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**Human Rights Violations**

**MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT**

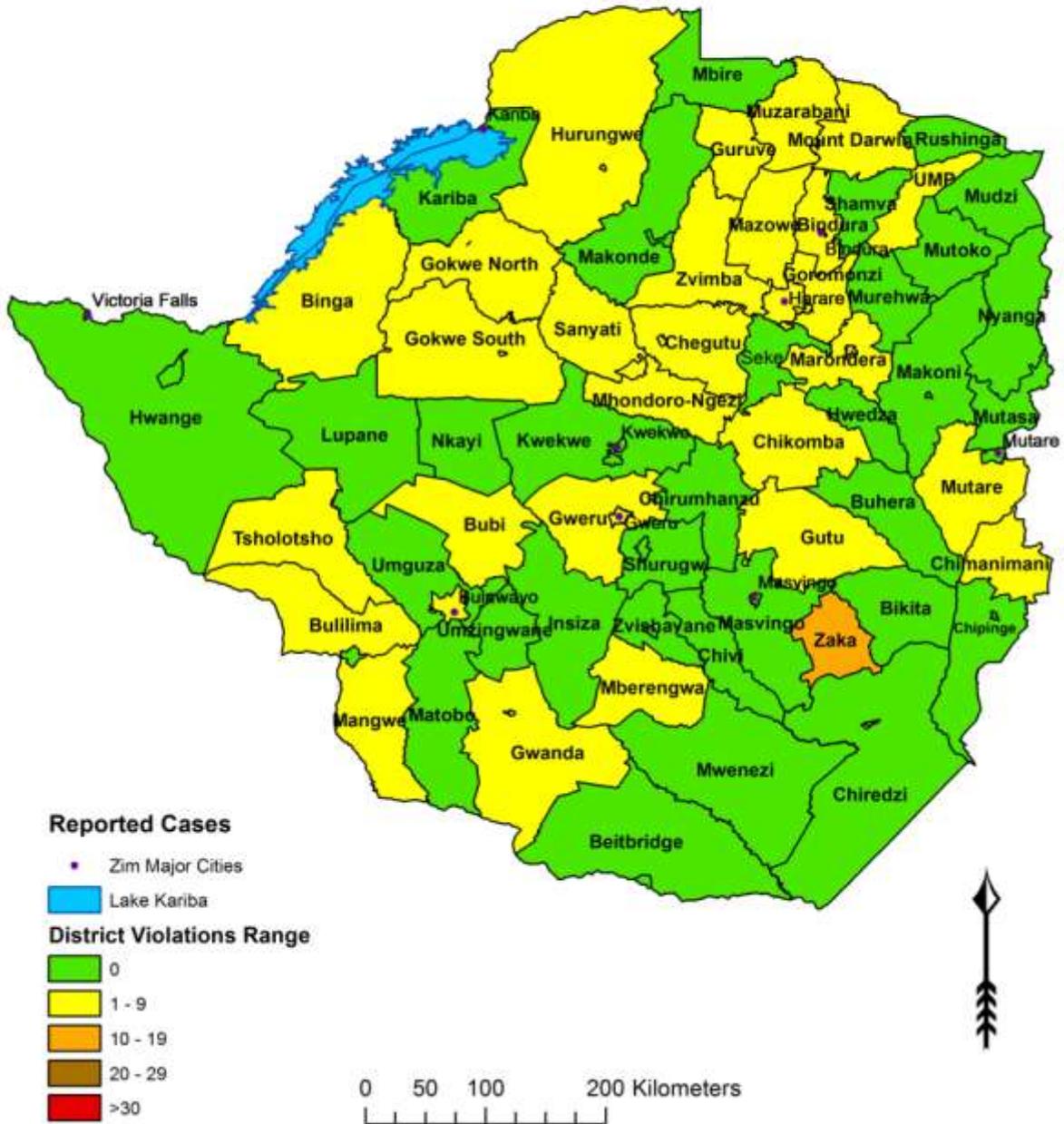
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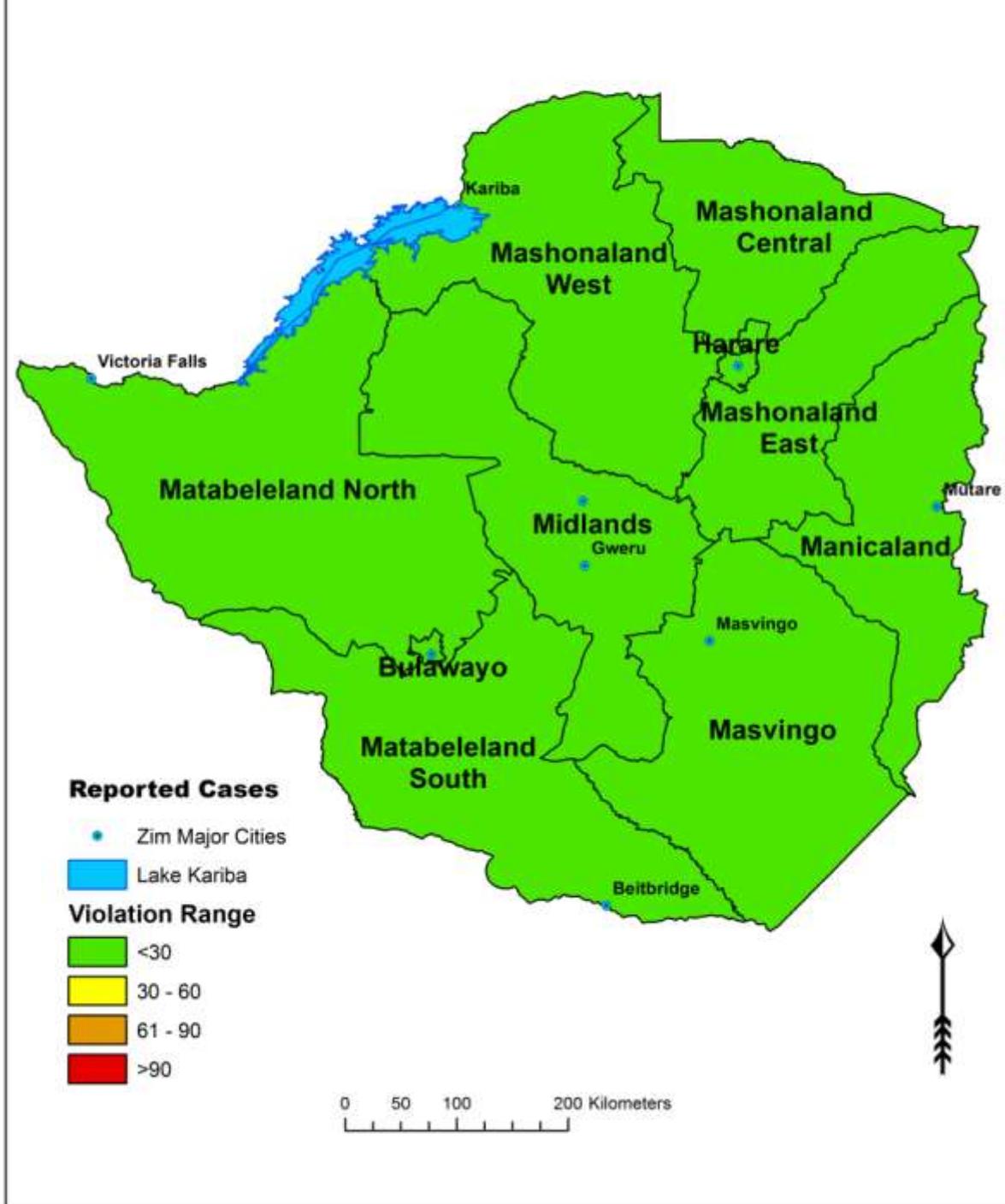
## Acronyms

GMB	– Grain Marketing Board
Zanu PF	– Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front
ZAPU	– Zimbabwe African People's Union
ZimPF	– Zimbabwe People First
ZNA	– Zimbabwe National Army
MP	--Member of Parliament
RBZ	--Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe

# January 2017 District Violations Map



# January 2017 Provincial Violations Map



## Executive Summary

Cases of food and other aid violations have been on the increase since September last year. Due to a persistent drought, government availed food aid to vulnerable households. The government has also availed farming inputs for both the Presidential Input Scheme and Command Agriculture programme.

The government has identified over 800 000 households around the country who qualify for food aid and inputs for farming. This has increased cases of food aid violations with the ruling party mostly implicated. Many Zanu PF MPs have been giving away rice at party rallies for example, the latest one being in Highfield by Psychology Maziwisa. There is no clarity whether this rice belongs to the MP or the state. In Masvingo villagers have accused Zanu PF MP Lovemeore Matuke of taking rice to his Sandon Boarding School and hotel at the expense of starving villagers.

Many violations were reported against the backdrop of worsening economic conditions. Cash shortages have persisted while diaspora remittances have gone down according to the RBZ. This has increased the vulnerability of many households in the country.

In urban areas the government and local government authorities have been removing vendors from the streets and other areas of informal trading. Government has been encouraging small businesses to register with the revenue authority and introduced various statutory instruments that have affected the small business such as Statutory Instrument 64 of 2016 which makes it harder for people to import goods for resale.

These economic hardships have affected children the most as some are being turned away from school for non payment of school fees. Some children are being forced to engage in paid work in order to pay their own fees and this deprives them of vital learning time.

Section 75(1b) of the constitution states that every citizen and permanent resident of Zimbabwe has a right to further education which the state through reasonable legislative and other measures must make progressively available and accessible. Several cases have been reported where children have failed to proceed with their education because of a failure to access results for non payment of school fees. In

Matabeleland North alone 9 cases of students with withheld results were reported to ZPP. Other such cases have been reported in Manicaland and Masvingo provinces.

On the political front, most political activity has been coming from the factional wars in the ruling party playing themselves out on social media and party structures. The ruling party has been occupied with winning by-elections while opposition parties are more engrossed in coalition talks to form a united front against the ruling Zanu PF party in the 2018 elections.

Various leaders including chiefs, councillors and other community leaders mostly linked to the ruling Zanu PF party were implicated in many of the cases of politicisation of food aid.

Zimbabwe Peace Project (ZPP) reports for January show a total of 108 violations up from last month's. The month under focus had 655 victims altogether. Of these victims, those from the Zimbabwe People First (Zim PF) were 20 people 6.4%, and those affiliated to the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC-T) stood at 34% which translates to 107 people.

A total of 655 victims and 330 perpetrators were recorded. 67% of the victims were male while 33% were females. 90.3% of the perpetrators were male while 9.7% were female.

Of the victims only 3% were affiliated to Zanu PF while 6% were affiliated to ZimPF. 34% were affiliated to the Movement for Democratic Change-Tsvangirai while the remaining 56% were not affiliated to any known political party. The high number of non affiliated victims points to changing political dynamics in which there is increased involvement of citizens who are not aligned to political parties in political activism.

134 perpetrators were affiliated to the ruling Zanu PF party which is 78% of the figure. The MDC-T recorded 9 perpetrators while 5 perpetrators were serving Zimbabwe Republic Police officers and a war veteran.

The month of January recorded many violations which were politically motivated. Most of the reported cases were harassment and intimidation of opposition political activists. Other prominent cases were those of deprivation of state sponsored food aid and inputs for farming.

Victims either had their political meetings disrupted or were harassed or intimidated into joining other political parties. Some victims were deprived of food aid.

There was a worrying case where villagers were punished for not observing an African sacred day. This is a long held practice in most rural areas and other urban areas. On this day, villagers must not work in their fields.

All citizens have the freedom to assemble and that of association. This means they are entitled to gather in meetings organised by political parties of their choice. Citizens also have a right to freedom of expression which means they may wear political regalia of their choice.

However there were cases of harassment and intimidation for exercising these rights. Finally all citizens have the right to security and this includes food security.

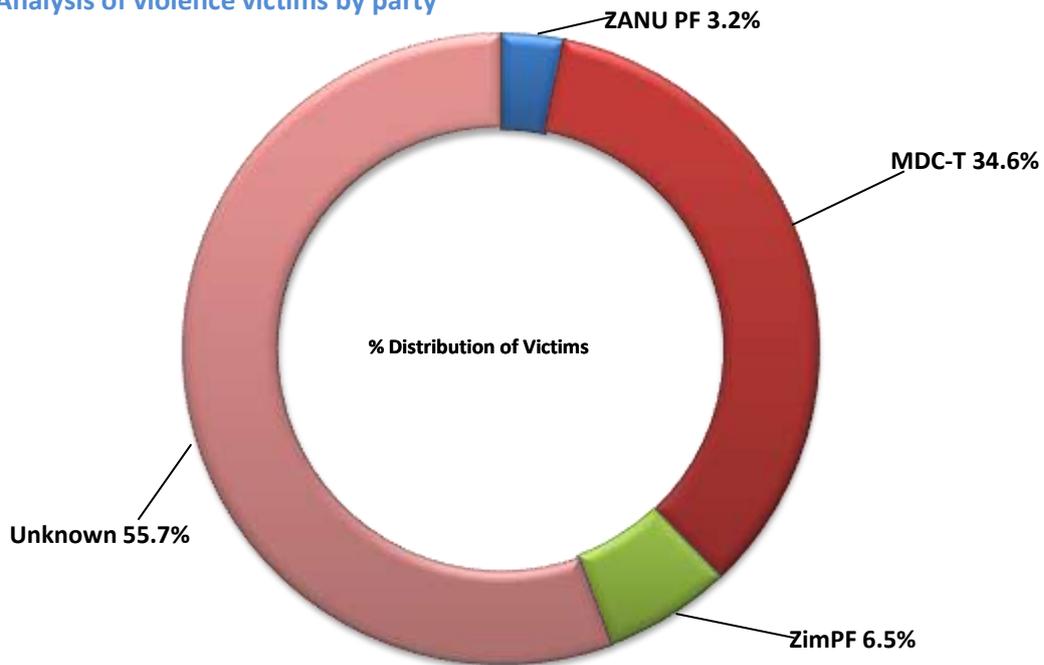
### **Data Gathering Methodology**

Information contained herein is based on reports from ZPP long-term community based human rights monitors, who observe and record cases of human rights violations in the constituencies they reside. ZPP deploys a total of 420 community-based primary peace monitors (two per each of the 210 electoral constituencies of Zimbabwe). The monitors compile reports that are handed over to ZPP Coordinators who man the different ZPP regional offices in the ten administrative provinces of Zimbabwe. Upon receipt and verification of the reports from the monitors, the Coordinators compile provincial monthly monitoring reports, which are then consolidated at the national office into the ZPP Monthly Monitoring Report published in retrospect.

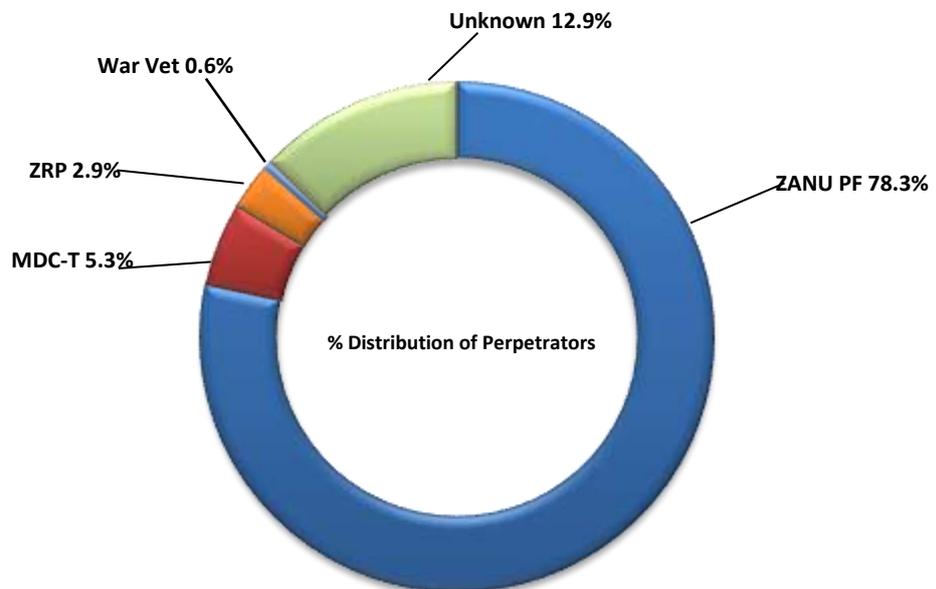
This report contains some of the violations recorded by ZPP, the organisation has a data base with the rest of the injustices and gladly shares it with interested stakeholders.

## THE DASHBOARD – INCIDENTS' STATISTICS AT A GLANCE

### Analysis of violence victims by party



### Analysis of violence perpetrators by party



## Recorded Intra-Party Violations

Province	MDC-T	ZANU PF	MDC-N	ZimPF	PDP	Total
<b>Bulawayo</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Harare</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Manicaland</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Mash Central</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Mash East</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Mash West</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Masvingo</b>	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Mat North</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Mat South</b>	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Midlands</b>	1	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>

Intra party violations were recorded for Zanu PF and MDC-T with the ruling party recording 4 for January and 1 in the opposition MDC-T.

Harassment and Intimidation cases continued to dominate the recorded violations with 53 , followed closely by discrimination with 39 and theft/looting a distant 7. Mashonaland Central had the highest recorded violations in January with 27, followed by Midlands with 21 and Masvingo province with 14.

### Distribution of violence by type across provinces

ACTS	Midlands	Byo	Mat. South	Mat. North	Masvingo	Manicaland	Harare	Mash. East	Mash. West	Mash. Central	TOTAL
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rape/Sexual Harassment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kidnapping/abduction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Assault	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	<b>4</b>
Theft/looting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	<b>7</b>
Discrimination	5	3	2	2	6	1	2	4	3	11	<b>39</b>
MDP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Torture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Unlawful Detention	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Intimidation /harassment	12	3	2	4	7	1	4	4	3	13	<b>53</b>
Displacement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Banned Political Party Mtg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Disrupted Political Mtg	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>108</b>



## Harare

Massive unemployment and the struggle for survival has forced people to turn to informal trading. However access to trading spaces is controlled by youths affiliated to political parties. They deprive other vendors access to these points on basis of political affiliation. Harare also recorded cases of deprivation of food aid as more people become vulnerable due to adverse economic conditions.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
23 January	Harassment	At Market square in Harare, commuter omnibus rank touts were frog marched out of the rank carrying messages supporting the ruling party. Council employees accompanied by the Zimbabwe Republic Police moved in to lean the place. The initiative was disguised as a cleanup exercise but people were forced to march in support of ruling party activities.
31 January 2017	Harassment	Some Glenview youths suspected to be affiliated to the ruling Zanu PF carry flash identity cards masquerading as police officers and security agents from the President's office. They use this tactic to harass residents and business operators. One of the identified youths is Malybho Mbizi who has been identified as the most influential person at the complex. Patie Magama was identified as one of the marshals during the maize distribution exercise at Glenview Hall.

## Manicaland

Violations of political rights were noted as members from the MDC-T party clashed over appointment and deployment of polling agents. There was also another violation of the right to food as food aid was given on partisan basis.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
28 January	Political Rights	A political meeting was disrupted in Mutare South. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint polling agents for the upcoming 2018 elections and those interested in being part of the agents were free to attend. It was chaired by Tafi Mudiwa. The other names of the interested people were said to been given

		to the chair by the “offices” without the knowledge of other activists who normally made the list of the polling agents. An ex MDC-T councillor by the name Kunyara Kusena was said to be seriously opposed to the idea, which led to problems and disruption of the meeting.
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### Mashonaland Central

Major violations reported contravened people’s freedom of expression, freedom of association, right to food and also bordered around discrimination, harassment and intimidation. Mashonaland is the home of the leader of ZimPF leader Joice Mujuru and it is reported her supporters were targeted by the ruling Zanu PF party.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
14 January	Freedom of Assembly Political Rights	In Mazowe Central Constituency Kanyemba Village, ZimPF members were stopped from holding their meeting by Zanu PF youth leader Canaan Mbewe and his youth militia. Mbewe is reported to have told ZimPF members not to hold their meeting because they did not have clearance after notifying the police. The matter was reported to the police but no action was taken against perpetrators. The police told ZimPF members that the matter was under investigation but no one was questioned or arrested.
28 January	Freedom of Association	In Kazungu village Guruve North ward 9, Village headman Amon Gunyere forced villagers to attend a Zanu PF rally in the area. People were frog marched to the rally despite having other domestic chores to do. There were people who were identified as opposition advocates namely Lucia Mpwanya and Agness Isa. These were openly told to vote Zanu PF in 2018 elections or else they would regret. All youths were also told to attend ruling party political meetings.

unknown	Right to basic education	In Mazowe Central constituency, in Chiweshe under Manomano village, Tapiwa Nhodo* aged 10 and Farai Nhodo* aged 8 are being denied their right to education by their father Wilbert Nhodo* (*names changed to protect identity of victims). They have never been to school but they are of school going age. They belong to the Johanne Masowe congregation and the religion forbids children to go to school hence violating their right to education. The two are not allowed to put on jerseys even during winter periods and this exposes them to the risk of catching cold related diseases.
28 January		In Mazowe South constituency, Peter Sithole* of ward 16 was harassed and intimidated by Zanu PF chairperson Takawira Shongedza at Protest farm. He was forced to mobilise people for a rally of the party. After passing the word to the people who had gathered, the perpetrator scolded Gotsi on why he had called the meeting.
Ongoing	Political rights	In Guruve South Constituency, a Zanu PF district chairperson is forcing villagers to attend branch meetings every Friday. District Committees and Branch Secretaries have compiled attendance registers for residents in the villages. This has been done to instil fear in them not to join other political parties. The ruling party has been creating structures in the constituency in preparation of 2018 elections.

### Mashonaland East

There were numerous cases of partisan distribution of food aid. Caledonia which is an extension of Harare East is being used by politicians to force desperate homeless people to vote for them.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
18 January	Political Rights	<p>There was disruption of an MDC-T meeting by Zanu PF supporters at Mahusekwa ground near the police station. This incident happened in Marondera ward 11. It was reported that MDC-T members had notified the police about their meeting but Zanu PF supporters disrupted the meeting and demanded that MDC- T members leave the venue. The MDC-T members refused to disperse arguing they had notified the police until the Zanu PF members left the scene. The people who intended to stop the meeting were Bady Mushonga, Simbarashe Mudoni and Jeniffer Mutisi.</p>
ongoing	Right to Shelter and political freedoms	<p>Petronella Kagonye MP for Goromonzi South is forcing people in Caledonia to support her political programmes. In ward 25 residents have been told they will be evicted if they do not vote for her in 2018 elections. These settlers form part of the Zanu-PF residential stands cooperatives led by Hamandishe Mashava who is the housing cooperative leader. MDC-T leader Milton Bene has created a cooperative affiliated to his party on a farm in Ruwa but Garikai Mapiye, Zanu PF Provincial coordinator residing in the Garikai Housing Scheme in Ruwa has ordered residents in the area to vote for Zanu-PF in order to safeguard their houses they benefited from the operation Garikai initiative. Those suspected to be opposition members have been threatened with instant eviction upon identification hence people live in fear in this area.</p>

## Mashonaland West

There was conflict over land and some youths affiliated to the ruling Zanu PF party are presiding over these land disputes. This sets the stage for future land conflicts which may not be peaceful. There were also food violations reported.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
13 January	Political rights	In Chegutu West it was reported that current Chegutu councillor Edward Dzeka threatened aspiring 2018 MDC-T councillor Annah Matigereki with abduction if she continued to oppose him in ward 9. Annah was threatened with unspecified punishment in upcoming 2018 elections if she continued her ambitions of becoming a councillor in the area ahead of the 2018 elections
Date unknown	Political freedoms	In Kadoma Central Ward 1 it has been reported that there are three Zanu-PF youths who are calling themselves the revolutionary group or trio and forcing residents in the area to remain loyal to Zanu-PF ahead of the 2018 elections. Charles Madamombe, Costa Muengwangwa nicknamed Madzimbawe and David Tarumbira live at Arendel farm. The trio resides in ward 1 but they are threatening residents in ward 13 to register as voters in ward one in order to increase the influence of Zanu-PF Councillor Runganga in the area and also to get more votes in the constituency. The trio is reported to be behaving like Chiefs in the local area, presiding over community land disputes. They have manipulated people to write the names as representatives of ward 1 in order to benefit from food aid and fertilizer distribution in the area.

## Matabeleland North

The most noted violations were associated with distribution of food aid. Socio-economic rights are being violated as some children are being denied their right to education at a local school.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Unknown	Right to basic education	In Tsholotsho North there were several primary school children who were sent away from school for non-payment of school fees especially at primary level. Parents were failing to raise funds for fees due to severe shortages of cash in banks. The heavy rains which flooded rivers also prevented children from going to school as most roads were blocked and at worst bridges swept away.

## Midlands

In Midlands most people complained about farming inputs being diverted and distributed to the same people at the expense of those in need. Politicians have also been accused of distributing food aid only to Zanu PF supporters. There were very few cases of political harassment or intimidation.

Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
7 January	Freedom of Association Political Rights	In <b>Chiwundura</b> constituency, Michael Nyoni a Zanu PF official met Phatisani Mpofo* at Gambiza Business Centre and accused him of being an MDC-T activist. Nyoni accused Mpofo of decampaigning the sitting MP Kizito Chivamba and inciting villagers not to work with the MP. Mpofo denied all the allegations levelled against him but he was assaulted and ordered to have joined the ruling party by the end of April this year. He was told to surrender all his party (MDC-T) regalia and other materials, which he is said to use for campaigning .The aggressors, boasted that the police would not arrest them.

23 December	Right to Personal Security	In another incident in <b>Chiwundura</b> constituency, a popular member of the opposition MDC-T known as Esther Chifamba* was confronted by Edwin Mashayamombe at Mkoba 14 Business Centre. Edwin is a committee member for the ruling Zanu PF party in the party's youth wing. Esther was then told to give Edwin a list of other MDC-T activists including those who have defected from the ruling party to MDC-T. Charity refused to comply.
21 January	Political rights	An MDC-T gap filling meeting in Mkoba Constituency at Mtapu Hall on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of January ended in chaos as about 150 members insulted and accused each other of factionalism. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a new ward 7 chairperson. Those vying for the position were Tedious Bwanali Ward Secretary and Chakwaya. There were disagreements about how the elections were to proceed. The result was the organising committee members led by chairperson Njanji and members Sesel Zvidzai, Peta, Mrs Mututsva, Mrs Khumalo and Mrs Chihota blocked the process and the election did not proceed.

\*The names of victims have been changed to protect their identities.

## FOOD AND OTHER AID VIOLATIONS

### Summary of Food Violations by Province



Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Bulawayo	17 January 2017	Right to Food	There was fertilizer distribution at Luveve Beit Hall. The Welfare Department prioritized the elderly ahead of the rest of the community. As soon as the trucks and distributing officer arrived, Zanu PF members ignored the criteria and hijacked the program. They ignored the list of beneficiaries and distributed fertilizer to party members each getting 50kg. After awarding their party members, the actual list was then used but with five people sharing 50kg each. After 2 days some of the fertilizer was being sold on the streets.
	Date unknown	Right to Food	About two hundred elderly people in Magwegwe were due to receive food aid in the form of 50kg bags of rice. Three people were supposed to share a 50kg bag. However, one hundred people mostly Zanu PF officials said it was meant for their members only.

Province	Date	HR	Provincial highlights
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		Violated	
Manicaland	15 January	Political Rights Right to Food	In <b>Chimanimani west constituency</b> , there was maize distribution at Biriri Manicaland Development Association Hall. Prior to being given maize the villagers were asked to chant three Zanu PF party slogans and some were singing Chimurenga songs. Some residents were denied maize from the state and the victims of this food distribution violation were Mrs Mtisi*, Mrs T Mtetwa*, Robert Chitima*, Pearson Chitima* and Paridzirai Chidhakwa*. This happened in Ward 17 and the distributors were ward councillor Lovemore Utseya and the war veterans' chairperson T. Khaima and party chairperson J. Mukamba.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland Central	Date unknown	Right to Food	At Muonwe Township, ward 12 Bindura South Constituency, there was partisan distribution of fertilizer by Abraham Mhembere the chairperson of Zanu PF. The fertilizer was from the social welfare department targeting orphans, the elderly and widows but, Mhembere hijacked the distribution of the inputs. He is reported to have appeared with a list of names consisting of members of the ruling party. The fertilizer was distributed to Zanu PF district members and other party supporters with little left for the vulnerable groups. Charlton Chapfika*, Percy Mlambo* and Bester Mukono* were denied inputs because they were suspected to be MDC-T

			supporters.
	13 January	Right to Food	In Mazowe East Constituency Takawira ward 8, people have been forced to participate in a food for work program on communal lands regardless of age. This food for work program was initiated to benefit the elderly and people with disabilities but old people have been manipulated by Zanu PF Councillor Frisher Mukahiwa to work as well. People are forced to work for 15 days a month for 4 hours per day only to get 1 bag of maize at the end of the month. The people have been paid \$2 everyday for transport to and from the communal lands. Zanu PF supporters who did not participate in the programme received more maize. This incident was reported on the 13 <sup>th</sup> of January 2017
	8 January 2017	Right to Food Freedom of Association	In Muzarabani South Constituency ward 17, Desmond Demo* and Samason Chikomba* were denied access to food aid by Zanu PF councillor Proud Pfoto. The duo was accused of wearing MDC-T regalia and participating in opposition party activities in the area. This incident took place at Hoya primary school when the councillor requested to participate in the social welfare food distribution activity, only to find out that the duo had MDC-T t-shirts under their shirts. The violation was reported to the police but no action was taken.

	15 January	Right to Food Freedom of Association	In Mount Darwin East, ward 14, there was partisan distribution of agricultural inputs. It is alleged that the government usually supplied herbicides to various areas to control worms on maize but the distribution was done on partisan grounds. It was reported that fertilizer was given to Zanu PF supporters only. Simbarashe Kadyamateva, district chairperson told people that a 'piglet sucks on its mother' meaning that only Zanu PF supporters would benefit. He went to tell people who had defected to other opposition parties to go and confess to ruling party leaders thus surrendering their regalia and literature of other parties.
	4 January	Right to Food Freedom of Association	At Chiwaridzo primary school in Bindura, there was partisan distribution of maize seed through the Command Agriculture Scheme. There was no transparency about the program but the distribution was done secretly among Zanu-PF members. Lameck Bonde who chaired the distribution had a list of unknown names. Patience Mandizha* was denied her allocation because she is the wife of Jacob Mandizha* who had defected from Zanu PF to ZimPF.
	1 January	Right to Food	In Bindura North, ward 11, there was partisan distribution of fertilizer under the command agriculture program. It is alleged that the date and venue of distribution was kept secret .. Villagers were given an allocation of 3kgs per person while Zanu PF supporters walked away with 5kg each. Kelvin Mupambo* of ward 11 and his branch committee members for Gushungo branch did not get any fertilizer because

			of their affiliation to ZimPF.
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Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland East	23 January	Right to Food	In Marambapfungwe ward Karamba, Judah Mapiye* was denied maize seed from the social welfare department at Kafura business centre by Zanu PF Councillor Pedzisai Makoma. Mapiye* was wearing ZimPF regalia which was the major reason why he was denied the maize. The maize seed is said to have been given to the kraal head to punish Mapiye* for his behaviour.
	23 of January	Right to Food	In ward 10 Marondera West, there was distribution of maize to people through the government department of social welfare. The distribution was done fairly as 130 people benefitted from the program. The maize was delivered from Grain Marketing Board to Manyaira School in the same area and Zanu PF Councillor Douglas Chifamba made people contribute a \$1 per individual for transport. Those who had no transport money were noted down for future payment.
	31 January	Right to Food Right to Personal Security	In Goromonzi West, Ward 4 Murape area Domboshava, there was partisan distribution of food. Zanu PF MP Beatrice Nyamupinga summoned all residents to a meeting where she announced that the rice she had acquired from government

			was for Zanu-PF members only. A disgruntled man who refused to be identified had no kind words for the MP. Efforts to get reliable information from the councillor Mr Nhamburo were unsuccessful as he claimed that he was driving .It was also reported that the rice was distributed at branch level at Sarakunze in Chirodzero. Other people had come from as far as Nyamande, Gutsa and Thiwe. Others had contributed \$0.25 cents each for transport only to be told that the allocation was for party members only.
	20 and 27 January	Right to Food Freedom of Association	In Chikomba Central ward 20, Kerina Mugwagwa* a widow linked to ZimPF party was sidelined by Mr Shame Musonza secretary to village head Kurebwaseke as her name is not on the beneficiary list of the Grain Marketing Board drought relief and government input scheme. Distribution of grain, maize and fertilizer was done at Zvichemo business centre. She did not benefit because of her political affiliation.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Mashonaland West	26 January	Right to Food	In Sanyati constituency ward 11, there were reports of unfair food distribution. Councillors and coordinators were making people pay a \$1 contribution to cater for transportation of the food. The food was not sufficient for all and beneficiaries were asked to share. Forty (40) people had paid \$1 each but unfortunately they were given 34 bags of maize to share which was not enough. Partson Chakawuya of ward 7 was

			responsible for this initiative.
	6 January	Right to Food	In Hurungwe Central Ward 23, there was partisan distribution of maize by Zanu PF members. It was reported that Zanu-PF member Nixson Magaramonike in the company of 3 party officials and Youth Chairperson Conciliar Mudimu arrived with a beneficiary list. It was reported that Nixson called out names of party youths who were given maize. He was assisted by another party official identified as Mupukuta Mawadu. The social welfare exercise was manipulated to cater for party members only. Those who were not affiliated to the ruling party benefitted at the end after party members had received their allocation.
	4 January	Right to Food Freedom of religion	In Mhondoro Ngezi ward 2 people were denied maize from the social welfare department because they conducted farming activities on Friday considered a sacred day in African religion (Chisi) which was traditionally not allowed by the Chiefs in the area. The two were suspected of belonging to Paul Mwazha apostolic sect and Chief Benhura thought this is the reason the two disrespected African traditions. The deprivation was intended as punishment since the two are against African traditional practices.
	25 January	Right to Food	In Zvimba North Constituency ward 13 there were cases of corruption levelled against Zanu PF Councillor, Mercy Mahachi. She is accused of distributing food aid at her own convenience. Sources have confirmed that she calls Zanu PF members to come collect food when others are sleeping. It has been recorded that names of deceased people are also found on her beneficiary list. Cooking oil which is meant for poor families is

			<p>given to Zanu PF members. She is said to be in charge of food distribution in Nyomba, Chiningi farm and Cornice farm. She was found distributing food at night and was beaten up leading to the arrest of a man nicknamed Jordan who was later released by the police the following day. It has also been recorded that fertilizer came on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 and many people did not benefit because of the councillor's corrupt tendencies.</p>
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Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Matabeleland North	unknown	Right to food	A villager in village 4 in Bubi was denied access to maize relief food because she did not have adequate funds to pay for transport. Eden Ncube the village secretary accused her of influencing people not to attend Zanu PF meetings and used this shortage of transport fees as an excuse.
	14 january	Right to Food	In Hwange east, social welfare department distributed food at Mwemba Primary School but several people could not get the food as there was poor dissemination of information. People waited until 9pm for the food .Some eventually got it the following day on the 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

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Matabeleland South	<b>27 January</b>	Freedom of Association Right to Food	In Bulilima West in Dombodema people's right to food was violated. It is reported that at the end of January, food, was distributed in a partisan manner. Zanu PF used the councillor to distribute rice and maize to villagers that were rightfully chosen by the village head. The village head Mr Smart Tshuma publicly confessed that the food was meant for all those who are known for supporting the party. Therefore those who neither belonged nor associated with the party were denied food.
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Masvingo	Unknown	Right to Food	<b>Zaka</b> District has been enjoying some peace from political violence, but with reference to farming in wards 24, 17, 28, 27 and 23 there are reports of selective distribution of free COTTCO inputs to cotton farmers along partisan lines. The Zanu PF councillors in these wards are denying MDC-T supporters inputs after agreeing to register them. When the inputs are allocated, they cancel all known and suspected opposition supporters from their lists. The alleged perpetrators are Councillor Cleto Isaac Vhudzi of ward 24, Councillor Chrispen Watadza of Ward 17, Councillor Chikuni Benjamin in ward 28 and Councillor Chinaka of Ward 27.

Province	Date	HR Violated	Provincial highlights
Midlands	10 January	Right to food	On the 10 <sup>th</sup> of January, Nyamhara in Gokwe Gumunyu constituency, received food aid in form of rice from the first lady Dr Grace Mugabe to be distributed to every individual in that community. Although the purpose of this distribution was not clearly outlined to the residents they were supposed to all get a share despite their political affiliation. The local Zanu PF Chairperson Tinoenda Makoro responsible for the programme allegedly did not give out all the food to all the people. He said since it was from the first lady, opposition members were not going to get the food as the first lady is Zanu PF.
	Uknown (beginning of January)	Right to Food	Fertilizers, which were supposed to be fairly given to farmers who had earlier got seeds from the presidential farm inputs were diverted and instead sold to the targeted beneficiaries. This led to many farmers missing out since they could not afford to buy the fertilizers, which were pegged at \$10 upwards. Joe Madzana Zanu PF chair who was in charge of the program is said to have sold the fertilizers to Peter Zengeni from Muzion village, Abina Matoro from Matoro Village and Agrippa Pondiwa from Pamire Village. This happened in Ward 16 at the beginning of the month of January in Gokwe Gumunyu ward 16 at Pachoda B/C.
		Right to Food	Maize is being distributed in a partisan manner in Mberengwa, one Shoko Simbabrashe Chikati* was denied access to maize as he was said to be supporting the Member of Parliament Chiratidzo Mabuwa who is believed to be in a faction

			opposed to the Mnangagwa faction in the ruling party.
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Harare	31 January	Right to Food	In Glenview there was unfair distribution of maize by the Social welfare officer at Glenview hall. It was reported that 238 people received 50kgs of maize and 70 people were turned away despite their names being on the beneficiaries list. Mr Nhau, the Social welfare officer told people that those who were on the National Social Security Association pension scheme were not going to benefit from the program. This was a complete violation of human rights and discrimination. Zanu-PF youths were controlling the process acting as ushers during the distribution process.

\*The names of victims have been changed to protect their identities.

**ANNEXURE 1. DEFINITIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

TERM	DEFINITION
MURDER	Unlawful and intentional killing of another person
SEXUAL ASSAULT:	It is knowingly causing another person to engage in an unwanted sexual act by force or threat.
<b>A) RAPE</b>	
<b>B) AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT</b>	<b>INDECENT</b> Is whereby a male person has sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with female person without the consent of the latter  Is whereby a person including a female commits a sexual act involving the penetration of any part of the victim's body, other than a male person having sexual intercourse or anal intercourse with a female person, without the consent of the victim, including active and passive oral sex and anal sex between two individuals of any gender.
ASSAULT	Is whereby a person commits an assault upon another person intending to cause that other person bodily harm.
<b>A) FALANGA (FOOT WHIPPING)</b>	Is a form of corporal punishment whereby the soles of the feet are beaten with an object such as a cane, or rod, a piece of wood or a whip? The victim may be immobilized before the application of the beating by tying, securing the feet in leg irons, locking the legs into an elevated position or hanging upside down.
<b>B) SUBMERSION/SUFFOCATION (WATER BOARDING)</b>	
<b>C) BEATING</b>	A form of assault whereby water is forced into the victim's breathing passages so as to simulate drowning.
<b>D) OTHER ASSAULT</b>	

Is any form of physical assault including hitting of a person with or without an object such as a stick, belt, whip, barbed wire, log or any other object including bare hands. It also includes the kicking or head-butting of a person; and includes stabbing, shooting and forced consumption (forcing a person or overeat or eat something poisonous or their own excreta.)

**TORTURE**

Any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person by or instigation of public official or other person acting in an official capacity for purposes of obtaining from the victim or a third person information or a confession, punishing him/her for an act s/he or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed, or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person, or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind

**THREAT**

It is whereby a person threatens to commit a crime, including but not limited to murder, rape, aggravated indecent assault, unlawful detention, theft, malicious damage to property thereby inspiring in the person on whom she/he communicates the threat of a reasonable fear or belief that he or she will commit the crime.

**HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION**

Unlawfully subjecting one to pressure, insult of threat with intent to cause him/her to suffer anxiety discomfort and/or the feeling of insecurity.

**MOVEMENT VIOLATIONS**

**KIDNAPPING/UNLAWFUL DETENTION**

Is whereby a person deprives another person of his freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority (based on section 93 of the Criminal code Act)

**A) ABDUCTION**

**B) UNLAWFUL ARREST**

The taking away of a person using intimidation, open force of violence

Is the arrest of a person by another person (usually a police officer), whereby the latter's position generally authorizes him/her to arrest the other person, but not in this particular

**C) UNLAWFUL DETENTION**

case. Essentially, it is a form of abuse of power on the part of the police officer

**D) FORCED DISPLACEMENT**

Depriving a person of his or her freedom of bodily movement without lawful justification and/or authority.

Internal displacement of persons or groups of persons "...who have been forced or obliged to flee or leave their homes or places or habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human made disasters, and who have not crossed an internally recognized border"

**PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**THEFT**

Is whereby a person takes property from another person "knowing" that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control this very property.

**ROBBERY**

Is whereby a person steals, borrows or uses the property of another person without authority, thereby intentionally using violence or the threat of immediate violence to induce the person who has lawful control over the property to relinquish his/her control over it.

**STOCK THEFT**

Is whereby a person takes livestock from another person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, and possess or control this very property.

**MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY**

Is whereby a person knowing that the other person is entitled to own, possess or control any property, damages or destroys that very property (Note: MDP to communal/household property should only be chosen for one family member: the victim or head of household in that order)

**A) DESTRUCTION OF HOME**

**B) OTHER TYPES OF MDP**

Is a form of malicious damage to property, it occurs when a home is burnt to the ground or otherwise made inhabitable in such a manner as the only option toward the making the home habitable is to completely rebuild it.

Please describe briefly the alleged conduct

## **ZIMBABWE PEACE PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

ZPP was founded in 2000 by a group of faith based and human rights NGOs working and interested in human rights and peace-building initiatives. The organisation has become a vehicle for civic interventions in times of political crises. In particular, ZPP seeks to monitor and document incidents of human rights violations and breaches of peace.

Today, ZPP's co-operating member organizations include, Zimbabwe Council of Churches (ZCC), Catholic Commission for Justice & Peace in Zimbabwe (CCJPZ), Evangelical fellowship of Zimbabwe (EFZ) Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Counselling Services Unit (CSU), Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (ZIMCET), Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR), Zimbabwe Human Rights Association (ZIMRIGHTS), Civic Education Network Trust (CIVNET), Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ) and Habakkuk Trust.

### **VISION**

A Zimbabwe where there is Peace, Justice, Dignity and Development for all.

### **MISSION**

To work for sustainable peace through monitoring, documentation, advocacy and community peace building interventions with our members and partners

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