG (38) who was on her mission to supply food, medical and other forms of assistance to the terminally ill and instructed her to go to the people they had selected. Resultantly, the deserving people were denied access to the assistance offered by this NGO. The care giver, allegedly followed instructions for fear of being victimized.

24 September 2006

It is reported that in Domborembizi, an NGO official JC was being barred from distributing agricultural inputs to the community by Zanu PF youths led by MN if he refused to withdraw charges against the youths. It is alleged that sometime back, JC was assaulted by Zanu PF youths and reported the case to the police to which the police opened a docket. This apparently did not go down well with the Zanu PF youths who are now threatening to bar him from operating within the area. This has resulted in the deserving community being denied access to the farming inputs.

25 September 2006

At Nemaire village, PM of Zanu PF and a local ZFU leader was allegedly denied access to farming inputs by GMB for allegedly calling the former GMB Rusape boss a liar who currently is in

jail for murder. It is alleged that at the time the victim was booked not to receive any food and agricultural input from GMB for the year.

Makoni East

5 September 2006

In ward 23, Mrs. P a widow was allegedly barred from getting any form of food aid or any other aid because she is an MDC supporter by councillor AM who is also the Zanu PF District Party chairman. The victim was also barred from participating in any community projects.

Again in ward 23, DB who is the MDC party coordinator for Muchemwa village was purportedly denied all forms of food aid by Mrs. G of the ruling party because he did not attend ruling party meetings in the area.

8 September 2006

At Haisoswi village, the Zanu PF District Party Chairperson, JM allegedly scrapped off EC's name from the list of food aid beneficiaries because he is an MDC activist and did not attend party meetings in the area.

12 September 2006

OM who is an MDC activist in Chinyama village was reportedly denied aid by TC and DZ of the ruling Zanu PF party on the grounds that he supports the opposition MDC.

14 September 2006

It is supposed that BM a widow who is also an MDC supporter was barred from

buying grain from the GMB because of not attending Zanu PF meetings by SK who is the Zanu PF women's league secretary. The victim is making a living out of selling vegetables. The incident took place at Chiwenga village.

16 September 2006

BN who is the MDC secretary was reportedly denied a chance to receive food aid because of her affiliation by Zanu PF officials and traditional leadership of Chaota village. The victim is making a living out of gardening.

18 September 2006

For opposing the ruling Zanu PF party SM of the MDC party was purportedly denied all forms of aid by AD a war veteran and JM who is the district party chair (Zanu PF). The victim is making a living out of selling vegetables and brewing illicit beer.

21 September 2006

At Jakata village, it is said that SC of the MDC was accused of attending and participating in MDC activities and as a result he was denied an opportunity to receive all forms of aid by the ruling party officials. The incident took place at Jakata village.

Mutasa South

12 September 2006

For trying to assist his MDC relative, PJ of Zanu PF together with his relative were reportedly denied access to food aid at the GMB by Zanu PF supporter VC who accused them both of supporting MDC. He acted so because

only Zanu PF supporters were getting such aid. The incident took place in DC Mutasa.

17 September 2006

In Muchena community area, it is alleged that HD of MDC and other MDC affiliates were denied to register for agricultural inputs assistance by the traditional leaders N and Zanu PF supporter N. The victims were being told to denounce their opposition party and join Zanu PF.

Mutasa North

11 September 2006

In ward 23, VK a groundnuts farmer was allegedly labelled an MDC supporter by GMB officials for asking why the GMB (Grain Marketing Board) buys the crop from them at a very low price, but selling it to Nyabadza at a very high price. VK demanded to sell the crop direct to Nyabadza.

AM of the ruling Zanu PF party who lost in the last primary election was supposedly barred from accessing any form of food aid or engaging in any project by the Zanu PF village chairman N. The victim was accused of campaigning for an MDC candidate in the forthcoming council elections to be held in October 2006. The incident took place at Nyarumvurwe village.

Chimanimani

2 September 2006

GM of Nyamusundu on ward 17 was supposedly denied access to food aid for failing to produce a Zanu PF

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membership card by JM of the ruling party. It is said that there was a register of Zanu PF members at the distribution point and people were asked to produce Zanu PF membership cards. The victim is now gold panning in order to feed his family.

10 September 2006

SC was purportedly denied access to receive food from the GMB by Mr. K, Mr. M and Headman B of Zanu PF because she did not have a Zanu PF party card and had also returned from South Africa in July where the perpetrators believe she was on a spying mission. The incident took place in ward 15 of Chimanimani urban.

18 September 2006

JM purports that he was wearing an MDC T-shirt and was told by JM of the ruling party to remove the T-shirt if he wanted to get food from the GMB. The incident occurred at in Nyamusundu village.

At Shinja village RM of the MDC was visited by her son from Mutare who was wearing an MDC T-shirt. The victim was told by Zanu PF supporters that she was no longer going to get maize from the GMB because of her son's T-shirt.

22 September 2006

JM of Mutsvangwa village reports that he was urged by the Zanu PF members to quit MDC and join Zanu PF so that he could get food aid. JM refused.

Makoni West

Nyanga

2 September 2006

At Madongorere village, VW of the MDC was denied access to agricultural inputs because she is an MDC supporter by Zanu PF supporters. The victim failed to plant her winter crop where she usually gets money for her children's school fees.

4 September 2006

At Chitenderano village, SK was purportedly denied access to fertiliser by councillor T of Zanu PF because she is suspected to be an MDC supporter. The victim is now relying on organic forms of manure.

7 September 2006

At Magorosi village, EK was purportedly denied credit for seeds by the Magorosi village head on allegations that he is not a Zanu PF supporter. EK was told to get seed assistance from MDC. The victim ventured into furniture making as a result.

At Mudyarabikwa, SC of the MDC was reportedly denied access to wheat seeds because of her affiliation by the Zanu PF supporters.

16 September 2006

At Domboroshato, CM of the MDC went to Namibia to look for employment but came back this month (13 September 2006). On his return he was purportedly denied food aid being accused of being an MDC supporter.

5 September 2006

VM of Chiwarira village, a single parent caring after four orphans was completely denied access to food and other forms of assistance by CM of Zanu PF for failing to produce a Zanu PF card. It is alleged that in the area, a local church organisation was running a relief programme for widows has been asked to offer relief only on approval of the Zanu PF and in this particular case the Zanu PF youths demanded to see the consignment, inspect it and approve the distribution. Distribution was then on the basis of the production of Zanu PF cards to the beneficiaries failure of which meant no assistance.

12 September 2006

At Sachiwo village, a man suspected to be a Zanu PF supporters living in an MDC dominated area, is said to have had his portion of food aid taken away from him by MDC supporters led by JN who was distributing the food. It is alleged that the victim has complained that his share was not enough as compared to other beneficiaries and thus the distributing officer ordered that the food be taken away him and that the victim was to report to the president Mugabe if he so wished.

13 September 2006

At Chiwarira village in Ruwangwe ward, SK of Zanu PF and local Secretary is reported to have had her name stricken off the list of the beneficiaries of agricultural inputs which included, fertilizers, tillage and credit facilities and had hers replaced by another's believed

to be a relation to the perpetrator a local Councillor also of Zanu PF. Ostensibly it has been learnt that the victim had not included the Councillor's son-in-law on the list of the beneficiaries because the same had been registered elsewhere according to records.

17 September 2006

A Ms. RM a single mother and local church worker, was practically forced to deny deserving people food and other forms of aid by JS a Zanu PF official when she was forced to ignore her list of beneficiaries and use one compiled by Zanu PF officials. Resultantly, other deserving beneficiaries like her mother a poor widow was left out on allegations that her mother was not attending Zanu PF meetings. The incident took place at Sachiwo village.

26 September 2006

It is reported that an old lady Mbuya N (±80) of Nyamudeza village in Ruwangwe Ward was denied food aid by Headman CN of Nyamudeza a Zanu PF supporter. It is believed that the old widow was denied access to procure mealie meal from a store owned by a Zanu PF supporter on allegations that she was not attending Zanu PF meetings in the area.

Buhera South

9 September 2006

MM an MDC supporter was allegedly denied mealie meal supplies for his shop by the GMB officials who accused him of supporting the MDC. The GMB officials are reported to be selling the

members.

25 September 2006

12 September 2006

In ward 30 at Tamachamutsa village, RG of the MDC was purportedly denied food and agricultural inputs by Zanu PF and GMB officials because of his affiliation to the MDC. It also alleged that he questioned why ZANU PF. The victim is relying on herding cattle for peasant farmers.

EM of Nemadziwa village was reported to be going through difficult times because of her husband who left the area in fear of being victimised for his affiliation to the MDC. It is said the woman was denied any form of assistance by Mrs. M a Zanu PF official in the area and was warned that if she does not bring back her husband she was not going to plant in the coming season and might lose her field. EM depends on farming to feed her children.

18 September 2006

It is reported that GN was denied access to buy maize, fertiliser and seeds by Zanu PF officials at Tama in Birchenough Bridge. He was accused of supporting the MDC. The victim is now surviving on small scale farming.

28 September 2006

In Tama Chamutsa, it is alleged that ES, a widow was denied a chance to benefit from food aid by Zanu PF members and GMB officials because of her support for the MDC.

21 September 2006

In Kufakwatenzi village, DC allegedly had his children removed from the BEAM assistance. DC was called by the headmaster of Kufakwatenzi Primary School where he was told that his children had been removed from the BEAM programme. When DC tried to reason with the headmaster he was told that the headmaster was following instructions from the 'Big Chefs'. It is believed that the headmaster was referring to Zanu PF officials like Mrs. M.

Mutare Central

5 September 2006

It is reported that NJ affiliated to MDC was asked to produce a Zanu PF membership card by the police as he tried to buy mealie-meal. The victim had just been deported from the United Kingdom (UK) in August and is believed to have had sold everything he had before he left for the UK. The victim was labelled an MDC supporter. The incident took place in Chikanga phase 2.

24 September 2006

At Tama Chamutsa FM (46) was allegedly denied food aid and agricultural inputs because of his political affiliation to the MDC by ward 30 District Administrator.

Mutare West

7 September 2006

At Bemhiwa MC left for Botswana in fear of victimisation and came back in

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that a group of Zanu PF supporters led by C went to the victim's house and threatened the victim with putting her in a drum of acid for supporting the MDC. She was barred from buying maize from

the GMB and attending any Zanu PF gatherings.

8 September 2006

At Chimombe village, it is reported that SC was attacked by NP and PM of Zanu PF who accused him of holding MDC meetings at his home at night. He was threatened with disappearance and he was barred from getting food aid.

10 September 2006

It is purported that PM of Nzvenga village was denied access to maize meal at the GMB by councillor HK of Zanu PF on the basis that he failed to produce a Zanu PF membership card. PM survives on gardening.

23 September 2006

War veterans A and GM of Gandira village reportedly denied to give TMM his 100 kg of maize he had bought saying he should get maize from MDC. The victim rears cattle for a living.

It is purported that AM ran away to South Africa in fear of intimidation and harassment he was facing from Zanu PF supporters like BM and others who were accusing him of selling MDC cards to villagers. AM was deported from South Africa in April 2006. Ever since he came back from South Africa he has not

30 September 2006

At Matora village and for asking the headman and Zanu PF youths why they were not selling GMB maize to everyone in the ward resulted in RM ostensibly being assaulted and marked as 'Blair's son'. RM is also a returnee from Botswana.

Chipinge South

18 September 2006

In ward 24, Mr. GZ left the country in 2005 after being threatened with death by some war veterans. He allegedly went to South Africa illegally, he came back in March 2006 as life was not easy in South Africa. It is alleged that ever since he came back he has not been able to access any form of aid. Zanu PF officials like M who is the ward chairman have been accusing him of being an MDC supporter.

21 September 2006

It is reported that JC left the country in 2005 when violence was rife in the area and went to South Africa. JC was deported back home since she had no passport. Back home she was not allowed to have access to any form of aid by the Zanu PF party officials like Mr. M who is the councillor. The victim has resorted to selling wild birds at the road side in order for her to be able to feed her family.

29 September 2006

PM who was deported from South Africa was reportedly barred from

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supporter. The perpetrator told the victim that GMB maize meal was meant for Zanu PF supporters only. The incident took place at Tapera village.

Chipinge North

15 September 2006

SS was deported from Botswana where he was employed as a builder and was not paid his salary. It is alleged that the victim's name is not on the beneficiaries list and he cannot have access to any form of food. He is accused of being an MDC supporter.

16 September 2006

At Tanganda village, D an MDC supporter was allegedly barred from buying maize meal from the GMB because of his affiliation to the MDC by MP M of Zanu PF. Zanu PF through its lower structure is said to be taking control of supplies from the GMB and no MDC activist is allowed to have access to it.

20 September 2006

Mr. M of Mutema village who is also ward 3 councillor (MDC) purports that Zanu PF leadership left him out when distributing maize meal. It is said that Zanu PF officials like M distribute the maize from the GMB to Zanu PF membership cardholders only. He and his party (MDC) supporters are left out in the food distribution.

25 September 2006

2006 where he had gone to look for employment. It is said that ever since he came back he has not been allowed to buy maize or fertiliser from the GMB. He is perceived to be an MDC supporter.

Again at Daisyhill EM who was deported from South Africa in August 2006 where he had gone to look for employment was purportedly denied access to credit facilities from Agribank because he is an MDC membership cardholder. Agribank require a recommendation letter before approving loans. The victim desperately needs assistance as this is his first year of farming after being deported.

Mutare South

5 September 2006

FC of Hapanamambo village in ward 12 was reportedly given back his money by TM who is the ruling party committee member after the GMB had delivered maize grain at Mashunje Secondary School. The Zanu PF officials are believed to have claimed that all GMB maize belong to Zanu PF supporters only.

8 September 2006

CS and 28 others were purportedly denied access to food for work because of their strong commitment to the opposition MDC. The victims have been victimised since 2002. The victims are now practicing barter trade with the neighbouring villages.

10 September 2006

In ward 6 of Zimunya Township, TM of

In ward 12 Ngomasha, SM who supports the opposition MDC reportedly went to

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denied access to GMB maize by Zanu PF cell leaders Mrs. C, Mr. M and other. The victim was accused of supporting the MDC and was warned not to leave the country again because he is under surveillance. TM is now selling his sculpture locally in order for him to feed his family.

On the same day at Gombakomba village BG of the MDC was deported from South Africa in August 2006 was reportedly denied access to maize by the Zanu PF officials K and N in the area. It is said that the village heads and ruling party activists are the ones in charge of compiling names and maize distribution in the area. The perpetrators said the victim's deportation was justified because he was an opposition MDC spy. They said they were going to give BG a post in the ruling party so that he will not leave the country again.

At Karuza Mafuke, it is reported that TN of the MDC was allegedly denied access to maize and other forms of aid by Councillor N, Mrs. C and M of the ruling Zanu PF who accused him of working with the opposition MDC. They also accused the victim of being a sell out and that is why he was deported from South Africa.

It is alleged that MC of Magodlo in ward 5 was denied access for food aid under the suspicion that she was an MDC member. Chief M and Mrs. G also accused the victim of not attending Zanu PF meetings in the area.

asked to produce a Zanu PF membership card at the gate by JG a Zanu PF official. The victim was ordered to leave the place after failing to produce the card.

20 September 2006

At Zimunya Township, DN (MDC) who was deported from South Africa in June was allegedly denied access to aid as punishment of being an MDC supporter and a sell out who was deported from South Africa. He was told to go to the UK.

25 September 2006

LM was supposedly denied food aid by Mrs. N a Zanu PF party officials for failing to produce a Zanu PF membership card. LM was told that the maize belongs to the Zanu PF members.

Mutare North

5 September 2006

At Odzi location, JM of MDC, was denied access to food and other handouts which were being handed out by the ADM (Anglican Diocese of Manicaland) by Mr. S of Zanu PF. It is alleged that though the victim was trained at Border Gezi, he was the MDC ward Chairperson and for the same reasons was victimized.

6 September 2006

In Sakubva, an old lady JC (72) suspected to be supporting MDC was allegedly denied access to the

government distributed food (maize meal). The victim was accused of not

to assist other people in the community who were the same dilemma as himself.

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It is alleged that TM of Chitungo in Sakubva was denied the GMB ration of Silo mealie meal on the pretext that on the victim's father's funeral, MDC chants and songs were chanted and the family got funeral assistance from MDC, thus he and his family were accused of supporting MDC. The incident was perpetrated by Mr. M suspected to be Zanu PF.

9 September 2006

It is reported that MC of MDC was denied access to the GMB Silo maize meal by the GMB manager Mr. S and Mr. M of Zanu PF. It is also said that the victim had applied for more rations

local authorities elections on an MDC ticket.

19 September 2006

MM of Sakubva and an MDC supporter is alleged to have been denied access to government distributed food by M of Zanu PF. It is said that the victim formerly lived in Rusape where he was politically active in the MDC and fled the area for fear of his life due to political tension. Thus for this reason he was denied food aid.

For purportedly being a strong MDC supporter, SP of Dangamvura, was seemingly denied access to GMB maize meal by Z of Zanu PF and GMB officials.

PROVINCIAL PREVIEW

The sources of food in the constituency include own produce, Grain Marketing Board and some rely on buying grain from either the Grain Marketing Board or the Local shops. The most common sources of food is own produce with 12 of the 15 constituencies reporting relying on own produce. While 8 out of the 15

constituencies were doing relying on both own produce and commercial and a few constituencies relying on relief from the Grain Marketing Board. Only two of the constituencies were heavily relying on relief as a source of food and these included Makoni West and Chimanimani.

Forms of aid available in constituencies

As of September 2006 in all the constituencies there was food aid. The other forms of aid available included agricultural inputs which were in the form of seed, fertiliser, diesel, draught power, irrigation and credit facilities. In some constituencies, medicines for the

terminally ill and school fees for orphans and vulnerable children were availed by non governmental organisations and government funded programmes. The food aid was available in the form of maize, Kapenta, barley and cooking oil (*Refer to table 4*)

Table 4 Food aid available

Food aid available	Source /s	Number of constituencies accessing
Maize meal	NGOs, GMB	9
Porridge	NGOs	3
Maheu	NGOs	1
Matemba/kapenta	NGOs	1
Barley	NGOs/church	1
Cooking oil	NGOs	2
Rice	NGO	1

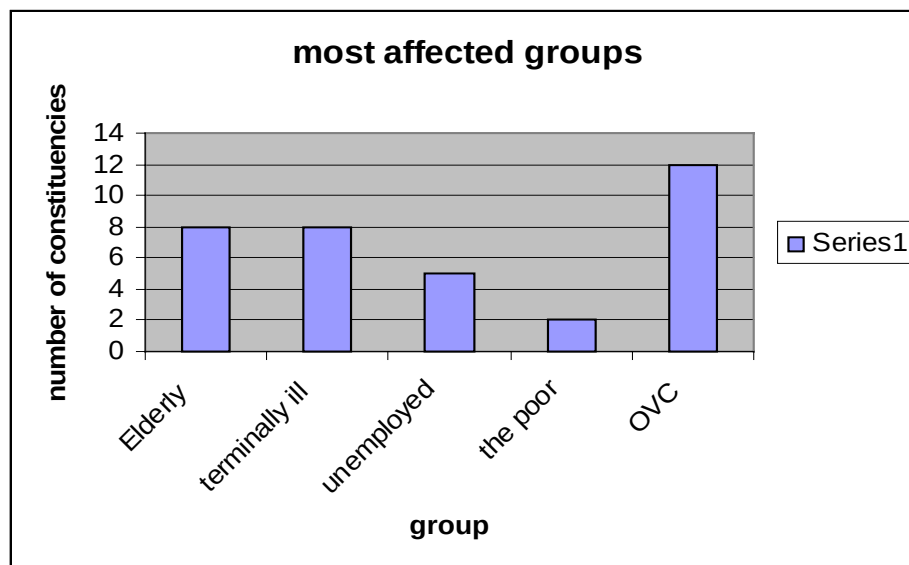
Most affected populations

There are indications that the most affected population as of the month of September include the Orphans and Vulnerable Children with 12 (80%) out of constituency identifying the orphans and children as constituting the vulnerable population. This vulnerability

is to both Zanu PF and MDC members. The elderly and terminally ill were also identified as a highly vulnerable group. In a few constituencies all members of the community were identified as vulnerable.

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Figure 1: Most affected group



Sources of aid in the constituency

The source of aid in the constituency included a host of NGOs such as Save the Children, FACT, Christian Care,

World vision, DOMCAP, Goal, Natural Farming Network and others.

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Agricultural Input

The agricultural aid available in the constituency included seed for maize and sorghum, maize, draught power, and credit facilities. The sources of aid in the

constituency include the Grain Marketing Board which is assisting with fertiliser, diesel and seed. Other aid is also coming from the Natural Farming

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Table 6: Agricultural input aid available and number of constituencies benefiting

Agricultural aid available	Number of Constituencies benefiting
Seed	12
Fertiliser	9
Draught power	6
Irrigation	10
Credit facilities	9
Diesel	*

****The number of constituencies benefiting from diesel aid has not yet been established.***

Although there is no explicit exclusionary policy on discrimination the fact that traditional leaders and ward councillors are sometimes part of the target group selection committees it is easier for members of the ruling party to benefit. In some cases intended beneficiaries are asked to get a recommendation letter from the Ward

councillors who are sometimes partisan. This results in discrimination some community members who might be of a different political affiliation from the councillor or traditional leaders. In most cases, however, it is alleged that members of the MDC are excluded from development projects and other financial assistance.

Table 7: Medical Assistance Available in the Constituency

SOURCES	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Pollar	Drugs
DOMCAP	Paracetamol, Doxycylin, Cotrine
UNICEF	ARVs drugs for mentally ill
FACT	Drugs
PLAN	Drugs
Government	Drugs
Rujeko	Antibiotics

CONCLUDING REMARKS

As we go towards the local government elections in October 2006 it is likely that the incidences of denial of food and other forms of aid is likely to increase as the political parties attempt to increase their support base. More families will need agricultural input assistance for the 2006/7 agricultural inputs assistance as a result of

the high cost of inputs which has put the basic inputs out of reach of many. It is imperative that government sponsored channels of food distribution be impartial to avoid starvation on the part of communities but more specifically on vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children and the disabled.

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ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT

BACKGROUND & FORMATION

The Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) was conceived shortly after

2000 by a group of Churches and NGOs working or interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives, and was to become a vehicle for civic interventions in a time of political crisis. In particular ZPP sought to monitor and document incidents of

human rights violations and politically-motivated breaches of the peace e.g. violence.

Today, ZPP's member organisations include, the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace (CCJP), Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ), Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Liberators' Platform, Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust, ZimRights, Civic Education Network Trust.(CIVNET)

GOAL AND OBJECTS OF THE ORGANISATION

ZPP was established with the aim of promoting peaceful co-existence and to help reduce political conflict and violence through monitoring, investigating and researching the causes and nature of violence and circulating widely the results of such activities. The organisation also aims to help resolve politically related conflicts, and to identify victims and perpetrators of

such conflicts, the former of whom will be assisted by being given any support they may require, e.g. legal, medical or material assistance. ZPP aims to work in cooperation with any authorities, institutions and individuals to achieve its objectives of curbing violence and upholding human rights.

VISION

To see Zimbabwe transform into a society that cherishes the pursuit and realisation of justice, freedom, peace, human dignity and development.

MISSION

To heighten the nation's socio-political conscience and senses of responsibility against violence and human rights abuses through information and practical interventions.

GOAL

To reduce violence and human rights violations through community-based and national monitoring, documentation of cases of human rights abuses, and making partnerships and alliances that tap the expertise and assets of local communities and local and regional organisations that will help the attainment of sustainable peace and democracy in Zimbabwe.

THE OBJECTS OF THE ZPP

- monitoring and documenting incidents of politically-motivated violence and human rights abuses
- To initiate and support projects which promote peace and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms
- To tackle political rancour and the tendency to commit violence and human rights excesses as a way of influencing electoral and political thought, and outcomes
- To initiate and promote public education concerning the benefits of pursuing, keeping and preserving the peace, social harmony and political tranquillity
- To identify victims of political violence and human rights violations and refer these to other institutions providing medical, legal, financial, moral or other support
- Giving out timely, well researched and authentic reports on cases of human rights violations to other organisations, stakeholders and any individuals or organisations that may want to use the information for other purposes
- Providing an early warning mechanism to catalyse action to deal with situations that are likely to lead to breaches of peace and human rights violations
- Influencing policy decisions on issues of peace and human rights through issuing of policy briefs
- Increasing networking with community groups and local, regional and international organisation dealing with issues of peace, human rights, conflict resolution and democracy

- Improving the capacity of our community-based monitors in areas of research, information gathering and reporting
- To investigate cases of political violence and the violation of fundamental rights and freedoms and institute legal proceedings

against offenders as a way of combating lawlessness and impunity. The proceedings can take the form of private prosecutions, court applications and actions.

VALUES

ZPP believes in and upholds the following moral principles and standards:

- Democracy and good governance
- Rule of law
- Probity & accountability of public office
- Factual & credible documentation of human rights excesses
- The protection of individual group rights and freedoms, and the human worth.
- Non partisanship and impartiality in dealing with situations of conflict and human rights abuses
- -Gender sensitivity and Equality of all mankind.

ACTIVITIES

The organisation is engaged in the following activities to achieve its goals:

- Monitoring all forms of violence and human rights abuse and collecting data on conditions, practices and policies which affect the human rights, freedoms, dignity and livelihood of people, e.g. the availability or otherwise of food;
- Recording and documenting cases of conflict and human rights violations;
- Networking strategically with other organisations able to assist victims and perpetrators;
- Conducting follow-up investigations to gather enough evidence to build up water tight cases for purposes of litigation;
- Ensuring that certain verified cases of violence and human rights violations are litigated and perpetrators are punished; as part of an anti-impunity drive through the courts
- Providing basic counselling services for both victims and perpetrators of violence and human rights abuses;
- Training monitors
- Referring of victims of violence and human rights abuses to organisations better placed to offer relevant assistance;
- Researching on causes, degree, effects of violence and human rights abuses, and ways of eliminating and avoiding conflict and human rights violations;
- Promoting dispute resolution and conflict management interventions;
- Issuing policy briefs to influence policy decisions deterring the culture or institution of violence and human rights abuses.

UNIQUENESS

The organisation's strength lies in the fact that it is perhaps the only permanent community-based civil society organisation with a country-wide grassroots presence. ZPP has two trained primary monitors deployed in each of the 120 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe.

The monitors are members of the communities within which they reside and work, and this gives ZPP the capacity to, among other things, 'sense' conflicts long before their symptoms spread.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The member organisations which formed the Zimbabwe Peace Project are:

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