



SUMMARY NOTES FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE, OF THE ELECTED FEMALE CANDIDATES IN THE 12TH AUGUST 2021 GENERAL ELECTIONS

Parliamentary Election Results

- (i) The total number of elected Members of Parliament (MPs) as at 17th August 2021 stood at 154 out of the expected 156. The Mandevu and Kaumbwe Constituencies are yet to be concluded. Out of the 154 MPs, only 20 (13%) are women while 134 (87%) were men¹. If the two Constituencies remaining were to be filled by women, the percentage would only rise up to 14 percent.
- (ii) This is a reduction from the 2016 General Elections, where the percentage number of female MPs stood at 18 percent. NGOCC remains expectant to see the number of female MPs either equal or rise above the 2016 threshold if the majority or all of the eight (8) MPs to be nominated by the Republican President will be female.
- (iii) Lusaka Province has the highest number of female MPs with four (4) while Central and Luapula Provinces have three each. Eastern, Muchinga and Southern Provinces have two female MPs each while Copperbelt, Northern, North-Western and Western Provinces only have one female MP each.
- (iv) The UPND has the highest number of female MPs at ten (10) followed closely by the opposition Patriotic Front (PF) at nine (9). Only one (1) female stood as an Independent.

Local Government Election Results Council Mayor/ Chairperson

- (i) Out of the 116 District Councils, a total of 115 seats were contested at Local Government Mayor/Council Chairperson. The remaining one district has a pending By-Election having lost one of the aspiring candidates just before the election.
- (ii) The Patriotic Front (PF) and United Party for National Development (UPND) were the only two parties that won seats while others won as independent candidates. The numbers are as follows: UPND, 64 seats; PF, 43 seats; and Independent candidates, 8².

¹ Electoral Commission of Zambia 2021 Results - <https://zambiaelections2021.org.zm//Parliamentary>

² Electoral Commission of Zambia 2021 Results - <https://zambiaelections2021.org.zm//mayoral>

- (iii) Out of all the successful Mayoral/Council Chairperson candidates for the 115 District Councils, only 15 (13%) are women, representing a 4% increase from the 2016 General Elections.
- (iv) Lusaka Province has almost same number of Districts won by both female and male (3 female and 4 male) while Copperbelt, Eastern, Muchinga and Southern Provinces have 2 each. Western which is regarded as the province with highest poverty levels only has one female Mayor/Council Chairperson. On the other hand Central, Luapula and Northwestern which are mainly rural based have no female Mayor/Council Chairperson.

PROVINCE	NO. OF DISTRICTS/ SEATS	SEATS WON			
		PF	UPND	IND	By-Election
CENTRAL	012	5	7		
COPPERBELT	210	2	8		
EASTERN	213	9	2	2	1
LUAPULA	012	8	1	3	
LUSAKA	37	2	5		
MUCHINGA	29	9			
NORTHERN	312	8	4		
NORTH-WESTERN	011		9	2	
SOUTHERN	213		13		
WESTERN	116		15	1	
TOTAL	116	43	64	8	1