

GENERAL ELECTION 2014

VENUE: GREATER BRONKHORSTSPRUIT AREA

DATE: 7 MAY 2014

PICTURE EVIDENCE:



A senior citizen on her way to a voting station in Zithobeni at the local Community Hall that was vandalized during the recent service delivery protests in the area



Figure People waiting for their turn to cast their vote in a queue at Kgoro Primary School in Zithobeni outside Bronkhorstspuit



Miltitudes waiting patiently outside the Masakhane Community Hall in Ekangala

## THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTIONS: GREATER ZITHOBENI AREA

### FIRST TIME VOTERS: VOX POPS

SYNOPSIS: The voter turnout among the youth as not as high as expected but those who turned up were very enthusiastic about voting for the first time in their lives.



Zizi Ndlovu (19 years) from Zithobeni said, "I am very very happy to be here because by voting, i am raising my voice loud and clear and i am voting for the party of my choice. All I want to see after voting is service delivery improvements".



Gugu Zwane (19 years) from Zithobeni Extension 2 said: "I am so excited for the experience but i am still not sure who i will vote for. I hate corruption as it is dragging our country down and i wish whoever wins will speed up job creation especially for the youth".



Jabulani Maseko (20 years) said: "I am happy to vote for the first time in my life because the late Nelson Mandela fought and sacrificed a lot for us to be free to be who we want to be, to choose a party we like. I am voting for change as I want to see more jobs for all but especially for young people".

## **VOXPOPS ELECTIONS, 7 MAY 2014 eThekwini**

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2. What are your expectations of the new government?

... and this is what they had to say...

**Venue: Austerville Community Hall,  
Wentworth, South Durban Basin,  
eThekwini**

**Respondent: Natasha Dunn**

“Yes I am a born free. I am proud to be a part of this event. Every individual should cast their vote based on logic, knowledge and understanding about the political parties and issues in the country. As youth it is very important to exercise our right to vote and we cannot expect our elders to bring about change all the time. Youth need to play a more important role in bringing about change whether it is about employment, job creation or education in order to move the country forward.”



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**Venue: Waterfall Library; Hillcrest, eThekweni**

**Respondent: Samantha Munro**

“I am voting because it is the right thing to do, we have to be responsible citizens. We are voting for change, we want the new government to brush up on the education system in the country and to stop the corruption”

**NB. Respondent declined to have photograph taken**

**Venue: Waterfall Library; Hillcrest, eThekweni**

**Respondent: David Lockwood**

“ I am voting because it is the right thing to do, it’s the only way to have their say as SA Citizens. We want the new government government to fight and stop corruptionand focus on the many social ills the country has.”

**NB. Respondent declined to have photograph taken**

**Venue: Waterloo Secondary School, Verulam, eThekweni**

**Respondent: Siphamandla Nkosi**

“I am a Bornfree and I feel extremely blessed to vote for the first time. My vote means I am participating and contributing towards a better life for me and other people.



**Venue: Waterloo Secondary School, Verulam, eThekweni**

**Respondent: Zamandosi Happiness Mvuyana**

“I am a born free and I feel excited to be voting for the first time. I want my voice to be heard, to participate and to contribute towards an improved life. I don’t want to be the person who stays home, doesn’t vote and complains but does nothing. My vote means that I matter and I am a part of South Africa.





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**Venue: Summerfield Primary School, Bayview, Chatsworth, eThekwini**

**Respondent: Vasu Pillay**

“I feel positive about the country and the direction in which it is heading. My vote means I have a say, I can voice my concerns. Life has definitely improved in the past 20 Years”



**Venue: Summerfield Primary School, Bayview, eThekwini**

**Respondent: Vimla Kisten**

“I feel very good that I have a voice now. You cannot complain, do nothing and still want change. Life since 1994 has been better but we still need change especially for people with disability eg We live normal lives, the same as people without disabilities but there is no public transport for us and access to medical services is a challenge as we travel to hospitals far away from where we live. My transport cost to Wentworth Hospital or Albert Luthuli Hospital sometimes works out to almost R300. Even shopping for basic necessities is a challenge. I am very grateful for the disability grant and the increases annually but it is still not enough as the price of food and everything else increases more than the grant increase.”





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2014 General Election day in Wesselton location in Ermelo (Gert Sibande)

Voting process has been smoothly with no major incidents GCIS visited three voting station which is Bashele Primary school in Phumula , Phumula Primary and Peter Mabuza primary school. Voters came to cast their votes No incidents reported. Born Frees were among the voters who exercised their democratic right

Media Monitoring at Ligbron High school a voting station It was reported on the SABC Radio Station Its was reported that the President of the Pan African Congress Mr A. Mphethi lodge a complain about members of the ruling party canvassing inside the voting station and proposed to close the voting station. IEC and the South African Police Services managed the situation and voting process continues without any hazards.

In Amersfoort town in Dr Pixley Ka- Semen Municipality the SABC it was reported that there was a shortage of the IEC personnel which led to late opening of the voting station.



Members of the community of Phumula entering and leaving the voting station



Peaceful voting at Bashele voting station



Community members came in number to cast their vote at Peter Mabuza voting station in wesselton

The end

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## **2014 Election feedback for Ehlanzeni District Municipality**

2014 National and Provincial elections went smooth at Ehlanzeni District Municipality without any distractions reported. At Bushbuckridge, Mbombela, Umjindi and Thaba Chweu the local municipal communicator's reported that there were no incidents of disruptions.



Ms. Lungile Lubisi from Driekoppies village queuing to go inside to cast her vote. She requests that the party that will win provides a satellite campus for the University of Mpumalanga in the Nkomazi area.



Community members of Mgobodzi village waiting to cast their vote.

NORTHERN CAPE ELECTION DAY: 2014



Northern Cape Premier, Sylvia Lukas doing an interview after casting a vote in Upington





Voters queuing to cast their votes in Kimberley



Busy day at the entrance of a voting station in Galeshewe =-Kimberley



Elderlies waiting for their chance to enter the station in Galeshewe-Kimbelrey



Residents of Club 2000 also taking their rights seriously. Most of the voters here doing it for the first time.



Born frees in Roodepan in Kimberley waiting for their chance



Political parties in their regalia also close by to support their members