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PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN ZIMBABWE

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ABOUT ZESN

The Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) is a coalition of 30 non-governmental organizations formed to co-ordinate activities amongst these organization focusing on elections and electoral support in Zimbabwe. The primary objective of the Network is to promote and strengthen democratic processes in the country, with special attention being focused on creating an environment conducive for the conduct of free and fair elections. It also seeks to ensure that the electoral process is open, transparent, credible and inclusive and conducted according to internationally acceptable standards, as reflected in the SADC Electoral Principles and Guidelines.

ZESN's Vision is a Zimbabwe where a democratic electoral environment and processes are upheld

This is supported and substantiated by its Mission Statement that declares:

To promote democratic elections in Zimbabwe

The objectives of ZESN are:

- To enhance citizen participation in issues of governance and democracy.
- To promote democratic free and fair electoral processes through objectively and impartially monitoring and observing elections.
- To promote the creation of legal framework and election culture for free and fair elections.
- To effectively gather, disseminate and communicate objective information about elections and other democratic processes.

Values

In pursuing its vision, mission and objectives, ZESN is guided by the following values:

- Democratic, Free and Fair elections
- Secrecy of the ballot
- Democracy
- Mutual respect and tolerance
- Respect for human rights
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Peace
- Informed citizen participation
- Non-discrimination
- Gender equality
- Gender sensitivity
- Non-partisanship
- Honesty
- Independence
- People oriented
- Credibility
- Impartiality

Activities

In order to achieve the above objectives, members of the Network are grouped into taskforces, which implement activities all over the country with secretariat coordinating the work.

ZESN focuses on the following activities

- Election Monitoring and Observation
- Public Outreach
- Research and Advocacy
- Media and Information
- Networking and Capacity Building

Chairperson's Annual Statement



Tinoziva Bere

This year ZESN celebrates 10 years of not just existence but of service to this country in the quest for free and fair elections. I start by acknowledging the founders, the long serving team members, all predecessor board members, the long serving members and our partners and stakeholders. Without your varied support ZESN would not be who it is today. ZESN is now entrenched in electoral democracy history and practice of this country, and is known and respected in the region, the continent and the world. Congratulations all and thank you very much. May you all continue to take pride in ZESN and its values for yet another decade.

Operating environment

The year 2010 was generally peaceful largely due to some level of political tolerance brought about by the GNU. This environment enabled ZESN and other CSOs to undertake programs in places which had hitherto been labeled "no go" especially in the rural areas. Unfortunately the promise of the GNU has remained a promise with very limited progress on implementation of the agreed terms. Instead of faithfully implementing the agreed reforms, the parties to the GNU resumed intense political rivalry and bitter political contestation leading to non-implementation of even agreed issues and polarization and hatred that rendered the environment unfit for elections which became the theme song of most political debates.

ZESN led this debate and consistently researched the environment and published its findings that the environment was not conducive for free and fair elections. ZESN also intensified its lobby for legislative reforms to the law governing

the conduct of elections. The year ended with engagement with authorities over the state of the Voters' Roll and minimum conditions for holding of free and fair elections.

ZESN has consistently advised and cautioned against rushing into elections without addressing the following preconditions:-

- **Peace guarantee:** by addressing issues of past violence, hate language and hate media, the apparatus of violence, the risk of future violence and the failed national peace building effort.
- **Freedom:** The need for freedom of political choice/activity, movement, speech, media and repeal of all repressive laws. There are so many repressive laws and some known institutions that hinder free political and electoral participation.
- **Constitutional, Electoral & Legislative Reforms:** the need to make progress on agreed and seriously delayed constitutional, electoral and legislative reforms to create a better electoral environment. Under these would be ZEC Mandate and Resources. ZESN has urged that the newly constituted ZEC be given a full Constitutional mandate to control and run all electoral instruments and processes. ZESN urged that the Voters' Roll be given to ZEC and that the Commission be given adequate resources to undertake internal reform and capacity building in order to be ready to effectively and independently run all electoral processes.

- **State Institutions:** ZESN continued to advocate for fundamental institutional reform as a key to restoring lasting rule of law. ZESN urged that reform be done to ensure that State Institutions and or their heads resume their non-partisan professional roles and support rather than undermine democracy.

As the year progressed repression intensified as did selective prosecution of political activists as well as human rights defenders. The year ended with ZESN firmly convinced that the conditions on the ground militated against the holding of free and fair elections.

Overview of ZESN board's work

When I joined ZESN I assumed that the work of the board involved merely independent and fearless leadership. I was correct save that that was not all. As each year has come I have realized that the demands upon the board are ever changing. In the year under review the board at its annual retreat started review of the organisation's constitutional framework in order to ensure that the next 10 years are founded on a solid constitutional and policy framework. The board also started to meticulously review and address staff welfare and regulatory framework through an independent job evaluation. We are confident when completed this exercise will result in a more transparent staff structure that values the team correctly, motivate them more and responds to the ever changing needs of ZESN. We are also confident the more demanding self-review of our constitutional framework will respond adequately to member needs and concerns as well as clarify and improve board oversight and policy making role. We are pleased to have started and are excited at the prospects.

Parallel to all this "internal house-cleaning", as I termed it, was an intensive electoral sector leadership role. We sought and achieved review of past electoral activities, review of the electoral cycle, identification of programming gaps in the electoral cycle, common understanding of minimum conditions for holding of free and fair elections in Zimbabwe, creation of common specialization clusters and mapping and planning the entire sector. The best part was we were able to do this with

practically every Civil Society Organisation that has worked on or is interested in elections. Not only did we bring together the members, we also brought to the table non members, professionals, academia and our partners.

At the same time as we looked outside of ZESN, the board increased its oversight over management and programmes and adopted a strategy to objectively and professionally address challenges while maximizing ZESN's strengths. A lot continued to be achieved in programme delivery throughout the year despite limited resources. The board commends Management and staff for prudence and diligence in utilization of resources. I am also pleased to report that as in previous years our audit preparedness and audit reports continue to improve. In spite of a delay in establishment of a recommended committee system by the capacity assessment report, the board continues to seek increased accountability through the Management Committee and the recent reaffirmation of the Treasurer's Constitutional role.

Conclusion

In conclusion I note that ZESN remains as relevant as when it first opened its doors. As I said at the start, ZESN celebrates a decade of service to the cause of free and fair elections in Zimbabwe. The times we live in may make us feel like the work is only beginning, but the wealth of knowledge and the skill and track record that ZESN wields today is a 10 year investment of value to the immediate and long term future of this country. ZESN is as relevant today as it was 10 years ago and our cause is as urgent today as it was when we started 10 years ago. With no team, board, membership and funding partners, this would have been impossible. Thank you to all for a successful 2010, a successful ten years.



Tinoziva Bere
ZESN Board Chairperson

Director's Annual Report



Rindai Chipfunde Vava

As ZESN reaches a decade of promoting democratic elections in Zimbabwe it is with joy that I reflect on the achievements of the organisation over the years. ZESN was born out of the need to standardize the approach and methodologies to election monitoring in Zimbabwe with the view of lobbying for the creation of the best operating environment for free and fair elections. ZESN has continued to grow in terms of election observation experience having observed elections in a number of countries including the Cambodia, Indonesia, Sudan, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Uganda, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Nigeria, the DRC, Malawi, Madagascar, the Ivory Coast and Guyana among many other missions.

The operating environment for the year 2010 was a continuation of the fairly peaceful environment that prevailed in 2009. The GNU remained shaky for the greater part of the year and the situation became more complex with pronouncements of early elections in 2011 at the conclusion of the constitution making process. ZESN noted with concern the harassment of human rights activists and members of society especially during the constitution outreach process which saw some politically motivated disturbances as parties sought to push their agendas in the constitution document. ZESN together with the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR) and the Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) carried out a monitoring exercise of the constitution making process through the ZZZICOMP project which rounded up operations in October 2010.

The call for early elections meant that the country automatically

switched into election mode as the various political parties began posturing regarding the elections. ZESN continued to call for robust electoral reforms before the country can hold the next elections. To this end our four major programming areas worked tirelessly and achieved notable success in conducting workshops, public meetings, conducting researches and position papers. In celebrating the network's decade of existence the organisation produced a documentary chronicling the successes and challenges of ZESN since its inception. The documentary was shown at the 7 Arts Theatre in November during the 10th Anniversary celebrations.

In 2010 ZESN engaged in dialogue a number of critical stakeholders through meetings, workshops and conferences in order to present our findings and lobby for our positions regarding critical reforms. ZESN managed to set up meetings with parliamentarians, the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission and other partners as part of the drive to conscientise them on our minimum conditions for free and fair elections and also to get vital input for our programming activities.

ZESN Programming

The Monitoring and Observation project was involved in a number of projects in the 2010. To bring awareness on issues of political finance and its implications on the electoral process the programme held a political finance think tank and subsequently held a month long pilot study on the subject. Long Term Observers were also trained under the programme on a number of issues including political parties finance monitoring. The programme was also able to write analysis papers that focused on the proposed electoral amendments by

political parties. The Media and Information department remains the hub of information that is impartial and objective on election and good governance related issues. There were a number of activities including a training workshop for editors and journalists whose objective was to equip the media practitioners with election reporting skills and to keep them informed on the activities of ZESN. A number of statements were issued and flighted in the print media. Our ZESN website also remained an important tool for information dissemination.

For the Public Outreach programme attention in the first half of the year was dedicated to sensitizing citizens on the COPAC constitution outreach programme for the new constitution through workshops and public meetings. The department through various fora took a number of pertinent issues to the public for debate and deliberation including Zimbabwe's preparedness for the forthcoming elections, the proposed systems of governance, electoral management bodies and electoral systems and peace building and conflict transformation. The Research and Advocacy branch of the ZESN programming undertook a lot of activities in 2010 and the most notable of these were the papers on Special voting, Systems of Governance and the Voter's Roll Observation which sought to investigate the currency and completeness of the country's Voters' Roll. ZESN sampled 102 wards and we have made recommendations to the Government, ZEC, political parties and the international community on the findings of the study. The department also hosted a 2 day conference on how CSOs can collaborate on issues around the electoral cycle, as well as provincial workshops on enhancing the participatory capacities of civic society organisations in the Constitution making process in Zimbabwe.

Conclusion

In retrospect, the year under review is noteworthy for our achievements as a team. Despite not been an election year, 2010 proved to be very busy with numerous workshops, public meetings and conferences being organised. Some members of the secretariat represented the organisation on various

regional and international observation missions such as the Kenyan referendum, the Zanzibar election and the Sudanese election among other missions.

I acknowledge the role that our funding partners continue to play as we pursue our various activities in line with our mandate and strategic vision. I am also grateful to the ZESN membership for their resilience in achieving the objectives of the organisation even when faced with daunting challenges. The direction and leadership of the ZESN Board and Management Committee is priceless as it has capacitated us to remain vibrant and relevant in carrying out our duties. I commend the ZESN secretariat for the sterling work that they have done for the organisation in the past decade putting in extra hours when the need arose to ensure our ability to deliver on our goals.

Looking into 2011 with the likelihood of elections it is imperative that ZESN gears itself for the work ahead in observing the elections and the referendum on the new constitution. This report chronicles the many activities that the organisation carried out in 2010 and it is my expectation that the highlights, impact indicators, challenges and successes recorded therein will afford the reader a greater understanding of the work we do as ZESN.

We remain committed to advocating for the holding of credible, democratic elections in Zimbabwe. ZESN celebrates the end of the first decade anchored by our values which include; Democracy, Accountability, Credibility, Impartiality and Transparency.

Thank you



Rindai Chipfunde Vava
ZESN National Director

Monitoring and Observation Programme



Barbra Nyangairi
Monitoring & Observation Programme Officer

Introduction

The Monitoring and Observation programme has the mandate of observing elections and closely monitoring political developments. The department had a number of exciting events to monitor during the course of the year. The constitution making process particularly the outreach process which was monitored in collaboration with Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) and the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZHLR), was a novel experience for the programme. In addition to monitoring the constitution making process, the programme had 45 long term observers deployed in remote and rural areas particularly those where violence and intimidation of magnitude was experienced in the previous elections.

ZESN also provided commentary and analysis on political developments such as the call for elections that began earlier in the year and intensified as the year came to an end. The organisation introduced a new component to its monitoring efforts through the introduction of training in political finance monitoring. In addition, the organisation continued to monitor political developments in the country and serves as credible information of political and electoral related developments in the country.

Activities

From January to December 2010 the following activities were carried out by the programme;

A political finance think tank

A workshop was organized to bring awareness on political finance issues and implications of political finance in electoral processes. The workshop brought in experts in political finance

and drew experiences of monitoring political finance from Kenya and South Africa.

Methodology workshop with Electoral Resource Persons (EROs) in political finance

The workshops objectives were to come up with a methodology for monitoring political finance in Zimbabwe. Participants shared experiences of political finance issues they felt were important to be monitored. By the end of the workshop, a checklist on monitoring political finance had been agreed on.

One month pilot study in political finance monitoring

After LTOs had been trained in political finance, a one month pilot study was conducted. The pilot was meant to provide insights into the data collection tool and its usability for monitoring political finance. The pilot was hugely a success as the observers were able to report on 2 political party events and one government event.



Participants at the Political Finance Workshop

Review workshop in political finance monitoring

A one day review workshop was conducted to review the instrument for monitoring political finance.

8 Training workshops for long term observers in political finance

In order to increase on the issues long term observers report on, ZESN organized workshops to train long term observers in political finance. The workshops provided participants with in-depth knowledge of political finance and its role in electoral processes. 8 workshops were conducted and 270 long term observers have been trained on political finance and general observation of electoral processes to date.

Report collection from long term observers (LTOs)

The organisation continued to collect reports on political developments in the 45 constituencies. The period was characterized by a number of activities such as the constitution making process, political parties' activities and meetings. Through the collection of LTOs' reports ZESN was able to bring out issues that were affecting citizens as they took place in these constituencies such as human rights abuses, the abuse of state resources among others.



ZESN secretariat conducting an election for the Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition

Production of 9 Ballot updates

ZESN continued to produce the monthly Ballot Updates, which provided analysis of current political developments in the country. The updates remained a source of information on electoral issues and were constantly referred to in the media, civil society and other stakeholders.

Production of analysis papers

The organisation was able to write two analysis papers that focused on the proposed electoral amendments by political parties and the new ZEC. The production of these analysis papers helped to put these proposed reforms into perspective as the implications were spelt out and how these proposals would positively and negatively affect the conduct of elections in Zimbabwe.

Impact

The Ballot Updates continue to be a reliable source of information as shown by reference to them in various media. Another impact indicator was the invitation of ZESN to present papers on electoral issues in Zimbabwe, in the region as well as in international forums. ZESN proposals for reforms have influenced policy as a number of proposals we have made have been adopted and have affected electoral laws to a great extent. ZESN has also continued to be relied on as a reference point for electoral information.

Challenges

The political environment has been relatively open this year, which has provided space for monitoring and observation activities to be done without many disruptions.

Funding constraints led to failure to deploy long term observers in all the 210 constituencies was a challenge for the programme as we were not able to provide political developments in all representative constituencies of Zimbabwe.

The political developments in the country have been unpredictable such as the delays in the start of the constitutional outreach process which when it eventually began, led to the disruption of training of 270 long term observers in political finance scheduled for June and July 2010 which resumed in September to December 2010.

Conclusion

To a greater extent ZESN was able to achieve the objectives set in its strategic plan. The programme was able to gather data on political developments from constituencies which were processed to credible, useful and relevant information which could be used in decision making by stakeholders. The changes in Zimbabwe's political system require that the organization remains alert and versatile in order to remain relevant.



Ndodana Ndlovu
Bulawayo & Matebeleland Field Officer

Public Outreach Programme



Emma Chiseya
Public Outreach Programme Officer

Introduction

The constitution making process, one of the deliverables of the GNU, provided an opportunity for ZESN to intensify its civic and electoral education in order to enhance informed peaceful citizen participation in the outreach programme. ZESN through its Public Outreach programme dedicated the first half of the year 2010 to sensitizing the Zimbabwean community mainly through community workshops, on the importance of participating in the constitution making process. During the second half of the year the activities carried were in pursuance of the public outreach programmes's overall objective of enhancing citizen participation in issues of governance and democracy in an environment where peace and political tolerance prevails. The majority of the workshops and public meetings were particularly organized for rural and poor urban populations as these are normally starved of non partisan and credible information.

Outreach activities were particularly targeting women, youth, the differently abled and traditional leaders as well as workers. These were conducted by trained community based educators, national and provincial taskforces, and ZESN field and programme staff.

Activities

Material design workshops

On the 15th of March the Public Outreach department together with the Media and Information programme conducted a material design brainstorming workshops in Harare with participants drawn from the national taskforces and members of the ZESN secretariat. ZESN also organized a two day strategic retreat for material design in May 2010. The workshop was attended by participants drawn from the ZESN Board and the Secretariat.

Below is schedule of training workshops held

Date	Provinces targeted	Venue	Attendance
26/01/2010	Mashonaland Provinces	Jameson Hotel, Harare	35 participants 20 male 15 female
15/04/2010	Masvingo, Manicaland and Midlands	Flamboyant Hotel, Masvingo	35 participants 26 male 9 female
26/04/2010	Matebeleland South, North and Bulawayo	Rainbow Hotel Bulawayo	36 participants 25 male 11 female

Materials production and dissemination

During the period under review ZESN produced and distributed 5 000 wall calendars for 2010, distribution was done through the ZESN membership, workshops and public meetings. 30 000 flyers and posters were also produced and distributed widely. ZESN also distributed other information, education and communication materials that were produced by Legal Resources Foundation, Crisis Coalition and the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights on the constitution making process.

Supplements and Media Adverts and cartoons

ZESN produced a supplement on Zimbabwe's preparedness for elections which was flighted in various private print media. Adverts were also inserted in national and provincial papers and other sector specific newspapers such the Worker which targets and ZCTU affiliate members and the weekly Agenda which is mainly distributed in Matebeleland region. A cartoonist was commissioned and he produced cartoon strips that were inserted in the print media.



Participants during a workshop conducted by ZESN in Mashonaland East Province

Training of community educators

ZESN conducted three provincial refresher workshops for community educators. A total of one hundred and six (106) trainers drawn from selected rural constituencies were trained. Seventy one (71) were male whilst thirty five (35) were women. The purpose of the training was to improve their understanding of electoral systems, systems of governance, electoral management bodies as well as to enhance their facilitation and community mobilization skills and to enhance their appreciation of the need for electoral reforms, co-existence, peace and collective participation. The workshops were also used as a platform to share with the community educators, skills on safety procedures.

Community workshops and pre-workshop field visits

During the period under review, ZESN successfully conducted 106 community based workshops around the country, reaching out to 5034 participants (2139 females and 2895 males).

Participants'

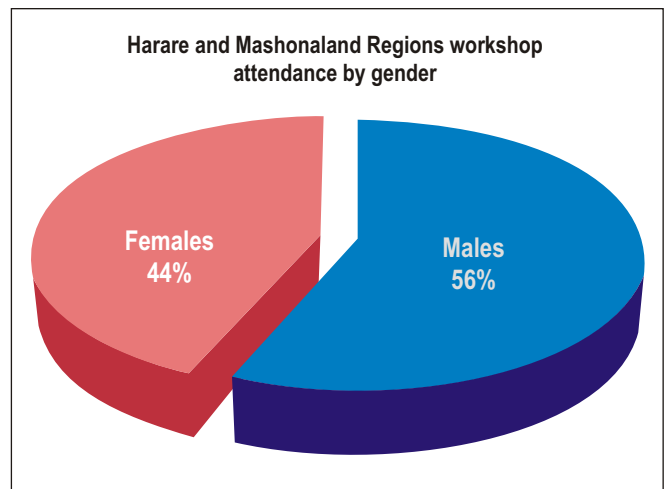
Participants were drawn from a cross section of community leadership and specialized groups such as the youth, women and the disabled. Others included the representatives of political parties, academics, churches and war veterans.

Content

The discussion topics included citizen participation to help participants understand their role as citizens, background to the constitution reform process, different types of electoral systems, systems of governance and models of election management bodies. The concept of conflict transformation and its causes and solutions were discussed.

Citizen Participation

In all workshops, the participatory approach was used by the facilitators and this gave each individual an opportunity to contribute during the workshops. Participants were able to identify different ways through which citizen participation is manifested in their community and also the many challenges they face regarding developmental, social and political issues.



Publicity Campaigns

ZESN exhibited at the NGO-Expo at Harare Gardens in August and at the IDEAS festival held in Bulawayo. During the expositions ZESN publications were distributed including flyers, caps and t-shirts were also distributed.

Seminar on Social Media

In November Public Outreach and the Media and Information programmes of ZESN hosted a one-day Global Social Media and Democracy Seminar at the Bronte Hotel in Harare. Participants were drawn from UK, South Africa and Sweden. The seminar was transmitted via live Skype video conferencing to the other three countries enabling the live exchange of information among the participants in all four countries.

Summary of activities by Region

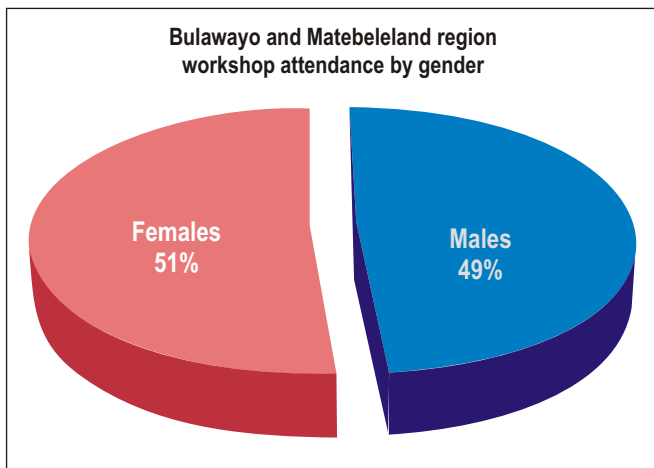
Harare and Mashonaland Region

A total of 49 community workshops were conducted in Mash West, Central, East and Harare. Participants per workshop ranged from 38 to 104. 1827 people were reached through workshops 799 being female and 1028 male.

In addition, 11 public meetings were held in one Mash West, one Mash Central, one in Mash East and eight in Harare. Attendance ranged between 50 and 80. More than 15 000 flyers were distributed during the Community Workshops and up to 4000 distributed during the Public meetings. The flyers were translated into Shona language. The messaging on flyers between January-August encouraged participation by offering information on Possible Systems of governance, Possible Electoral Systems and Election Management Bodies were distributed during the workshops to participants. In the last quarter, the flyers incorporated Special Voting procedures.

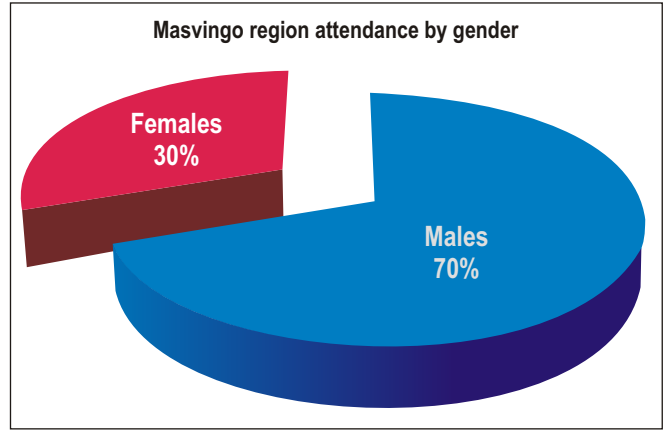
Matabeleland Region

Thirty-five (35) workshops were conducted in the region. Total number of participants reached 1999, more specifically 973 males and 1026 females. The workshops targeted community leadership from different political backgrounds, youth, war veterans in resettlements, and women leaders.



Masvingo, Manicaland and Midlands

There were twenty (22) community workshops conducted in the provinces. The workshops targeted the general public, churches, community leadership from different political backgrounds, marginalized communities, youth, and women. A total of 1208 people were reached through workshops 367 females and 841 Male).



Six (6) public meetings were held reaching 1486 people (961 males and 525 females)

Successes

The department managed to surpass the planned 100 workshops and conducted 106 workshops and 20 community-based public meetings throughout the year with the organization getting acceptance from traditional leaders. Owing to the general peaceful environment ZESN managed to penetrate areas that were frequented by civic organizations where relevant materials were distributed.

The constitution making process presented an opportunity for in-depth civic education on the matter and the deliberations were well received by traditional leaders and local political party leaders especially councilors and Members of parliament. The police were quick to issue clearances in support of the programme ahead of the call for elections. Their attendance in large numbers also indicated their willingness to learn and contribute during the workshops.

Challenges

There were a number of challenges including the continued existence of repressive Laws such as the POSA which hindered the organization of workshops and public meetings. Entrenched positions based on political lines are still visible in some areas and this made it difficult for other participants to contribute freely. The polarized nature of the environment led to accusations from political parties regarding the non-partisan

work of ZESN. The partisan status of some traditional leaders, police officers, governors affected the smooth flow of some meetings and workshops that the programme organized.

The participation and contribution of women during workshops was very low in relation to their heavy presence at these meetings. Field officers faced a lot of challenges especially in accessing police clearances hence pre-visits need to be increased to circumvent these challenges.



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Masvingo, Manicaland and Midlands Field Officer



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amongst the targeted communities. The degree of appreciation for diversity has increased in the areas where the workshops were held as can be seen by the numerous requests for ZESN to reach out to more people.

Attendance in all workshops was good and in others overwhelming.

Recommendations

There is need to continue lobbying and advocating for the repeal of POSA and other repressive laws as they have a bearing on outreach workshops and meetings. Youth need to be engaged more especially with the idea that they can be agents of peace. There is also need to translate educational material to other local languages other than Shona and Ndebele.

Conclusion

Recognizing that elections are a process and not an event, ZESN through the programme will continue to use the time in-between elections in engaging the populace so that they reflect and review the environment of the previous election as well as prepare for future elections. Most importantly, it allows for people to talk about election-related issues in a more relaxed setting because campaign periods tend to be intense and are often associated with intimidation and fear. The enthusiasm of the people during the workshops was very encouraging. ZESN will continue to draw lessons from previous efforts done in order to continue to thrive and reach many Zimbabweans.



ZESN Billboard erected in Graniteside, Harare

Impact

Relationship with the police, traditional leaders, District Administrators steadily improved. There has been a marked increase in awareness and knowledge in governance issues particularly electoral systems, peace building and tolerance

ZIMBABWE ELECTION SUPPORT NETWORK <i>Promoting Democratic Elections in Zimbabwe</i>			
SUMMARY OF STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES OF ELECTORAL SYSTEMS			
ELECTORAL SYSTEM	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING
Proportional Representation (PR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes inclusivity: it allows other political players, minority groups and sub-groups within society to be represented in parliament. PR was clearly, particularly relevant in 2008 for a coalition of all of the parties. It promotes power sharing (i.e. consociational governance). It makes possible practice of gender representation within parliament. It enables women of votes because every vote counts. It promotes high turnout. It encourages high turnout. It encourages high turnout. It encourages high turnout. It encourages high turnout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The possibility of dysfunctional government due to incapacity at the level of debate. PR encourages unnecessary delay in decision making especially in coalition governments. Principle of accountability is not grounded. Proportional system often may mean over-representation of political parties which may lead to instability of the electoral system. PR encourages and delays the release of election results. Delivers a lot of power to the party because party divides at the list. Concentrates too much power in the hands of the leaders. Party takes precedence over the MP. Difficulties in crossing the threshold of 10%. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening of the administrative system to support PR system. Need for a mechanism that supports PR system such as party competition in constituencies, and party allocation of representatives to constituencies and party allocation of representatives to constituencies. Publicising party constitution. Promotion of civic education.

Research and Advocacy Programme



Runyararo Munetsi -
Research & Advocacy Programme Officer

Introduction

The year 2010 was not without its challenges. Though democratic space opened up human rights defenders continued to be arrested and incarcerated. As the year moved on, the Principals to the Global Political Agreement (GPA), began to talk about having early elections in 2011. The debate about elections intensified to the point where SADC intervened and instructed the South African President- Jacob Zuma to come up with a road map for elections in Zimbabwe. There were tensions, within the GPA especially concerning the slow pace of implementation of outstanding issues.

However, in spite of from these challenges ZESN managed to carry out its planned activities. The organization through the Research and Advocacy programme continued to advocate for electoral reforms in view of the constitutional reform process and any impending elections. ZESN's view remains that an enabling environment and the right legal framework are key elements to facilitate the conduct of credible elections.

Activities

Public Meetings

ZESN embarked on public meetings to discuss electoral systems. Representatives from four political parties, namely (ZANU PF, ZAPU and the two MDC formations) were invited to each meeting to make presentations on their preferred electoral system. The public meetings were conducted in Matobo South (Omadu Motel), Gwanda Central (Gwanda Hotel), Luveve Constituency (Luveve Beit Hall), Beitbridge East (Social Club) and Lupane East respectively.

Public meetings were also conducted with the theme: *Zimbabwe's Readiness for Elections*. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss about the state of preparedness of the country in view of elections. The meetings were targeted at the public and representatives from political parties, churches, youth, women and civic society were invited as speakers at these forums. These meetings were conducted in areas such as Shurugwi, Chiredzi, Mutare, Masvingo, Mufakose and Chivhu.

Collaboration with EISA

In March the Electoral Institute of Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) in partnership with ZESN conducted provincial workshops in 5 provinces in Zimbabwe namely Harare, Masvingo, Mutare, Gweru and Bulawayo under the theme "Enhancing the Participatory Capacities of Civil Society Organizations in the Constitution-Making Process in Zimbabwe". The workshops' main objective was to discuss various thematic issues in order to make meaningful contributions from an informed basis in the drafting of the new constitution. Each workshop targeted at least 25 individuals drawn from civic group operating in the provinces.

The workshops focused on six main themes which included;

- The Founding Principles of the Constitution, Citizenship and Bill of Rights
- The Media
- Women and Gender issues
- Children's Rights
- Systems of Governance
- Electoral Systems

Voters' Roll Audit

In order to evaluate the quality of the Voters' Roll, ZESN conducted a comprehensive audit of the roll, using a sample size of 2500 wards. The Voters' Rolls were purchased from the Registrar- General Office and ZESN managed to obtain rolls for all the 10 provinces which were ward based in two and a half months. A total of 24 Research Assistants were trained and deployed in the provinces to conduct the research. Three tests were used during the research namely: Computer test, People to List and List to people tests. These have clear distinctions regarding the potency of both tests. Computerized tests help to identify duplication of names, people missing and partial data whereas the field tests are used to identify fictitious names, the deceased, people who have changed their names and those who have moved.



Research assistants who carried out the audit of the voters' roll

List to People

This methodology involved randomly selecting names on the Voters' Roll according to the sample and verifying whether the people existed and that their details were recorded accurately in the Voters' Roll. This method proved to be more difficult in the urban areas because of the high mobility of tenants and some selected individuals were suspicious and questioned why their particular names had been picked. In the rural areas, wards cover a very large area with virtually no roads, hence the research assistants failed to access and even locate the homesteads of some of the individuals selected.

People to List

The methodology involved first selecting and interviewing voters and then verifying their data on the Voters' Roll. This method was much easier to implement as no specific households or individuals were targeted.

Workshop on the funding of Political Parties

On the 23rd of March 2010 ZESN conducted a workshop on the Public Funding of Political Parties at the Holiday Inn in Harare. Approximately 35 participants from civic society, academia, political parties (namely, ZANU PF, MDC-T, MDC-M, Mavambo and ZANU Ndonga) and parliamentarians attended this crucial workshop. The following topics were covered;

- International Overview of Party Finance

- Political Party Finance monitoring: The Experience of the Coalition for Accountable Political Financing (CAPF) in Kenya
- Party Finance in South Africa: A comparison
- Public Funding of Political Parties in Zimbabwe

Consultative Meeting with Parliamentarians

On the 13th of December 2010, ZESN conducted a workshop on voter registration methodologies, with the Parliamentary Legal Committee, Portfolio Committee on Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs and the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Home Affairs at the Holiday Inn Hotel. The purpose of the meeting was to disseminate findings of the voters' roll observation conducted by the ZESN.



Hon Paul Madzore at a meeting for parliamentarians hosted by ZESN at the Holiday Inn Harare

Minimum conditions for free and fair elections

ZESN developed a set of key demands or minimum conditions for free and fair elections, for use as an advocacy tool. These are:

1. A Conducive Political and legal environment
2. An accurate and complete voters' roll
3. The Reform of ZEC, Electoral Act and full resourcing of ZEC
4. Early deployment of local, regional and international observers
5. Freedom of the Media

Consultative Meeting

On the 1st of December 2010 the department conducted a consultative meeting with civil society organizations, at the Crowne Plaza, Hotel. The workshop was a pre-dissemination meeting of a study conducted by ZESN on the voters' roll.

Position Papers

ZESN produced four position papers during the course of the year. These were distributed widely to policy makers, government officials and stakeholders.

The four position papers were on the following topics:

- Zimbabwe's Preparedness for elections;
- The Case for External Voting in Zimbabwe: Policy Reform for External Voting for Zimbabweans Resident Abroad;
- An Analysis of the Referendum Act: Chapter 2:10; and
- Minimum Conditions for Free and Fair Elections.

Lobbying Meetings

During the course of the year ZESN conducted local and regional lobbying meetings. The purpose of the advocacy meetings was to lobby for electoral reforms. Some of these lobbying meetings were held along the sidelines of other meetings and workshops. ZESN also managed to send a delegation to Namibia to lobby for free and fair elections. They were able to meet representatives from other civic society organizations. ZESN also participated in the Roundtable on Zimbabwe and at the end of the Summit was able to come up with a communiqué.

Achievements

The securing of the voters' roll for all the 10 provinces was an achievement. The successful completion of the voters roll audit was a major success given the unpredictable political landscape.

Challenges

During the voter's roll audit some of the respondents were not willing to produce their identity documents in order to safe

guard their security. Some rural areas were inaccessible due to the appalling state of the roads. The Public Order Security Act (POSA) hampered activities and was used in some instances to thwart ZESN's activities. ZESN on a number of occasions was instructed to obtain clearance from the Provincial Administrator or District Administrator. Some political party agents at times banned ZESN from conducting its activities.

Lessons Learnt

ZESN noted that there is more impact if the organisation works and collaborates with other institutions. The organisation has also noted the need to continue engagement with Members of Parliament as the key proponents of reform in the country. There is need to target more communities, especially the special needs groups who are often marginalized.

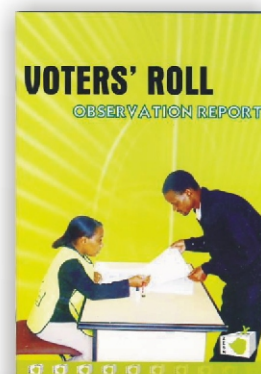
Impact

The public meetings proved to be very effective. The questions and responses coming from the floor showed that the citizens were hungry for information. People argued that they did not even know that voting had a system and that electoral systems produce different results. Everywhere participants called for more public meetings. They urged ZESN to make sure that every Zimbabwean gets the knowledge before the constitution making process.

The voters' roll audit report was effective. ZESN was able to conduct consultative meetings with Members of Parliament and with the ZEC.

Conclusion

The year 2010, though turbulent and challenging, saw ZESN making inroads in certain areas and also forming new partnerships. The highlight of the year was the Voters' Roll Observation Research which assessed currency, accuracy and completeness of the voters' roll. In 2011 ZESN through the Research and Advocacy programme hopes to intensify lobbying for a conducive environment for credible elections.



Voters' Roll Observation Report Produced by ZESN in 2010

Media and Information Programme



Ellen Kandororo - Dingani
Media & Information Officer

Introduction

The media operating environment is still void of any significant reforms with polarization of the media being the order of the day. The Zimbabwe Media Commission has not effected any momentous reforms that will allow for unbiased and independent media in Zimbabwe.

Although the Global Political Agreement recognized the importance of the rights to freedom of expression and communication, the media in Zimbabwe generally remains muzzled. The licensing of new newspapers was welcomed by many but still remains insignificant given the current polarization that characterizes the media rendering media freedoms inapt and also negatively affecting the role of the organisation in information dissemination. Meaningful reforms to the Broadcast media are still a dream as no new players have been licensed. The absence of new broadcast media houses has negatively affected the dissemination of unbiased and credible information.

The Information department carried out a number of activities to fulfill its mandate of disseminating reliable and credible information to the electorate. ZESN continued to attend to a number of inquiries pertaining to elections and democracy related issues.

Despite repeated calls by the civil society and other relevant stakeholders for the repealing of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA) which has stifled the media operating environment, the law is still in place. AIPPA's

continued existence remains a violation of the fundamental the right to freedom of expression.

ZESN continues to express concerns over the hindrance caused by the repressive Public Order and Security Act (POSA) and Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (AIPPA) and the apparent lack of political will to repeal these laws.

Activities

Election reports

There were no elections that were held during the period under review though by elections are due in 20 constituencies that is 12 in House of Assembly constituencies and 8 Senatorial constituencies. These were initially held in abeyance because of the agreement between the three parties to the GPA in Article XXI of the Global Political Agreement.

Press conferences

A press conference was held at Ambassador Hotel when ZESN gave its position on elections. A press statement on the position of the network on elections was also issued.

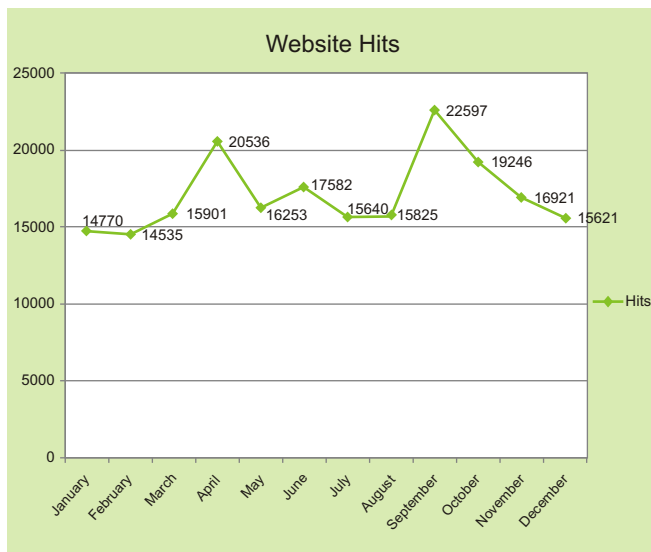
Website and e-mail

ZESN moved its email server from Linux, Fedora to Microsoft Exchange which is more user-friendly and more effective. The website Homepage was revamped and all old reports such as the 2008 Election report and all 2008 updates were moved to archives.

Below are the Website hits for the period January to December 2010

Month	Visits	Unique Visits	New Visitors	Hits
January, 2010	4 671	732	732	14770
February, 2010	4 376	982	721	14535
March, 2010	5,958	964	709	15901
April, 2010	8 819	987	661	20536
May, 2010	7 926	995	621	16253
June, 2010	8 507	841	466	17582
July, 2010	5 713	971	589	15640
August, 2010	5 947	846	656	15825
September, 2010	6 996	974	372	22597
October, 2010	8 077	1072	481	19246
November, 2010	8 155	959	486	16921
December, 2010	7 132	842	507	15621

Below is the graphical presentation of the website hits for the period under review, the slight decrease in hits during mid year resulted from the movement of the server from South Africa to the USA:

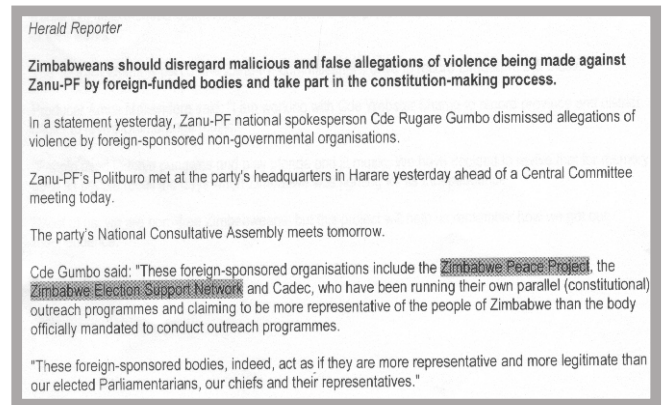


Resource centre

The programme continued to maintain and manage the resource centre with new books being continually catalogued and inquiries being attended to regarding material in the resource centre. Inquiries came in from university students on materials relating to electoral systems, other civil society organisations and the general public who have an interest in election and democracy related information. The department has also assisted Members of Parliament and students with books, journals and materials for desktop research.

Statements and alerts

A total of six statements were issued out, (2) on the continued prosecution of ZESN's staff member Mr. Lovemore Ndlovu on allegations of illegal convening a workshop in Hwange in October 2009. ZESN also produced several statements on the barring of ZESN from holding a workshop in Mbire, ZESN's position on the call for elections, a statement on minimum conditions for free and fair elections, a comment on the proposed electoral reforms and lastly a statement by the CSOs who attended the ZESN conference held in Vumba. Two alerts were produced, on updating ZESN members about Lovemore Ndlovu's case which was still pending in the courts and his subsequent acquittal.



ZESN received some negative publicity over its activity of monitoring the constitution making process

Publicity campaigns

Two supplements on electoral reforms proposals were produced highlighting priority areas and giving ZESN's position. Another supplement on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the network was also produced and flighted in the print media. The supplement chronicled the journey of ZESN over the past decade and also gave highlights of the 10th anniversary celebrations held on the 17th of November at the 7 Arts Theatre where the ZESN anniversary documentary was also shown.



Kevin Maenzanise
Media & Information Programme Assistant

Exhibitions

ZESN participated at two exhibitions during the course of the year; the NANGO NGO Expo which was held at the Harare Gardens from the 16th to 21st of August and the Bulawayo Ideas Festival from the 7th to the 10th of October. The exhibitions presented an opportunity for ZESN to distribute its publications to members of the public who visited the stand.

Annual report

500 copies of the 2009 Annual report were produced and widely distributed to all ZESN members and partners. The report delved on the work activity of the ZESN programme areas which are; Monitoring and Observation, Public Outreach, Research and Advocacy and Media Information and the financials for the year 2009.



Some of the journalists who attended ZESN's workshop for Journalists & Editors held in August 2010

Journalists' workshop

A training workshop for journalists and editors was held at the Carribea Bay Hotel in Kariba from the 26th - 27th of August. The objective of the workshop was to provide a platform for journalists to review the 2008 elections and reflect on specific issues relating to electoral reforms in the country. The workshop attended by 40 delegates including ZEC chairperson Justice S Mutambanengwe, NGO Forum Director, MISA Director, Prof John Makumbe, ZESN Board Chair and members of the secretariat. The workshop received wide coverage from both the public and private media on the issues and positions discussed.

Social Media Global Seminar

ZESN conducted a one day seminar on the social media and how CSOs in Zimbabwe can use it as a tool for collaborative work with colleagues in the Diaspora. With the development of the internet structures taking shape in Zimbabwe the social media might prove to be a valuable tool in the work of CSOs in reaching out to the Diaspora and the grassroots levels.



Live video conferencing during the social media seminar held in November 2010

10th Anniversary Documentary

As ZESN celebrated its 10th anniversary the programme organized the celebrations at the 7 Arts theatre with a launch of a documentary entitled "Striving for Democracy a ZESN Documentary". The documentary chronicled the challenges, successes and experiences of the organisation over the past 10 years. The Swedish Ambassador Mr. Anders Liden was the guest of honour at the event which was also graced by other members of the diplomatic corps, Ministers, Members of Parliament, ZESN members, partners, CSOs, media practitioners and ZESN's service providers, ZESN's current and former employees among many other respected dignitaries.



ZEC Chairperson- Justice S. Mutambanengwe addressing journalists at the Kariba Workshop

Impact

Through the dissemination of information ZESN has not only remained relevant and reliable as a source of credible electoral information to the media and other stakeholders but has also managed to equip the public with information on pertinent issues. The organisation also continues to receive positive feedback from the electorate and stakeholders through various media such as email, phone calls and letters.

ZESN through the issuance of press statements and press releases made its position clear on issues pertaining to elections in Zimbabwe.

The resource centre and the website have also remained critical in the dissemination of information with the department attending to a number of inquiries. Information materials were lent out to those who inquired including books, reports, journals, research papers, ZESN publications and manuals.

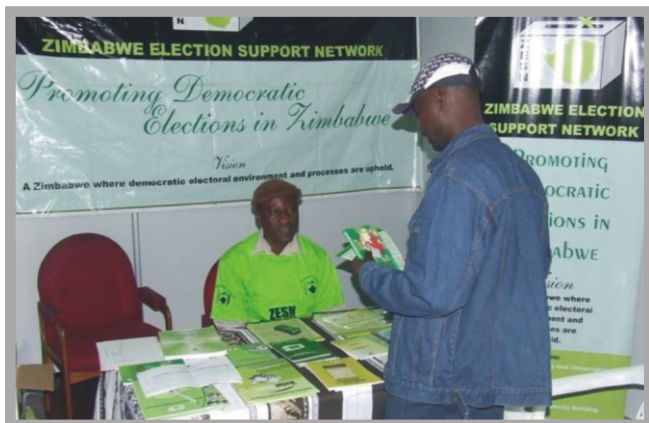
ZESN continues to enjoy relative positive coverage from the independent media and has managed to maintain good working relations with the media through timely provision of information when required. ZESN was also invited to present papers at various fora on issues pertaining to elections and democratic process and also provided timely information to the electorate.



Harare & Mashonaland Field Officer Solomon Bobosibunu attending to inquiries at the 2010 Harare, NGO Expo

Challenges

While it is worth noting that the environment remained generally peaceful at the start of the year there were no significant reforms in the media fraternity which meant that aspects of polarization and bias continued in the local media. This presented a challenge as the conventional media remained closed, with most of the reportage still being characterised by bias and misrepresentation.



ZESN National Taskforce Member - Charles Thole manning the ZESN stand during the 2010 Bulawayo Ideas Festival

Conclusion

ZESN has continued to play an important role in information gathering and dissemination and the impact of this has been the continual interest of the public in seeking and inquiring for more information from the organisation. Feedback and inquiries have also been coming through; via email, telephone and letters. Though the period noted the much-awaited registration of more private players in the print media, concern still remains as it widely accepted by many that more reforms still need to be taken aboard.

With the coming in of new players in the media industry it is hoped that the operating space will open up and will be characterized by freedom of expression, pluralism and diversity. With the implementation of robust media reforms ZESN's work and ability to effectively gather and disseminate information would be greatly boosted. Generally the programme noted significant successes in carrying out its activities and target objectives during the period under review.

10th Anniversary Celebrations in Pictures



ZESN Chairperson Mr Tinoziva Bere delivering his speech



*Guest of honour - Swedish Ambassador to Zimbabwe
H.E Mr Anders Linden*



*Ms Emma Chiseya receiving her award
for 10 years of service to ZESN*



*Mr Peter Mandikutse (centre) receiving his
award for 10 years of service to ZESN*



ZESN Staff celebrating the decade of long service to the country



ZESN founding members of Staff (pictured in 2000)



Dudu Manhenga performed at the Anniversary Celebrations



ZEC Chairperson S. Mutambanengwe, ZEC Official Mr Utoile Silaigwana, ZESN Director Rindai Chipfunde Vava & ZESN Chairperson Mr Tinoziva Bere



A banner for the 10th Anniversary Celebrations



Michael Mabwe reciting a poem for ZESN



Part of the crowd that attended the celebrations at Avondale 7 Arts Theatre

Networking and Capacity Building Programme

Through interacting with local, regional and international organizations with similar values with ZESN, the organization continues to build up its network of partners and members that support and provide teamwork, solidarity, linkages and synergies that are strategic in the realization of the network's strategic vision. Hence in 2010, ZESN conducted a number of networking activities including attending meetings, workshops, conferences of its networking partners and presenting papers at events organized by organisations such as ZWLA, Zim Watch, Crisis Coalition, MPOI, PAPST, NANGO and many others.



Some of the ZESN Board Members captured during the Role of the Board held in 2010 at Chengeta Lodge

The table below shows a summary of some the meetings that were attended by ZESN members and members of the secretariat various fora regionally and internationally as part of the organisation's networking and capacity building mandate.

Please note that local meetings and conferences were not recorded in the table below as they were too many.

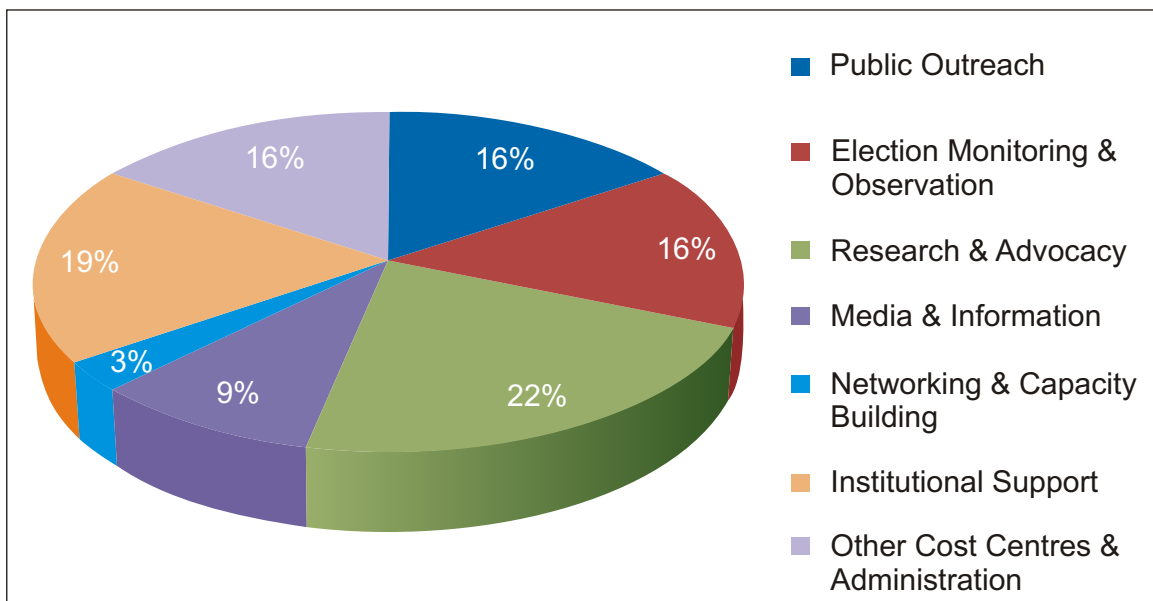
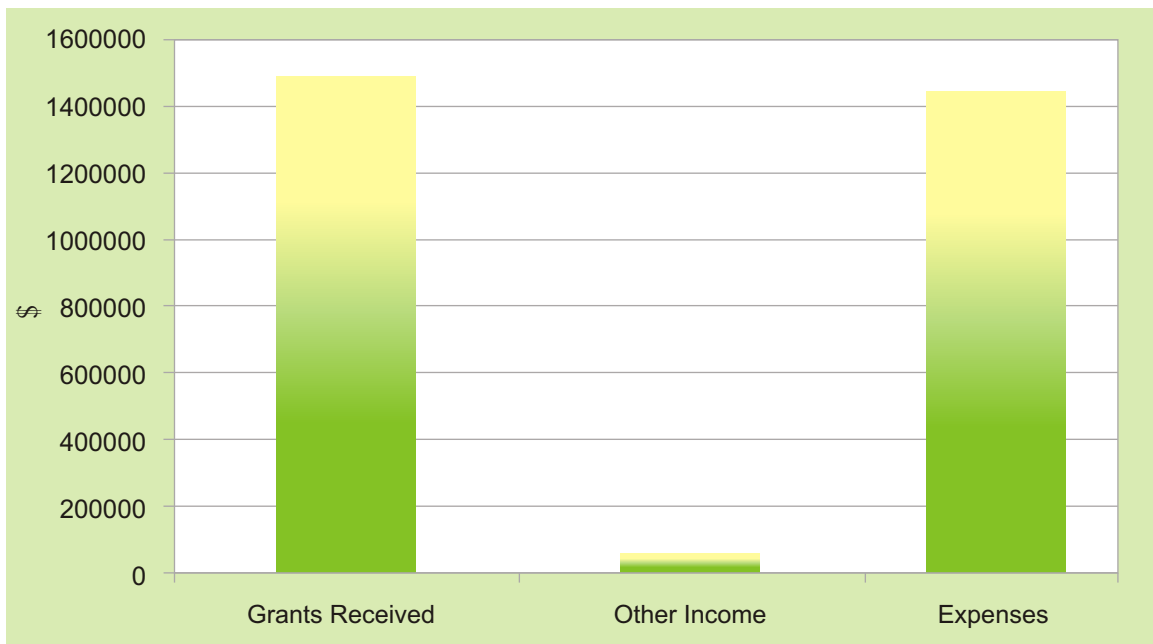
DATE	ACTIVITY	DESTINATION	REPRESENTATIVE
22 Jan - Feb 2010	Conflict Transformation Training	Capetown, South Africa	The Public Outreach Officer
4-19 April 2010	Observation of the Sudan elections under the Carter Centre	Sudan	The Media and Information Officer
10-15 April 2010	The World Movement for Democracy 6 th Assembly	Jakarta, Indonesia	Board Chairperson
20-21 April 2010	Workshop on Strengthening Elections as a democratic tool	Lilongwe, Malawi	The Public Outreach Officer
21 -23 April 2010	SADC ESN meeting	South Africa	The National Director and the Programmes Assistant
3 May 2010	Workshop on using public international law to assess elections	Nairobi, Kenya	The Monitoring and Observation Officer
5-8 May 2010	Materials design workshop	Johannesburg, South Africa	Management Committee representatives, Director taskforce members and some members of the Secretariat
6-25 June 2010	The International Human Rights Programme hosted by EQUITAS	Canada	The Media and Information Officer
9-11 June 2010	Mediating Election Related Violence workshop	Burundi	The Matebeleland Province Field Officer
5 – 6 May 2010	UNDP conference ZESN presented on the 2000 Referendum, lessons learnt	Zanzibar	The Monitoring and Observation Officer
21 -22 May 2010	Crafting of International Guidelines for Domestic Election Observer groups (GNDEM)	South Africa	The Monitoring and Observation Officer
23 -24 May 2010	Workshop on Using ICTs to enhance Election Observation	South Africa	The Monitoring and Observation Officer
13-14 July 2010	NEEDS Domestic Election Observation	Brussels	The Monitoring and Observation Officer
8-13 August 2010	Post Referendum Study Tour	Kenya	The Monitoring and Observation and Research and Advocacy Officers
13-15 August 2010	Lobby Meeting SADC Summit	Namibia	Acting Director Monitoring and Observation Officer and the Harare Field Officer
24 August 2010	EU Partnership for Democracy	EU Partnership for Democracy	The Monitoring and Observation Officer

Finance and Administration

The stable economic environment made operations and financial management easier as compared to previous years. The organisation continued to receive technical and financial support from a number of its long time and new partners. However the department noted the need to mobilise more resources to support programme activities. The department has noted the urgent need for new all terrain vehicles,

upgrading of computers and installation of new internet equipment.

The two land cruisers which were all terrain vehicles were disposed during the year under review as they were constantly breaking down. Below is a graphical presentation of ZESN's 2010 financial reports;



The above shows percentage expenditure by programme areas in 2010.

Finance and Administration Staff



Victor Kahari
Finance Officer



Danisa Mushohwe
Bookkeeper



Godfrey Mudondiro
Accounts Clerk



Lovemore Ndlovu
Accounts Clerk



Angela Moyo
Administrative Secretary



Itai Chinomona
Driver



Peter Mandikutse
Driver



Shepard Shumba
Security Officer



Collin Navhaya
Security Officer



Vusani Mhlanga
Office Orderly

2010 STAFF CHANGES

- Choice Ndoro who was the Monitoring and Observation Officer left ZESN in February 2010
- Tawanda Chimhini who was the Field Officer for Harare and Mashonaland Provinces left ZESN in January 2010
- Barbra Nyangairi was engaged as the new Monitoring and Observation Officer in March 2010
- Kevin Maenzanise was engaged as the new Media and Information Programme Assistant in April 2010
- Solomon Bobosibunu was engaged as the new Field Officer for Harare and Mashonaland Provinces in May 2010
- Gift Mudzonga who was the Accountant / Administrator left ZESN in June 2010
- Vimbai Kakono who was the Information Programme Assistant left ZESN in April 2010



Board Members



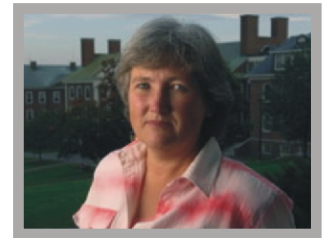
Mr Tinoziva Bere
Chairperson



Ms Irene Petras
Deputy Chairperson



Mr Wellington Mbofana
Treasurer



Dr Frances Lovemore
CSU



Ms Jestina Mukoko
ZPP



Mr Okay Machisa
ZimRights



Mr Barnabas Mangodza
CHRA



Mrs Anastasia Moyo
Bulawayo Agenda



Mr Nhlanhla Ngwenya
MISA



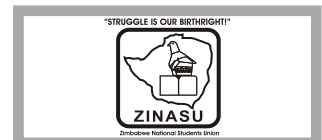
Mr Alouis Chaumba
CCJPZ



Mrs Rindai Chipfunde Vava
Ex-Officio



Mr Ernest Mudzengi
NCA



ZINASU

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. **Mr. Tinoziva Bere**
(Chairperson)
2. **Ms. Irene Petras - ZLHR**
(Deputy Chairperson)
3. **Mr. Wellington Mbofana - CIVNET**
(Treasurer) & (Public Outreach Taskforce Chair)
4. **Ms. Jestina Mukoko - ZPP**
(Research and Advocacy Taskforce Chair)
5. **Mr. Alouis Chaumba - CCJP**
(Monitoring and Observation Taskforce Chair)
6. **Mr. Nhlanhla Ngwenya - MISA**
(Media and Information Taskforce Chair)
7. **Mrs. Rindai Chipfunde Vava**
(National Director)



Some of the Board Members captured before a meeting

ZESN Membership - 2010

1. Association of Women's Clubs (AWC)
2. Bulawayo Agenda (BA)
3. Catholic Commission for Justice And Peace (CCJP)
4. Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET)
5. Combined Harare Residents Association (CHRA)
6. Counselling Services Unit (CSU)
7. Ecumenical Documentation and Information Centre for Southern Africa (EDICISA)
8. Evangelical Fellowships of Zimbabwe (EFZ)
9. Federation of African Media Women (FAMWZ)
10. Legal Resources Foundation (LRF)
11. Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)
12. Media Monitoring Project (MMPZ)
13. National Constitutional Assembly (NCA)
14. National Association of Societies for the Care of the Handicapped (NASCOH)
15. Organisation for Rural Association for Progress (ORAP)
16. Progressive Teachers Union (PTUZ)
17. Rooftop Promotions
18. Transparency International Zimbabwe (TIZ)
19. Women's Action Group (WAG)
20. Women's Trust
21. Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO)
22. Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET)
23. Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU)
24. Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC)
25. Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZimRights)
26. Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR)
27. Zimbabwe National Students Union (ZINASU)
28. Zimbabwe Students Christian Movement (SCM.Z)
29. Zimbabwe Union of Journalists (ZUJ)
30. Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP)



Some of the members at the 2010 Annual General meeting

Feedback

Ellen Kandororo-Dingani

From: bsquiwwoods@classicmail.co.za
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 12:21 PM
To: ZESN Info
Subject: Re: BALLOT_UPDATE_JUNE-JULY_2010-Final.pdf

Dear colleagues
 Just to let you know that your information have proved very usfull please keep up the good work.
 Regards
 Blessed Mhlanga
 Editor Midlands News

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UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE
 22 February 2010
 ZESN Secretariat
 10 Rochester Crescent
 Belgravia
 HARARE

Dear Sir/Madam

As per discussion on the 11th of February 2010, we do hereby formally request you to run our harmonized Student Executive Council elections in line with your vision, mission and values, on Wednesday the 10th of March 2010.

Both the University and the Student Union do not have the resources to run these elections so we owe it to you here to come and assist us. We appreciate the short time frame within which our request has been made. We are also quick to acknowledge that the University has shown willingness to have student participation in affairs that affect us and hope that the SEC which will be elected will work closely with the University activities for the betterment of student education and life. Find attached our constitution.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you require any more information

Yours faithfully

Stuart Mwale
 (SECRETARY GENERAL) 9913 4

Samuel Matikiti
 (CHAIRMAN)

Date: 8 Dec 10
 To: ZESU

Thank you kindly for the materials your organization has donated to the Library of Congress our university (and/or national) library partners.

Sincerely yours,
 Pamela Howard-Rogundin
 Field Director
 Library of Congress Office, Nairobi

Original Message
From: Cephias Zintumwe
To: rindai@zesn.org.zw
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 4:49 PM

Dear Rindai

I would like to thank you for the support that you and your organized team gave us. Those elections were difficult, but you handled them in a professional manner. Please thank your team for me, tell them that we will continue to engage them to give us guidance and leadership. They are very nice to work with. Once more thank you for the resources that you used to make our event a success, without you those elections could have been postponed. Amai munogona, latenda

From: WEBSTER MAONDERA
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2010
To: Rindai Chipfunde-Vava; zesn@zesn.org.zw
Subject: Request for information

I would like to applaud you for your efforts to keep Zimbabweans educated and informed about elections. I will be very grateful if we can have as many organisations like yours which do a sterling work on election. May your good office send me copies of the following which I failed to open on your website;

- 1)2008 29 March presidential election results together with with the so called 27 June 2008 run off results
- 2)2000 house of assembly results
- 3)2002 presidential election results
- 4)2008 local authorities elections results

Thank you in anticipation

From: masukuc@msu.ac.zw
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 12:10 PM
To: ZESN Info
Subject: Re: BALLOT_UPDATE_JUNE-JULY_2010-Final.pdf

Thank you so much for the message that you have forwarded me. Otherwise how are you keeping there? At MSU i am fine. How far with workshops? When shall we be meeting to discuss important issues about elections for next year. I will be very happy if you can remember me.

I am prepared to attend and to contribute immensely to your workshops.

Stay blessed. I am looking forward to hearing more from you

By C. Masuku

From: Gloor Anne EDA GLN <anne.gloor@eda.admin.ch>
Subject: RE: "Rindai Chipfunde-Vava" <rindai@zesn.org.zw>
To: "Rindai Chipfunde-Vava" <rindai@zesn.org.zw>
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2010, 6:12 AM

Dear Rindai Chipfunde-Vava

Thanks for sending this. Impressive work, congratulations. Would be great to have your capacity elsewhere in Africa.

Best regards,
 Anne Gloor

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:
Attachments:

Phikisayi Chiwawa Dzheka [chiwawapicky@hotmail.com]
 Tuesday, August 17, 2010 11:23 PM
 info@zesn.org.zw
 RE: DEATH NOTICE FOR MR. NYAMAYEDENGA
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I am saddened by the loss of Mr. Nyamayedenga. I had opportunity to work with him during the 2008 elections. What a fine gentleman he was. May his soul indeed rest in peace.

Picky

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

james lahai [lahaijames2006@yahoo.co.uk]
 Thursday, July 08, 2010 5:36 PM
 ZESN Info
 Re: ZESN'S STATEMENT ON PROPOSED ELECTORAL REFORMS - 8 JULY- 2010.pdf

I consider the reforms as a big improvement to the Zimbabwe electoral process and I especially appreciate the recommendations made to improve it more. The NEC should play the leading role in the entire electoral process including the accreditation of observers as a way of taking on board 'good practices'

Thanks for sharing this

James Lahai
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