



Issue Based Voter Education Campaign (IBVEC) Project: Social Contract

Introduction

With funding from National Democratic Institute (NDI), the NGO Gender Coordination Network is implementing an Issue Based Voter Education Campaign (IBVEC) project that is aimed at building candidates and citizens' engagement in addressing citizens' priority issues especially issues that affect women and girls. The project is operating in the following districts, constituencies and wards: Balaka: Balaka South constituency with Utale and Mwalire wards and Balaka North constituency with Bwaila and Liwawadzi wards; Machinga- Machinga North Constituency with Lisanjala and Chinguni Wards and Machinga South East constituency with Chikwanda and Ngokwe wards; and Lilongwe-Lilongwe Mapuyu North Constituency with Mapuyu and Nyanja wards and Lilongwe South Constituency with Malingunde and Chiputu wards.

Recently, as one of the project's activities, an Issue and Problem Identification process was carried out in the targeted wards, and constituencies where the citizens came up and prioritized the issues mainly that affect women and girls in their areas. To this end, one follow up activity has been carried out thus presenting the issues identified and prioritized to the candidates in each targeted constituency and ward, this was meant to inform the candidates of the issues in area they seek to represent.

Candidate's commitment to address the issues

Having been well notified, of the issues affecting women and girls in my constituency/ward, I therefore commit to implement and fulfil the pledges I have made to address these issues when I assume office as the Member of Parliament for this constituency or a councilor for this ward on 20th May, 2014. I solemnly swear to fulfil these commitments by end of term of office in 2019.

Priority issues according to ward

1. Lisanjala ward

1. I will make sure that the area has potable water
2. I will make sure that the area has a good road network and bridges to ease transportation problems especially during rainy season
3. I will make sure that the area has enough health facilities with enough materials and drugs
4. I will make sure that the area has enough secondary schools so that students especially girls should not cover long distance to the nearest school
5. I will make sure that the area has a police unit
6. I will make sure that schools in the area have enough staff houses
7. I will make sure that women are not oppressed by men mainly when it comes to land acquisition
8. I will make sure that people in the area are well sensitized on issues of GBV
9. I will not relocate to town centers once am elected into power
10. I will make sure that women in the area have access to loan schemes

2. Bwaila ward

1. I will make sure that the only health center at Ulongwe has enough medical staff and drugs
2. I will make sure that the area has a good road network and bridges to ease transportation during rainy season

3. I will make sure that the area has access to potable water
4. I will make sure that most schools in the area have enough learning and teaching materials
5. I will make sure that the schools have enough houses and school brocks
6. I will make sure that the area has got a police unit
7. If elected I will not relocate to town centres and will always consult my constituents
8. I will make sure that women are given leadership positions in different committees
9. I will make sure that needy girls have access to bursary scheme
- 10.I will make sure that the communities are well sensitized not force their children into marriage while they are still young
- 11.I will make sure that teachers who engage into sexual relationships with school girls are brought to book accordingly

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Benedicto Solobala

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Joseph Khombe

Signature_____

Bendala Byson Paul

Signature_____

Grey Chitsonga

Signature_____

Clara Chiwala

Signature_____

Tomson .T. Bwanali

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Aboo Osman

Signature_____

Daud Ibrahim Amin

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Mphatso Masache Kamanga

Signature_____

Elias Paul Lipawe

Signature_____

Linda Mwapasa

Signature_____

Naluso Samson

Signed This _____ day of May in the year 2014