

# ZPP MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT

OCTOBER 2023

## **The Round Up**

ZPP recorded incidents of partisan allocation of Pfumvudza / Intwasa agricultural farming inputs meant to boost Zimbabwe's food security and cases associated with civil political rights violations. The incidents continued to escalate despite the previous visits by the UN Special Rapporteurs on the Right to Food Ms Hilal and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of assembly and association Mr Clement Nyaletsosi Voule in 2019 and 2020. The denial of government aid to opposition supporters has been systematic to punish them for their political affiliation and the impact has been severe on livelihoods putting families at risk of hunger and malnutrition for exercising their political rights. ZPP recorded incidents where opposition Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC) polling agents and candidates were denied registration of inputs under the Pfumvudza / Intwasa scheme. In some instances, members of Zanu PF affiliate organisation Forever Association Zimbabwe (FAZ) hijacked government aid distribution programmes to ensure that only ruling party members benefited from the exercise. Cases were received in which traditional leaders were openly told by Zanu PF district leaders and some influential activists to deny food aid to opposition supporters to settle political scores. Those from the opposition CCC party were openly told to go and benefit from Chamisa. In other communities politics escalated to worrying levels of intolerance as some elected CCC Councillors were denied access to preside over government input programmes because of their political affiliation which was in violation of their right to administrative justice and their political rights. ZPP also received cases where losing Zanu PF local government candidates still exercised power and authority to sign, receive and distribute farming inputs in their communities vowing that traitors and sellouts cannot preside over government aid programmes.

### **Targeting of local election observers**

Taking us back, the road to the 2023 elections saw President Emmerson Mnangagwa invite local, regional and foreign observers to support Zimbabwe's democracy through election observation. The President set the tone which pointed that election observation was a welcome development in a country which seeks to strengthen democratic fundamental principles to promote good governance, human rights accountability and economic development. It is worrying to note that

local observers who were lawfully accredited by the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) found themselves being targeted for exercising their rights to freedoms of assembly and association. ZPP recorded cases where local election observers were targeted by Zanu PF supporters through evictions, threats to eliminate them and displacements. In Matabeleland North, on 14 October at Filabusi Centre in Insiza South, it was reported that members of Forever Associates of Zimbabwe (FAZ) identified as Comfort Zvandasara and Sindiso Siwela were threatening local electoral observers and opposition agents accusing them of trying to push for a regime change agenda. They reportedly made it clear that they were monitoring anyone who was an observer during the 2023 harmonised elections. In Uzumbamarambapfugwe Museka District., Privilege Mbofana and Faith Matumbwe who were local observers during the 2023 harmonized elections were being intimidated by Zanu PF Chairperson Mutsa Mbofana and Councillor Frank Tsikidzi. The political activists accused them of associating with the opposition CCC party. It is said that a meeting was convened on 16 October where they were interrogated for observing the 2023 elections. Mbofana and Tsikidzi questioned them why they did not seek permission from Zanu PF first to observe the elections before promising to punish them. Since then, the victims are reportedly living in fear and Privilege has since left the village in fear of her life. A case on the right to administrative justice was reported in Shamva North at Bata farm on October 1. Fadzai Muparutsa who was a local observer during the 2023 harmonised elections was threatened with eviction by Zanu PF district leaders Mr Muchowe, Libert Gadzino Muroyiwa, Blessing Mudede and Costa Kufandirori who accused her of aligning with the opposition CCC. Muparutsa who reportedly observed elections under the Institute of Young Women Development (IYWD) was told to choose between staying in the village and leaving the village with her family on misguided accusations that local observers are aligned to opposition political parties. A meeting was convened at Bata farm by the traditional leadership (village heads) and some ruling party members who concluded that Muparutsa should make a choice or leave the village with her family. Muparutsa's husband was also suspended from the party for allowing her spouse to observe the elections. In Mazowe West, Chenayi Phiri was displaced at Germ farm for observing the 2023 harmonised elections. Zanu PF chairperson Chinga Tsekwende reportedly threatened to kill Phiri and her family for observing the elections and the victims left the farm in fear of their lives.

## **Post-election period:**

The post-election environment was characterised by an increase in cases of abductions and assault, and targeting of opposition polling agents, candidates and supporters by suspected state security agents and Zanu PF activists. Former Member of Parliament (MP) for Mabvuku-Tafara, James Chidhakwa, was abducted and subjected to torture by suspected state security agents. Chidhakwa was later found dumped in Arcturus, injured with deep cuts and injected with an unknown substance before he was hospitalised. On 26 October, it was reported that Chief Njelele of Gokwe South district, called his headmen to give them an instruction to not accept any member of the CCC party in any development committees. The committees include people at the village, ward development committees, School Development Committees, and the community health committees at their clinics. On 27 October in, ward 32, Chatsworth in Gutu West, it reported that Gutu West Zanu PF activists led by Bhunga, severely assaulted CCC member Ms. Anna China. China, a resident in Ward 32 in Chatsworth, narrated that she was attacked by six men who were led by Zanu PF known activist Bhunga. Additionally, Zanu PF members destroyed Ms. China's clothes, house, and toilet doors. Ms. China reported the assault case at Chatsworth police station. A case on the right to personal security was reported in Headlands at plot number 41 Magura in Batanai. CCC activist Irvine Kahamba who was a polling agent in Headlands received anonymous phone calls from individuals threatening to harm him for participating in opposition politics. Reports indicate that following the anonymous calls, the victim was ambushed by 4 men suspected to be state security agents forcing him to abandon his home for some days. The incident was reported at Headlands Police station (RRB 519649).

## **CCC Factionalism**

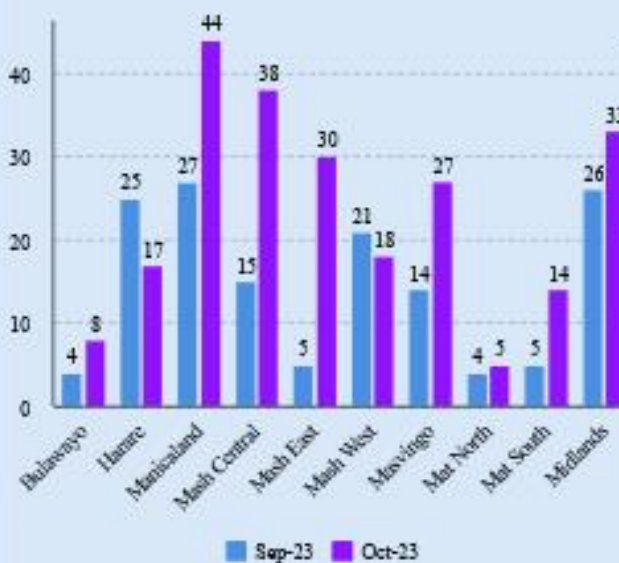
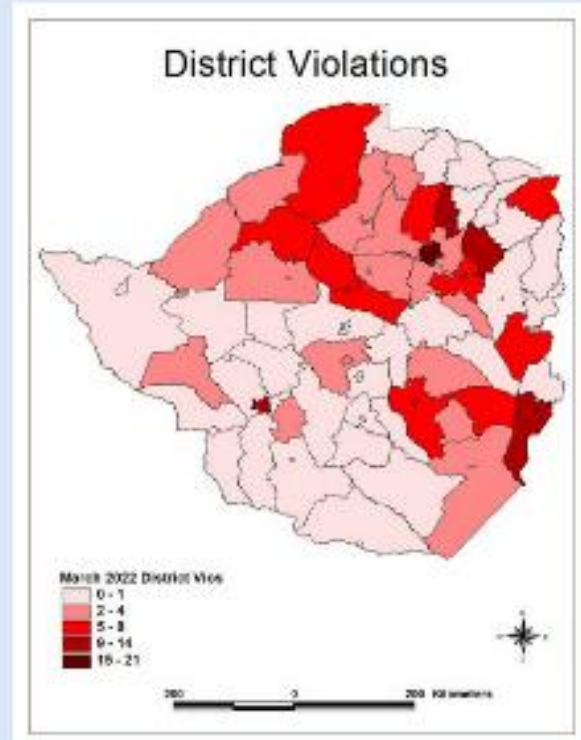
CCC factional raptures manifested post-election period following the recall of CCC legislators and councillors by Sengezo Tshabangu who claims to be the CCC Interim Secretary General. Tshabangu recalled 15 legislators and 17 Councillors saying the members had ceased to belong to the CCC party, however, the legislators disowned him saying that he was a Zanu PF impostor. CCC President Advocate Nelson Chamisa wrote to the speaker of parliament Honourable Jacob Mudenda in response to the development, in a letter purportedly sent to Mudenda on 11 September 2023

informing the speaker that, *“any correspondence regarding any CCC Member of Parliament listed was to be directed to his office”*. Chamisa alleged that the lawmakers' removal was part of an attempt by the ruling Zanu PF party *“to silence us.”* In a twist of events, on October 12 2023 Mudenda received a letter from Tafadzwa Manyika who claimed to be the Zanu PF's interim secretary-general advising him that 70 legislators had ceased to be ruling party members. The developments triggered an outcry on social media as citizens expressed mixed feelings with some sternly calling for the recall of Zanu PF legislators too. In a statement, former Norton legislator, Temba Mliswa, stated, *“Let’s leave the Speaker out of it,”* emphasising that Jacob Mudenda, the Speaker of Parliament, has no choice but to remove MPs aligned with President Emmerson Mnangagwa. The political crisis signalled a significant shift in Zimbabwe’s political landscape as President Mnangagwa announced December 9 as the date for the by-elections. CCC approached the courts to challenge the recalls.

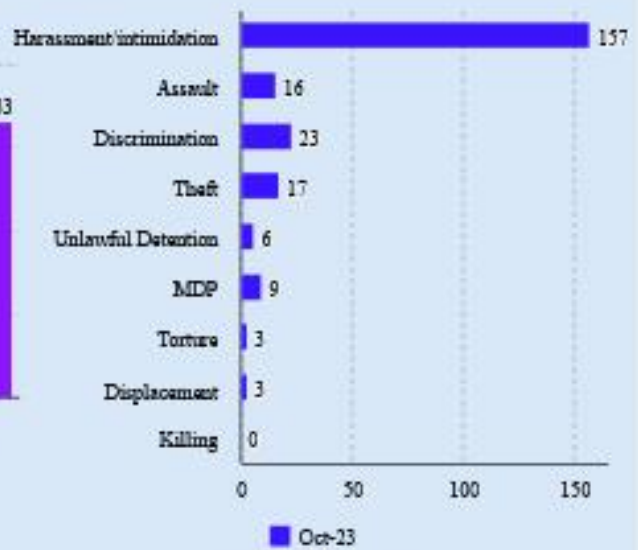
# Human Rights Violations Monthly Dashboard

Report time frame: October, 2023

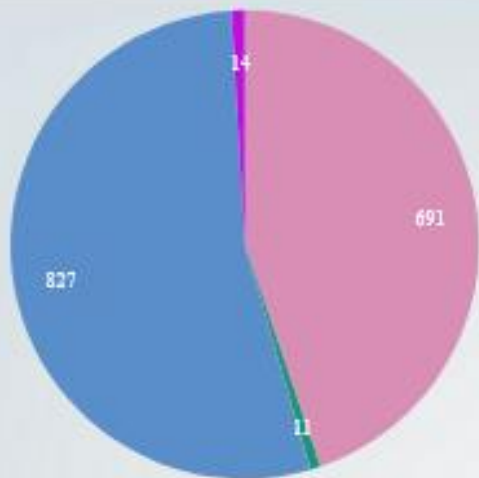
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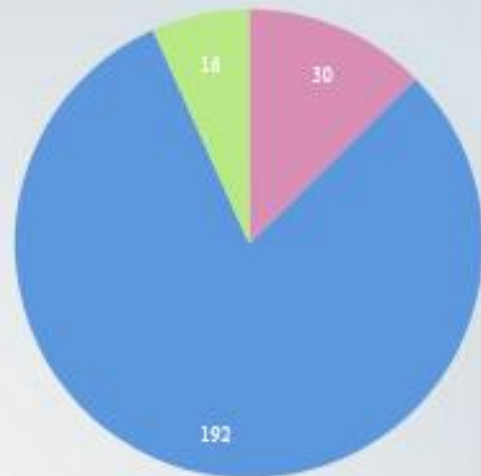


Types of Violations



Female (44.78%) Male (53.6%)  
Female PWD (0.71%) Male PWD (0.91%)

Gender of Victims



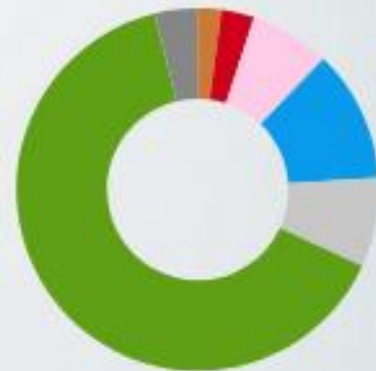
Female (12.61%) Male (80.67%) Unknown (6.72%)

Gender of Perpetrators



Zanu PF (1.43%) CCC (16.01%) General Citizens (82.31%)  
Traditional leaders (0.26%)

Victims Affiliation



State officials (2.1%) Traditional Leaders (2.94%)  
Unknown (7.14%) CCC (11.76%) ZRP (7.98%)  
Zanu PF (64.29%) FAZ (3.78%)

Perpetrators Affiliation



Masicaland (22.22%) Mash Central (22.22%)  
Mash East (11.11%) Mash West (22.22%)  
Mavungo (11.11%) Midlands (11.11%)

Food & Other Aid Violations



Zanu PF 2 CCC 5

Intra Party Violence



## Major Highlights

### Forced to attend the 25 October Anti-Sanctions March

ZPP recorded incidents where citizens were forced to attend the state organised anti-sanctions march on October 25. In Makoni Central, it is alleged that people were forced to attend the anti-sanctions. Reports say that Zanu PF district leaders in Makoni advised people to attend the march without fail. It is said that people were threatened with denial of pfumvunza agricultural inputs if they failed to attend the march. In Rusape town a family which came to process a death certificate of their late father reportedly spent part of the day sitting outside the Registrar's office as no one was present to assist them. It is said that vendors were forced to attend the anti-sanctions march organised by Zanu PF in Murehwa North at Murehwa Growth point. Zanu PF district leaders told all vendors at Murehwa growth point to close business and attend the anti-sanctions march at the business centre. It is said that all vendors had their personal details recorded to identify with those who will not have participated. Zanu PF youths were reportedly assigned to take down vendor's names, contact details, Id numbers, their village and address. Students from Murewa Mission, Hurungwe and Shalom colleges were also present in their numbers which was condemned by parents for politicising education. In Mazowe South Glendale people were reportedly forced to



attend the anti-sanctions march by Zanu PF activists around Tsungubvi bus terminus areas. Zanu PF youths sent by Legislator Mazungunye and other provincial members forced proprietors and vendors at Tsungubvi bus terminus areas to close business to attend the anti-sanctions march. The youths who were singing and chanting revolutionary songs threatened those defiant of their orders with assault hence many people attended against their will.

### **Attack of CCC Polling Agents**

ZPP has documented numerous instances of CCC polling station agents being harassed and intimidated. There are several documented instances involving harassment, assault, and forced evictions. It is alleged that CCC members who were polling agents during the 2023 harmonised elections were being intimidated by suspected state security agents in Headlands. Reports indicate that polling agents at Moodiesville primary school (ward 38), in Headlands (ward 6) have been visited by suspicious people at night moving in unmarked vehicles. Reports confirm that the untimely visits forced some of the victims to sleep in the bush in fear of being abducted. It is alleged that among the victims are some who lost employment after elections for supporting Chamisa. After Zanu PF's questionable victory in August 2023, opposition parties are still being persecuted for participating as candidates and polling officers. The majority of the perpetrators' identities and locations are known, yet the Zimbabwe Republic Police are doing little to apprehend them. ZPP advocates for the upholding of every citizen's human rights, regardless of any political affiliation.

### **Key Findings and Mitigation Measures**

#### **Abductions used as a tool for repression**

The number of abductions recorded by ZPP pre and post keeps rising despite the calls from CSOs and the international community to end the culture of enforced disappearances. It is worrisome to learn that state security agents and the ruling party are allegedly using abductions as a means of silencing opposition.

It is alleged that CCC spokesperson Promise Mkwanzani was chased by unknown armed people “all the way to their party office.” Posting on X on 16 October Mkwanzani said he had to seek refuge in the party offices while waiting for lawyers and journalists to arrive. He said that, “Gun-toting people chased him all the way to the party office and stationed at the gate for some time. In September, ZRP spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi said Mkwanzani was wanted for defaulting court proceedings over a case of public violence he was facing in 2020. In a statement, Assistant Commissioner Nyathi said the warrant of arrest was issued by Harare Magistrate Court on 22nd April 2020 for defaulting court proceedings. Mkwanzani later said on the social media platform X that he had fled the country because police wanted to detain him “for no crime other than speaking out against a sham election”.

#### Recommendations

1. ZPP urges the Zimbabwean government to act responsibly and ensure the perpetrators for enforced disappearances are arrested.

#### **Who should benefit from Pfumvudza?**

The discrimination of CCC supporters from receiving farming inputs under the Pfumvudza programme is questionable. There is an increase in CCC supporters being turned away and humiliated across the country and not being allowed to be on the beneficiary list. Despite the programme being for everyone, there has been biased selection based on political party affiliation. A case of discrimination was reported in ward 27, Chimanimani West at Munyoro village on 23 October. It is alleged that only Zanu PF supporters benefited from government rations during a community distribution of Pfumvudza inputs. It is said that only Zanu PF supporters benefitted 50kgs of Compound D, 50kgs AN Top Dressing and a 5kg bag of maize seed. The distribution was reportedly conducted by village headman Murahwa resident in ward 27.

1. CSOs should engage the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare when there are cases of partisan allocation of Pfumvudza inputs.

**Towards A Zimbabwe where there is Peace, Justice, Dignity and Development for All**

ZPP is a Non-Governmental Organisation that was founded in 2000 by a group of faith based and human rights NGOs working and interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives. ZPP has become a vehicle for civic interventions in times of political crises. In particular, ZPP

### **International Day of Peace Statement**

ZPP joined the rest of the world to commemorate the international day of the girl child on 11 October 2023. ZPP documented challenges that the girl child encounters in most communities. These include early marriages, sexual assault, gender-based discrimination, and lack of equal opportunities for the advancement of young women. ZPP is concerned with the abuse of the girl child across the country by some apostolic sect leaders who convince parents under the disguise of prayer and supplication while they stay with underage girls for days or weeks without adult supervision. It is essential to note the challenges that the girl children encounter in their communities. ZPP advocates the respect of girl's rights and creation of opportunities for young women to realise their full potential.

The Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, ZWALA and Amnesty International held an indaba on organised violence and torture on 26 October 2023 in Harare. The 1 and half day conference created a platform for advocacy in dealing with organised violence and torture as a tool of silencing women human rights defenders (WHRD). The event happened at the time that the Forum was commemorating its 25th anniversary since its formation. The Forum also took the opportunity to recognize the diverse and essential human rights work carried out by WHRDs, which makes them a cornerstone in human rights promotion. The Forum celebrated the WHRDs who continue to raise their voices in a world which is still based on patriarchal norms and misogynistic attitudes. The Forum noted that WHRDS have been, and remain an essential part of the human rights movement in Zimbabwe.

The activity created a platform for stakeholders to

- Discuss, celebrate, and recognise the great work done by WHRDs;
- Better understand how CSO/HRD protection mechanisms can tailor specific measures to Protect WHRDs;
- Actively promote a culture of self-care and collective well-being WHRDs; and

- Initiate conversations that promote the building of civic spaces that are conducive to Dismantling structural inequalities without restrictions or obstacles.

ZPP attended the commemoration and notes that it is crucial to promote a culture of tolerance within local communities and work towards a citizenry that engages leaders and collaborates to bring about positive peace. ZPP recommends the adoption of the following interventions to promote sustainable peace in Zimbabwe:

- The state must ensure that all citizens, regardless of political affiliation, gender, disability, or colour, can exercise their rights freely.
- According to their constitutional mandate, the National Peace and Reconciliation Commission (NPRC) must form alliances with relevant stakeholders to ensure positive peace prevails.
- CSOs should continue to engage influential leaders within the community, such as political leaders, in order to foster a culture of tolerance, coexistence, and to create an active citizenry that takes actions to promote peace, co-existence and create an active citizenry that takes actions to promote peace.

### **Special Focus**

In the month of October the special focus area focused on equality and non-discrimination, political rights, property rights, personal security and right to administrative justice.

### **Right to Personal Security**

ZPP recorded 15 cases related to the violation of the right to personal security. Harare recorded 4 cases and Matabeleland North recorded a case.

It is alleged that CCC activists were assaulted by police officers from the CID department during a funeral of the late CCC activist Gift Kawayuja in Mazowe South along Glendale highway. Reports indicate that CCC activists who had attended the funeral to pay their last respect for their member clashed with a police officer who was related to the deceased resulting in chaos. Members of the Police CID department summoned reportedly arrived and started beating CCC members clad in

party regalia. CCC activist Amos Banda was reportedly among other victims who were bashed by the police. The incident happened on 4 October 2023.

Section 52 of the Constitution states that every Zimbabwean has the right to bodily and psychological integrity, which includes the right to freedom from all forms of violence from public or private sources. Articles 3 and 5 of the UDHR recognise that every person has the right to personal liberty and security, and this is supported by Article 6 of the ACHPR.

### **Equality and Non-Discrimination**

ZPP recorded a total number of 20 cases related to the violation of the equality and non-discrimination rights. Mashonaland Central recorded 5 cases each, the highest number and Harare recorded one case, the lowest.

On 21 October 2023 community members converged at Chiweshe Primary School in Goromonzi South ward 20 to receive Government subsidised inputs under the Pfumvudza program. The distribution reportedly started well just after lunch but was abruptly stopped when Zanu P.F political commissar for the district identified as Kagonye stopped the distribution and ordered the distribution committee to suspend the program and give him time to address the gathering. Kagonye said that only those who voted for Zanu PF are entitled to receive the inputs. He pulled out a cell register which he handed over to the Agritex Officer for use for distribution of rations. This did not go well with the distribution committee queried with him for some time. Following the conflict Kagonye went on to call names of people perceived to be CCC supporters and ordered them to vacate the venue. They were openly told to go and benefit from inputs from Chamisa. There was chaos and a report was made to ward Councillor Mrs Musekiwa and the District Development Coordinator (DDC) for Goromonzi district who allegedly promised to look into the matter.

Section 56 of the Constitution states that every Zimbabwean has the right not to be treated in an unfair and discriminatory manner on such grounds as their nationality, race, colour, tribe, language, class or political affiliation among others. According to Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the right to equal treatment requires that all persons be

treated equally before the law, without discrimination. This is supported by Articles 2 and 3 of the ACHPR.

## **Political Rights**

ZPP recorded a total number of 20 cases in which the political rights of citizens were violated. Midlands 6 cases which recorded the highest number and Bulawayo, Masvingo, Matabeleland South, Matabeleland North and Mashonaland West had the lowest with a case each.

A group of Zanu PF youth activists besieged the home of CCC activist Elisha Chodewa singing revolutionary songs and threatened to assault him for his political affiliation. The incident happened in Murehwa North at Chinake village in ward 16. It is said that the irate youths demanded the presence of Chodewa accusing him of campaigning for CCC President Nelson Chamisa and CCC aspiring Councillors Mr J Gondo and K Nyabinde. The incident was reported on 10 October 2023.

Section 67 of the Zimbabwean Constitution states that every Zimbabwean citizen has the right to form, join, and to participate in the activities of a political party or organisation of their choice, to participate, individually or collectively, in gatherings or groups or in any other manner, in peaceful activities to influence, challenge or support the policies of the Government or any political or whatever cause.

## **Right to administrative justice**

In the month of August, ZPP recorded 17 cases of right to administrative justice. Manicaland has the highest number with 7 cases and Mashonaland West and Bulawayo had a case each.

A case on the right to administrative justice was reported in Mazowe West ward 25 at Rivers farm on 1 October. It is alleged that Zanu PF District Chairperson Johannes Kapangama, Youth Chairperson Admire and Makomo (party activist) confiscated villagers' land and pegging stands to unsuspecting community members at \$1500 USD per stand. Reports indicate that the trio sold the stands to Zanu PF Youths, some from Mwenje district on disguise that the move was approved by the ruling party's District Coordinating Committees (DCC).

Section 68 of the Constitution stipulates that every Zimbabwean has a right to administrative conduct that is lawful, prompt, efficient, reasonable, proportionate, impartial and both substantively and procedurally fair.

## **Right to Education**

In the month of September, ZPP recorded a total of 5 cases of right to education. Mashonaland Central recorded 4 cases and Harare recorded one case.

A case on the right to education was reported in Mazowe Central at Nzwimbo primary school in ward 8. Reports confirm that Nzwimbo Primary School in Chiweshe was sending children home over non-payment of fees which was against government policy. The School head was only identified as Mrs Gore. It is said that pupils were being denied access to class-rooms over outstanding fees.

The United Nations (UN) Agenda 2030 sustainable development goal number 4 (four) advocates for inclusive and equitable quality education which promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all and is in line with the national legislative framework in Zimbabwe. Section 75 of the Zimbabwe Constitution says, 'every citizen and permanent resident of Zimbabwe has a right to – (a) basic State-funded education, including adult basic education'.

## **Provincial Outlook**

### **Manicaland Outlook**

Manicaland province recorded cases on the right to administrative justice and incidents of intimidation targeting opposition CCC supporters. In ward 32, Headlands on 24 October, it is alleged that members of Zanu PF affiliate group Forever Association Zimbabwe (FAZ) namely Noel Rusamu Mabika and Tafadzwa Nyangombwa went at Maungwe Investments run by Makoni Rural District Council and implored the management to terminate the contracts of John Francis Mhengi, Anyway Kampiwa and Johanne Chitowa who were CCC polling agents during the August 23 harmonised elections. Reports indicate that the rural district council management told them to put their complaint in writing and submit it formally hence, the activists allegedly left promising to hand over an official letter signed by their district leaders. Intimidation was reported in Headlands at plot number 41 Magura in Batanai. CCC activist Irvine Kahamba who was a polling agent in Headlands received anonymous phone calls from individuals threatening to harm him for participating in opposition politics. Reports indicate that following the anonymous calls, the victim was ambushed by 4 armed men suspected to be state security agents forcing him to abandon home for some days. The incident was reported at Headlands Police station (RRB 519649). In other reports, Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC) members who were polling agents during the 2023



harmonised elections are being intimidated by suspected state security agents in Headlands. Reports indicate Tapiwa Nyamugure and Tafadzwa Zenda who were polling agents at Mooresville primary school (ward 38), Freddie Madzinga, Alec Mavhurume, Taurai Kapompa, George Sadindi, Divine Murinzi who were polling agents Headlands (ward 6) have been visited by suspicious people at night moving in unmarked vehicles. Reports confirm that the untimely visits have forced some of the victims to sleep in the bush in fear of being abducted. It is alleged that among the victims are some who lost employment after elections for supporting Chamisa.

### **Mashonaland West Outlook**

The province recorded cases of partisan distribution of government aid with perceived opposition supporters being threatened with denial of pfumvunza farming inputs. A case of discrimination was reported in Hurungwe West Mashuma ward 17 under Chief Nyamhunga's jurisdiction. It is alleged that Zanu PF Central Committee member Cde Member Mutinha told ward 17 villagers that registration of Presidential inputs will benefit Zanu PF members only. Addressing a ward 17 budget consultation meeting at Sengwe Primary School Cde Mutinha was quoted saying, "masabhuku endai munonyora vana vemusangano pamberi vatanga kuwana, tichange takamura pamota ye fertilizer tichitorera ma triple C" meaning villages heads must compile lists of Zanu PF supporters only and we will be deployed at distributions for CCC members not to benefit. There was partisan distribution of farming inputs in Hurungwe West Magunje on 22 October 2023. It is alleged that Zanu PF activists Nickson Mandere (former Councillor), Concilia Mudimu (women's league), Cosco Matamba (FAZ) Madhobha (youth chairperson) went to the GMB and signed for Pfumvunza inputs. Reports opine that the inputs were supposed to be signed for by CCC ward 23 Councillor Jingura Chamunorwa. It is alleged that after receiving the inputs, the ruling party activists distributed the inputs to ruling party members only. The case was reportedly escalated to the DDC for a resolution. In other reports, intimidation was reported in Hurungwe West Chakari at Milverton business centre in ward 13. Josphat Makina was intimidated and harassed by Zanu PF activists John Khumalo and Steven Kurete. The incident happened on 1 October. It is said that the perpetrators accused Makina of wearing Themba Mliswa's regalia at Milverton business centre. Makina was further forced to appear before the Zanu PF Branch executive chairperson Mr Givemore Watch for disciplinary action. Mr Watch reportedly forced him to burn his T-shirt.

### **Mashonaland East Outlook**

In Mashonaland East, intimidation was reported in Mudzi North at Muguwamadzi village in ward 10. Zanu PF activists Never Kufakwemba (District Chairperson) and Elias lampion (Chairperson) reportedly forced a widow to chant Zanu PF slogans accusing her of supporting the opposition CCC. Reports indicate that the duo intimidated her in full view of community members saying she must denounce the CCC party first before submitting her name for registration of pfumvunza inputs. The victim was reportedly made to sing revolutionary songs and chant ruling party slogans

before registration. In Mudzi North ward 11 on 22 October, Zanu PF ward Councillor Mr Katsande and Mirisi, a member of FAZ, promised to compile names of all opposition CCC members in ward 11. The duo reportedly warned villagers that they will submit the list of local clinics to ensure that no opposition supporters will access health care services. Katsande was quoted saying he wants all CCC members to denounce their party before they face eviction from the area. In Wedza North ward 14 on 20 October, Zanu PF youths Shingai Majaya and Cde Chikifiyo threatened to assault villagers accusing them of voting for the opposition CCC in ward 14. Reports indicate that the youths went village by village questioning people why CCC got more than 60 votes at Felse primary school polling station. The duo reportedly warned villagers that they were still in the process of identifying culprits who voted for CCC citing that they will be punished for being sell-outs. The initiative reportedly left many people living in fear.

### **Harare Outlook**

Harare recorded cases associated with civil and political rights violations. A case on the right to personal security was reported in St Marys Chitungwiza ward 5 at Chigovanyika shopping centre on 7 October. It is alleged that anti-riot police assaulted city dwellers and other citizens who were drinking alcohol whilst loitering around beer-halls. The incident was reported on 7 October. It is said that many people were assaulted with batons around 1am for loitering at night. Some of the victims identified as Mr Matsvange and Tatenda Kambaza were assaulted by the police. On 20 October Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC) activists Cuthbert Chokururama and Trust Chiripa were brutally assaulted during a community stakeholders meeting convened in Chitungwiza North Seke Ward 9 area close to Ziko community. Reports say that suspected Zanu PF youths armed with machetes disrupted the stakeholder meeting on allegations that it was a political meeting. The perpetrators reportedly attacked CCC known activists Chokururama and Chiripa before leaving them with serious injuries. The CCC Welfare department confirmed the incident and said the victims were hospitalized following the attack. ZPP is in possession of the images showing the nature of the injuries sustained by the victims. On 16 October Harare West Legislator Joana Mamombe and Deputy Finance Minister Kuda Mwangagwa were almost involved in a knuckle fight in parliament. The incident happened following tensions over the recall of 15 CCC legislators Sengezo Tshabangu who claims to be the secretary general of the party. On the day that CCC legislators caused chaos in parliament and MP Joana Mamombe had a confrontation with President Mwangagwa's son, Kuda Mwangagwa. In a video which went viral on X, Mwangagwa held Joana Mamombe in the midst of the melee. The enraged female MP turned, threateningly pointed a water bottle at him as she shouted. The deputy minister in turn pointed at her to calm her down. Another female MP was spotted confronting Mamombe before violently shaking her and Mamombe retaliated, almost smashing her with a water bottle before intervention of other legislators.

### **Mashonaland Central Outlook**

Mashonaland Central recorded incidents associated with socio-economic rights and civil political rights. On 13 October, Zanu PF Ward 7 Councillor Mr Masango reportedly convened a meeting in Mt Darwin West at Chiwira primary school advising village heads to deny Pfumvunza inputs to all Citizen Coalition for Change members. The meeting was held on 13 October 2023. Masango was quoted saying, “no presidential inputs for all CCC members” He further assigned village heads present not to include names of CCC supporters on the lists of beneficiaries. In Mt Darwin East at Nyamazizi village in ward 14, villagers were being threatened with arrest for failing to pay hut tax. It is alleged that Zanu PF ward 14 Councillor advised village heads to warn their subjects that those with outstanding payments risked facing arrest or having their farms confiscated. He further advised village heads to tell their subjects that \$5.00 USD was required per household towards hut tax without fail. In Guruve North, a Zanu PF activist identified as Mr Meki went around Chivanga village in ward 19 recording names of perceived CCC members. Reports indicate that the Meki claimed that he was compiling the lists of opposition CCC members to ensure that they don't rations from government programs. It is alleged that Rodwell Kubvunya's name was included on the list of those being targeted. The incident was reported on 1 October 2023. There was partisan distribution of Pfumvunza agricultural inputs in Mazowe South Glendale at Vonabo farm in ward 18. CCC activist Nyarai Makazhu was denied fertilizer and maize seed by Zanu PF Councillor Kenny Mudzeka. It is said that during a community distribution of inputs held at Vonabo farm, the victim found her name missing on the list of beneficiaries. Only perceived Zanu PF supporters went away with a 50 kg bag of Compound D and a 10kg bag of maize seed. The incident happened on 10 October 2023.

### **Masvingo Province**

There was an increase in unfair distribution of agricultural inputs like Pfumvudza and presidential schemes. Opposition parties particularly members of the Citizens Coalition for Change (CCC). In Charamba village ward 20 of Zaka South, it was reported that Jonathan Marangarire was denied agricultural inputs for Pfumvudza on the basis that he is an opposition supporter. Allegedly, this was done by ZanuPF activists identified as Mujera Charamba and Annah Matsvimbo. During the distribution of the inputs, ruling party activists were telling opposition supporters particularly those of Citizen Coalition for Change to go and receive aid and inputs from Nelson Chamisa. A similar case was witnessed at ward 17 Cherechere training centre of Zaka Central where it was reported that ZanuPF leadership led by Hodha Pfuwai, Mrs. Mabhurazi and Tavonga Muzvimwe convened a meeting where all village heads submitted names of the citizens to benefit from the food distribution. The trio gave a directive that only ZanuPF activists should benefit from the

scheme. Opposition members were excused from the meeting. The trend of unfair distribution was also recorded when ward 1 councillor Kudakwashe Mutami received lists of names to receive inputs from village heads. He told all people gathered at dure business centre that he will write names of beneficiaries who attend ZanuPF meetings only. Partisan distribution of GMB inputs has started. In Mwenezi East ward 5, it was reported that Zanu PF activists identified as Shamhuyashe who is the agricultural assistant in ward 5, was the one who was collecting the names for that seedling program. However, the new elected councillor in ward 5 David Masvina told Shamhuyashe to strictly write those who support Zanu PF and leave those who supported CCC or even showed any signs of wanting to be part of CCC during previous elections. Tofara Ndawana was deliberately omitted from the list as he is a known opposition supporter.

Political intolerance, intimidation and harassment against members of the Citizens Coalition for Change were on the rise. In ward 33 of Masvingo West, it was noted that ZanuPF activists identified as Thomas Mhlanga was forcing citizens to attend a ZanuPF gathering at King Mine in Masvingo. He said only those who would have attended would be allocated maize seed and those that fail to attend will not get anything. In ward 33 of Masvingo West, it was reported that a ZanuPF activist identified as Mr. Dzimba visited King Primary School and threatened to expel all teachers. It is alleged that Dzimba told the school authorities that he had the power to expel teachers as the school harboured Citizen Coalition for Change activists (CCC). He further noted that they all needed to be punished as they did not turn up in the clean-up campaign that was organised by the district.

Two cases of assault were recorded at ward 6 of Gutu West, where it was reported that Ben Mumanyi, was physically attacked by a Zanu PF member identified as Tirivanhu Mbirimi. It is said that Mbirimi had warned Mumanyi to withdraw his candidature for standing as Citizen Coalition for Change as Member of Parliament. The assault case was reported to the police. At ward 32 in Chatsworth of Gutu West, it reported that Gutu West ZanuPF activists led by Bhunga, severely assaulted CCC member Ms. Anna China. China, a resident in Ward 32 in Chatsworth, narrated that she was attacked by six men who were led by ZanuPF known activist Bhunga. Additionally, Zanu

PF members destroyed Ms. China's clothes, house, and toilet doors. Ms. China reported the assault case at Chatsworth police station.

## **Midlands Province**

In the Midlands province, there was an increase in the violations of political rights and freedom of association and assembly. At Mkoba Constituency, it was reported that Desmond Shumba and Philani Dube of Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC) exchanged blows after a disagreement over the imposition of candidates. It is said that Shumba became too critical of Amos Chibaya the current MP for Mkoba that he has overstayed as a Member of Parliament and further imposed candidates. This angered Dube who lost his temper and accused Shumba of working with Sebenzo Tshabangu—a self-styled CCC Interim Secretary General who has recalled many sitting MP's. A similar case was recorded at Muchaka Business Centre of Chiwundura constituency, where it was reported that Collen Banda of ZanuPF assaulted Joseph Siziba of Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC). It is said that Banda accused Siziba for ZanuPF being defeated and denounced as government after the SADC summit following the disputed August elections. Siziba reported the matter to the Zimbabwe Republic Police. In Samabwa village ward 6 of Zhombe Constituency, it was reported that John Zviito of Citizen Coalition for Change was harassed and intimidated by six ZanuPF activists led by Sham Zinyoro. Zviito was warned by ZanuPF activists that they needed to burn his homestead to punish him and his family.

Equality and non-discrimination violation cases were also noted. At ward 11 of Gokwe Nembudziya, it was reported that a ZanuPF activist identified as Farai Matura warned citizens that they should desist in attending meetings convened by the Citizen Coalition for Change. Matura further said CCC members are dogs that just bark with anything meaningful to offer. Chief Njelele of Gokwe South district, called his headmen to give them an instruction to not accept any member of the CCC party in any development committees. The committees include those at the village, the ward development committee, School Development Committee, and the community health committee at their clinics. This is a violation as these committees have a direct bearing on their lives because if the committees do not deliver on its mandate and no development it affects not only the people sitting on the committees but also those who were left behind.

Partisan approaches in the distribution and registration for Pfumvudza/intwasa scheme were witnessed when members of the Citizen Coalition for Change were either denied or struck off from the registers. At ward 6 of Zhombe constituency, it was reported that village heads identified as Gotosa deprived Mavis Ncube, Anna Shoko, Tellme Dube and Amis Phiri their maize allocation from the food distribution program. It is said that Gotosa told them that they were not eligible as they failed to attend ZanuPF meetings in the previous month. In Gokwe Chireya ward 4, it was reported that Michael Tupe told the community that the presidential farming inputs, maize seed, and fertilisers were only meant for ZanuPF supporters. He further excused the opposition supporters and told them to go to Nelson Chamisa. Thomas Dube is among those that got deprived.

### **Bulawayo Province**

Bulawayo Province has been a hot bed following recalls of 15 Citizen Coalition for Change MP's by Sengezo Tshabangu. The heightened fissures in the CCC, has led to some violations being recorded in the province. At ward 23 of Phelandaba-Mpophoma constituency, it was reported that Desmond Mahlangu of Citizens Coalition for Change assaulted Thulani Dube for stating that Nelson Chamisa had badly handled the affairs of the party. It is said that Mahlangu punched Dube several times in the face. The matter was reported to the Zimbabwe Republic Police. At ward 1 in the Central Business Unit, it was reported that Bulawayo Municipal Police (BMP) manhandled Mandla Siwela, Anna Moyo and Stanlake Moyo as they were confiscating property to some vendors who are said to be operating illegally. Allegedly, the BMP manhandled the trio, confiscated the property, and later arrested them. While it is true that some vendors are operating illegally, there was no point in manhandling them.

### **Matabeleland North Province**

The province witnessed intense political intolerance orchestrated by Zanu PF activists. The moves were meant to punish and frustrate members of the Citizens Coalition for Change. In Tsholotsho North, it was reported that Zanu PF activist and war veteran Clement Mkandla threatened to demolish the School Development Committee of Gwaai Primary School on the basis that it is

flooded with members of the Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC). Allegedly, Mkandla also threatened to organise a militia to beat up Cabangani Ncube who was elected as the Chairperson of the school. Politicisation of school positions has been on the increase in the area. Also, at ward 5 Heany Junction of Umguza, it was reported that a ZanuPF activist identified as Delani Moyo intimidated villagers that those that worked with Queen Maligwa of Citizen Coalition for Change will be removed from the villages. Moyo made this announcement during the village meeting stating that all villagers at ward 5 are all supporters of ZanuPF hence anyone that supports the opposition party risks being removed from the land.

### **Matabeleland South Province**

The month of November recorded an increase of human rights violations. Violation of political rights targeting members of Citizens Coalition for Change. In ward 23 of Insiza North constituency, it was noted that Zanu PF activists identified as Sikhanyisiwe Nkomo was going around intimidating and threatening citizens that those that failed to vote for her will be removed in the area. Nkomo lost a council seat to Nomusa Moyo of Citizen Coalition for Change. Allegedly, Nkomo has instructed all individuals who benefited from her campaign materials to deliver them back to her or face expulsion from the area. A similar case was recorded at Mnyabezi D village it was reported that Zanu PF chairlady known as Lillian Sibanda told the community members that going forward anyone seen wearing a Citizen Coalition for Change regalia risk being beaten and have their homestead set ablaze. Sibanda made these remarks following the widespread talk of CCC demonstration ahead of the said SADC summit. At Filabusi Centre of Insiza South, it was reported that members of Forever Associates of Zimbabwe (FAZ) identified as Comfort Zvandasara and Sindiso Siwela were threatening the electoral observers and opposition agents for trying to push regime change. They made it clear that they are monitoring anyone who was an observer. There is a continued witch-hunt of observers from the members of FAZ.

Unlawful detention targeting a member of the Citizen Coalition for Change (CCC). At ward 5 Sibomvu village of Umzingwane constituency it was noted that Dumisani Sibanda a known



opposition supporter was unlawfully detained at Esigodini police camp for 6 six hours after being accused that he drove without a licence. He was later accused of being a known Citizen Coalition for Change activist. The case was conveniently twisted to further frustrate Sibanda. The continued shrinking operating space was recorded at Sigodo of Gwanda North growth point where a war veteran identified as Kenny Ndlovu intimidated Ukuthula trust members who were preparing to exhume remains of a war veteran who was murdered by the Fifth brigade. As the Ukuthula trust were beginning their work he approached them and said that was unlawful. He phoned the police and in about 30 minutes a truck loaded with CIO, police in uniform and PISI arrived and started interrogating members of Ukuthula trust, but finally Chief Mathema intervened leading to police leaving but work was stopped yet to resume.

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