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## Official ECZ Results for Presidential Election Accurately Reflect Votes Cast

“Based on official results as recorded by polling officials at these polling stations, CSEC can state with great confidence that the results for the Presidential Elections as announced by ECZ Chairperson Justice Irene Mambilima accurately reflect the ballots cast on 20 September by Zambians.” said CSEC Chairman Sam Mulafulafu.

The Rapid Response Project (RRP) involved deploying highly trained, accredited 985 monitors to a representative, random sample of 710 polling stations in all 150 constituencies of the nine provinces of Zambia.

The Rapid Response Project is a technique that has been developed and applied in more than thirty countries around the world, including: Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

The findings of the RRP are consistent with the official results as announced by the ECZ, meaning that the official results reflect the votes cast by Zambians. The RRP estimates for the Presidential Election have a margin of error of +/- 1.4% at a 95% confidence interval. It is important to note, the RRP estimates are based on information from all 150 constituencies while the official results from the ECZ reflect the 143 constituencies announced as of 00:30 hours early on Friday 23 September.

**Table 1: Analysis of Presidential Results**

Presidential Candidate	Official ECZ Results	RRP Estimates
Michael Sata, PF	43.0%	42.7%
Rupiah Banda, MMD	36.1%	35.9%
Hakainde Hichilema, UPND	18.5%	18.8%
Charles Milupi, ADD	0.8%	1.1%
Elias Chipimo, NAREP	0.4%	0.4%
Tilyenji Kaunda, UNIP	0.4%	0.4%
Edith Nawakwi, FDD	0.3%	0.2%
Ng'andu Magande, NMP	0.2%	0.2%
Godfrey Miyanda, HP	0.2%	0.2%
Fred Mutesa, ZED	0.1%	0.1%

*Note: Excludes Rejected Ballots*

In CSEC's view the elections generally met international and regional standards for democratic elections. The CSEC Steering Committee appeals to Zambians, especially all political parties and their supporters, to act responsibly and in the interests of the nation. Zambians have been able to exercise their democratic rights and therefore we are all winners regardless of how we voted. Once again Zambia has been able to demonstrate a good example for Africa for democratic elections and peaceful transitions of power.

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