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# Zimbabwe Electoral Commission Capacity Building Project Phase Two (ZIM-ECO)

**\$ Budget: 1,470,480 USD**

**🕒 Duration: April 2023 – December 2024**

## Development Challenges

In Zimbabwe, elections and how they are conducted have a major impact on the development of the country. Since the adoption of the 2013 Constitution, Zimbabwe held two Harmonized Election cycles whereby election results were contested. The highly polarized political environment and historical contestation of election outcomes impede constructive engagement between the government and the opposition.

The 2023 elections will be critical for the future of Zimbabwe and enhance the credibility of the electoral process and are, therefore, an important investment in the country's socio-economic development. ZIM-ECO represents a critical investment by Zimbabwe's partners to enhance the quality of a process that is central to good governance, accountability, transparency, and inclusion, and thus contributes to economic recovery, the delivery of essential services, peace, and stability.

## Project Objectives

Supporting Zimbabwe for the conduct of genuine elections through working with ZEC to be independent, impartial, transparent, professional, and sustainable, and for election processes to be implemented to ensure accountability, inclusive participation and further justice and peace.

## Project Outputs

The ZIM-ECO Project seeks to enhance the effectiveness of the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission by strengthening its capacity. It also aims to enhance accountability and inclusion in the electoral process by supporting the Electoral Commission's work and that of other stakeholders in improving the participation of women and youth and access to the electoral process for persons with disabilities.

### Increase the electorate's awareness of the electoral process

The project will support ZEC's voter education activities to encourage marginalized groups such as women, youth and persons with disabilities to register and vote in the 2023 Harmonized Elections.

### Promote gender equality throughout the electoral cycle and mitigate violence against women in elections (VAWE)

The project will enhance prevention and response to violence against women in elections by supporting the development and implementation of activities that prevent and mitigate the scourge.

### Enhance access to the electoral process for persons with disabilities

The project supports work to improve persons with disabilities' access to the electoral process.

**Enhance electoral security-** The project will support the training of Zimbabwe Republic Police officials on human rights and gender equality to strengthen their capacity in providing electoral security in the 2023 elections

**Consolidate ZEC institutional and human resource capacity-** The project will maintain the biometric voter registration system for the 2023 elections and support data-driven decision-making.

## Partnership

Government of Zimbabwe,  
the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission.

## Contribution to SDGs

