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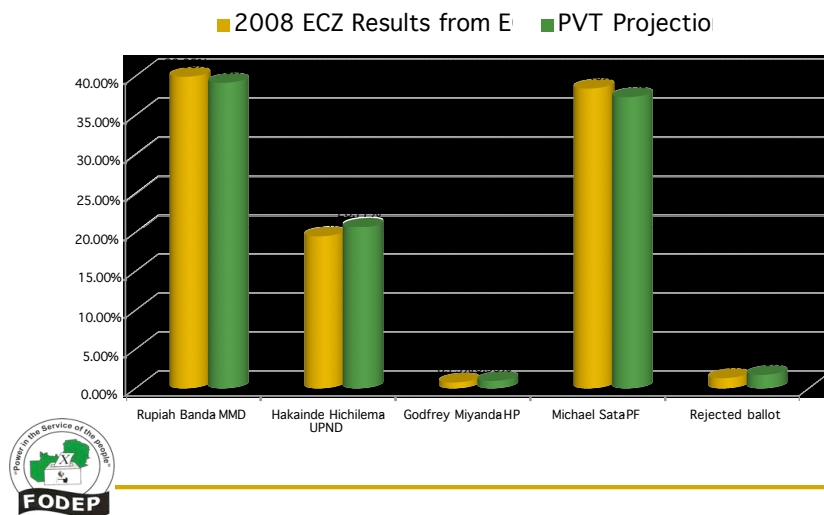
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FODEP PVT Consistent with Official Results

Results from an independent Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) conducted by the Foundation for Democratic Process (FODEP) for the 2008 Zambia's Presidential By-Election are consistent with the official results published by the Election Commission of Zambia (ECZ). Analysis of the results and turnout both at the national and provincial level show no significant inconsistency with those provided by the ECZ and no evidence of manipulation. The results from the FODEP PVT exercise and those released by the ECZ are compared here:

Comparison between PVT and E



FODEP's findings are based on information on polling and counting collected from 885 polling streams in 615 polling districts, drawn at random from all of Zambia's 150 constituencies using a statistical method which is accepted internationally and proven to be accurate. FODEP has been monitoring elections for nearly two decades. After disputed results in the 2001 and 2006 elections, FODEP in collaboration with other civil society organisations (CSOs) decided to utilize the PVT technique in this election to promote electoral integrity. The PVT technique provides a method verify the accuracy of the election results reported by electoral authorities as they are transmitted from the counting centres to the central levels of the election administration.

The findings of the PVT should assure Zambians and political contestants that the official results announced by the ECZ reflect the will of the people. FODEP reiterates its appeal to all contestants and their supporters to remain calm and preserve the peace that Zambia has enjoyed since independence. FODEP reiterates its appeal to all contestants and their supporters to remain calm and preserve the peace that Zambia has enjoyed since independence. Given the closeness of these results, FODEP urges the ECZ to publish the results at polling district level in the daily papers to permit a full analysis of the results by all stakeholders in the electoral process. FODEP will meet with stakeholders, including the political parties, over the coming days to explain our methodology and findings in detail and to satisfy their questions. FODEP would like to thank the thousands election observers and coordinators for their commitment and dedication to enhancing the credibility of the electoral process.