

How To Donate

You can donate money to the work of the Zimbabwe Benefit Foundation (ZBF) which provides medical supplies, food packs, blankets and basic building materials to victims of the escalating violence in Zimbabwe.

Or

To the work of Zimbabwe Democracy Now (ZDN) which undertakes public campaigns in Zimbabwe to promote an end to the undemocratic and corrupt practices of the Zimbabwean Government.

Just Rights Queensland has kindly agreed to receive donations by electronic transfer, cheque or money order for these two causes so that you do not incur a substantial fee for overseas bank transfers. Just Rights Qld will transfer all donations to the two funds. None of your donations will be used to pay for administrative costs.

Cheques or money orders should be made out to Just Rights Qld and posted to Just Rights Qld, 44 Fenton Street, Fairfield Q 4103. Please indicate whether you want your donation to go to ZBF or ZDN or both.

Account details for electronic transfer of your donation are as follows:

Account Name	Just Rights Queensland
Bank	St George Bank
BSB:	114-879
Account Number:	128 111 341

When you make your transfer, make sure you indicate in the description field where you want your donation spent, i.e., ZBF (Zimbabwe Benefit Foundation), ZDN (Zimbabwe Democracy Now), or Zimbabwe Donation (for both).

More Information about Zimbabwe

You can find out much more about the current crisis in Zimbabwe and the years of repression and violence leading up to it at a number of websites including:

The Zimbabwe Situation

<http://www.zimbabwesituation.com/>

Stand Up for Zimbabwe

<http://www.sokwanele.com/>

The Zimbabwe Information Centre

<http://www.zic.com.au/>

Genocide Watch

<http://www.genocidewatch.org/>

The Zimbabwe Benefit Foundation

<http://www.zbf.org.uk/>

Zimbabwe Democracy Now

<http://www.zimbabwedemocracynow.com/>

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An Immense Human Rights Crisis!

Zimbabwe is a country in grave crisis.

President Robert Mugabe's Government has increasingly resorted to violence and human rights abuses in its efforts to thwart opposition to its rule.

The country is now in a state of social and economic collapse and the outcome of recent elections has brought this growing crisis to a head.

2008 Election Outcome

The Zimbabwean Presidential and Parliamentary elections on 29 March 2008 were a decisive defeat for President Robert Mugabe and his ZANU-PF Government. While the Electoral Commission delayed announcing results for some time, its figures indicated that ZANU-PF had lost its majority in the Lower House and drew with the Opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in the Upper House.

Compilation of the results in the Presidential vote at individual booths indicated a majority of 50.3% for MDC Leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, but the Electoral Commission refused to announce the ballot outcome for some weeks. When it did, it said that Mr Tsvangirai had received a higher vote than Mr Mugabe, but did not get an absolute majority. It has subsequently called a Presidential run-off vote for 28 June.

What You Can Do

You can do something to help the people of Zimbabwe to end this appalling abuse of their human rights and to establish democracy, peace and justice:

- Share this information with your friends, work colleagues and networks
- Donate money to help provide emergency supplies for victims of the current campaign of terror and to help those who are working to promote democracy in Zimbabwe.

The Current Crisis

Since the March 2008 election, war veterans and youth militias have been deployed in various regions of the country to unleash a campaign of terror and violence upon Opposition supporters.

There have been many reports of beatings, abductions and killings of MDC supporters. There have also been reports of arrests of Opposition officials and MPs.

The homes and possessions of many Zimbabweans have been destroyed in this post-election campaign of intimidation. Others have fled to South Africa where they have been subjected to violence from locals.

This post-election violence clearly aims to stop citizens from voting against Mr Mugabe on 28 June. It is a horrifying and appalling situation which most of us could not imagine possible!

Many world leaders and major international organisations have expressed their horror at the escalating violence and intimidation in Zimbabwe and have called for action to end it.

The People Say No

In the recent elections, the Zimbabwean people courageously rejected the devastation caused by the President and his Government for many years. President Mugabe's Government's actions have brought about almost total social and economic collapse:

- Hyper-inflation of over 400000% p.a. has crippled business and the economy
- Unemployment is over 80%
- About one-third of the population requires food aid to survive
- Average life expectancy has fallen below 40 years of age
- 1 in 8 children die before they reach 5 years of age
- 700000 people were left homeless after their homes were bulldozed in 2005
- Opposition politicians and supporters have been routinely intimidated, bashed, detained and even killed for the past ten years
- Elections have been regularly rigged to keep the Government in power
- The media has been tightly controlled so that the Government's interests are promoted