

NYANGA NORTH

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 Study area

Nyanga North constituency is in Manicaland province and it borders eastern Mozambique. The constituency is made up of communal land and the population survive on market gardening (either as cooperatives and individuals). Nyanga North constituency has 13 wards and stretches from Nyanga town to Fombe (Ward 1). The constituency falls under Chief Peter Saunyama (covers Wards 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13) and chief Chifodya Katerere (covers Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6). There are 8 headmen and 86 kraal heads in the constituency. The area has been an MDC stronghold since 2000. The researchers managed to cover 11 wards. The researchers could not cover Ward 8 and 10 which is Hubert Nyanhongo's village.

1.2 Summary

- *Organization of violence*

JUNE 27 2008 VIOLENCE

The head of CIO at Nyanga, Nyakatawa, gave orders to Lovemore Chibvura, Theresa Muromowenyoka and Rosemary Chikutirwe, who were stationed at DDF Ruwangwe base, which was the main base. The three who were at the main base gave orders to six more bases. DDF Ruwangwe base developed strategies and tactics used by these other six bases. Base commanders from the six bases held daily meetings with Lovemore Chibvura, Theresa Muromowenyoka and Rosemary Chikutirwe at DDF Ruwangwe base around 6am. The base commanders were ferried to the meeting using a silver CAM vehicle without a registration number. The vehicle was driven by Victor Saunyama - son of chief Saunyama.

Rosemary Chikutirwe was responsible for recruiting women and young girls. The six bases which fell under DDF main base were Chapatarongo Base headed by Philip Mainoti, Fombe Base headed by Moses Fombe, Bumhira Base headed by Idah Nyakakweto, Kanyimo Base headed by John Jaji, Gotekote Base headed by Jane Chikwiramakomo, and Nyamahumba Base headed by Give Makanyanga.

Fuel was kept in DDF fuel tanks. The tanks had a capacity of 2500 litres. The DDF clerk Clista Mageza was responsible for fuel allocation. The DDF base was positioned at the centre of the constituency and was only 100 metres away from the ZEC district command centre. Rosemary Chikutirwa influenced the selection of ZEC presiding officers at all polling stations within Nyanga North. Fuel was delivered to DDF base by vehicles with RBZ logos.

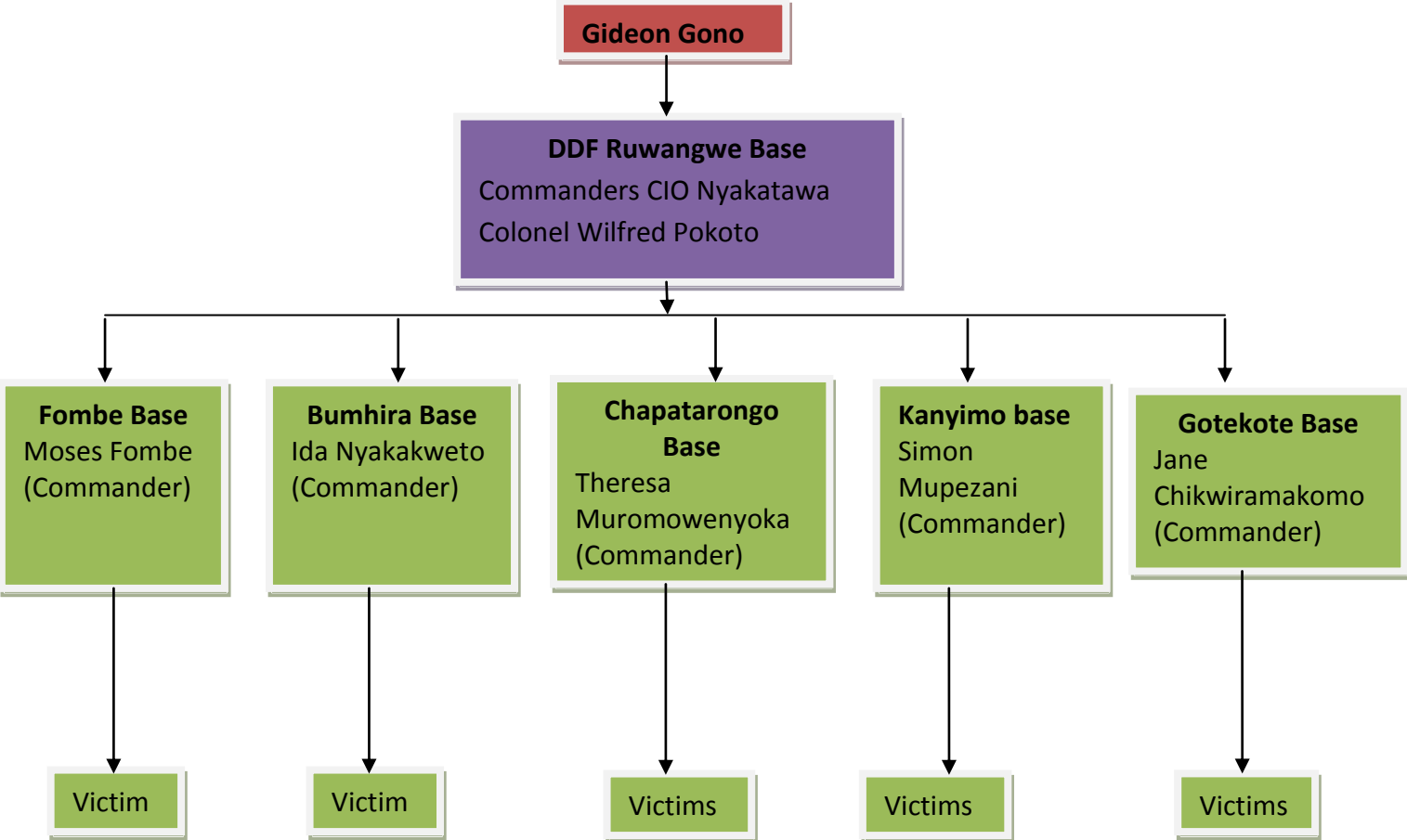
DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT/2010 ORGANIZED VIOLENCE

Gilbert Nyanhongo MP Harare South gives orders to John Jaji at Kanyimo base in Ward 4. His vehicle – a Mazda BT50, Reg No: ABM 0412 – is used for coordination and communication. At Kanyimo base there are about 10-15 youths. 5 of the youths are permanent at the base. These are John Jaji, who is the base commander and also a war veteran, Bishard Chinomonya (youth officer), Give Chinomonya (youth officer) and John Gurupira (youth officer). The other 10 youths are deployed on a rotational basis. They include Jane Mupanganyemba, Rudo Kanyimo, Manyara Chifodya, Hard Mutseka, Mujoni Kangorongoda, Mckenzie Tedious, Mckenzie Raymond, Gotekote Coletta and Katewe Johanne Kangorongoda.

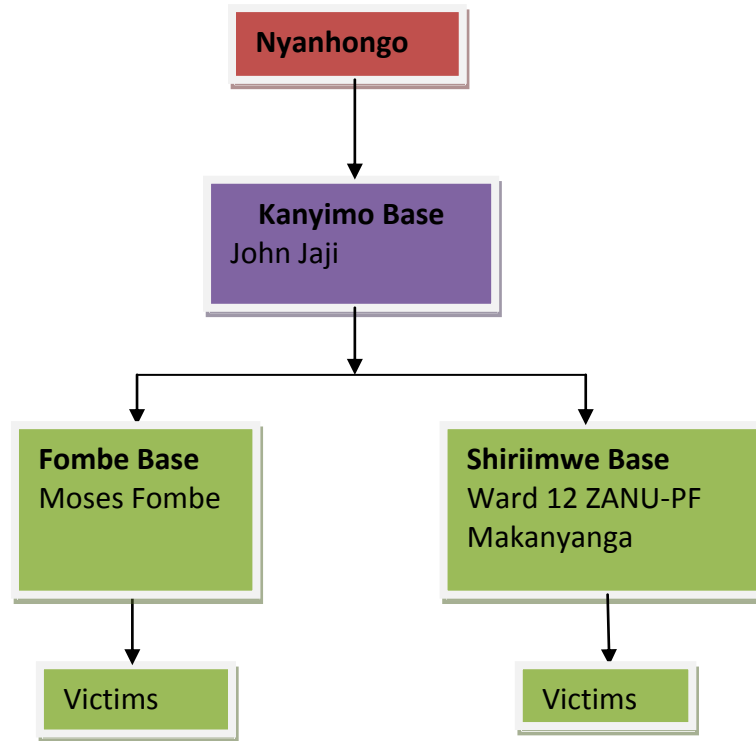
Kanyimo give orders to Shiriimwe base and Fombe base. Shiriimwe base is headed by Makanyanga, who is the ZANU-PF Ward 12 chairperson. Idah Nyakakweto is also a war veteran who operates from the base. At Shiriimwe base, John Jaji's Mazda BT50 is used for communication and logistics. At Fombe base, Moses Fombe is the base commander. Other perpetrators of violence from Fombe base include Kedy Dumba and Hyde Kwaramba.

Communication at Fombe is passed through Kenneth Baruku (former member of Chapatarongo base during the 2008 violence), who uses a ZANU-PF Nyanga DCC Nissan Hard Body single cab, Reg No: ABA 8046 and white in colour. There are four dormant bases and three active ones.

- Organisational structure (2008)



- *Organizational structure (2010)*



2. DATA ON BASES

2.1 Table of bases

Name of base	Place (Building?)	Grid ref.	Status	Used			
				02	05	08	10
Gotekote	Gotekote crèche		Dormant	√		√	
Bumhira	Bumhira Village Ward 12 (at the School Gate Bumhira Secondary School)		Dormant	√		√	
Fombe	Saruchera bottle Store Backyard Ward 1		Active	√	√	√	√
Chapatarongo	Chapatarongos School Ward 5		Dormant	√		√	
Kanyimo	Kanyimo Shops Ward 4 At Sigauke's shop (Backyard)		Active	√	√	√	√
DDF Ruwangwe	DDF Ruwangwe		Dormant	√	√	√	
Shiriimwe	Shiriimwe shop at Nyamaropa shops		Active				√

Notes:

- The bases are always active during elections time especially DDF Ruwangwe, Kanyimo, Chapatarongo, Gotekote and Fombe
- The bases are disguised as ZANU-PF information centres
- DDF Ruwangwe base was the main base during the 27 June presidential run off election

2.2 2008 Violence

- 2008 incidents of serious violence (for each base/place)

BUMHIRA BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	GBH (01/06/08, 0000hrs) ZANU-PF Ward 12 chairperson: Hebert Makanyange and Idah Nyakakweto (war veteran) ordered the violence. The victim was trapped in his home and attacked using iron bars. The case was not reported to the police and perpetrators are still roaming freely within the constituency.	PM	Researchers saw scars on his head	-Taona Mutsiwawu, -Cliborne Mutsiwawu -Stanley Nyabasa(youth officers)	PM
2	Massive Stock and Food Theft (01/06/08 to 27/06/08) ZANU-PF ward chairperson Makanyange and Idah Nyakakweto ordered the violence. At 12am on a daily bases youths visited homesteads of MDC supporters and looted food items, such as mealie meal. Livestock including: goats, cattle and pigs were looted. The case was not reported to the police and perpetrators are still in the area except Taona Mutsiwawu who was arrested in Nyanga town for reasons not known by our source of information.	PM		-Taona Mutsiwawu, -Cliborne Mutsiwawu, -Stanley Nyabasa and other perpetrators not identified	PM LJ DS

KANYIMO BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident (Date, Time)	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	GBH and Arson (26/06/08, 2000hrs) Eliot Mupezani who was at the time the ZANU-PF Ward 4 Chairperson ordered the violence. Soldiers accompanied by ZANU-PF youths raided	JM	The researchers saw the scars	-Eliot Mupezani -John Jaji (war veteran and now	FM JM

	the homestead of the MDC Ward 4 Chairperson and severely assaulted his wife and burned down his four roomed house. The perpetrators used iron bars and log sticks to assault the victim. The case was not reported and perpetrators are still free in the area.		at the back of the victim and also saw the remains of the burnt house.	ZANU-PF Ward 4 chairperson) -Rosemary Chikutirwa (youth officer)	
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CHAPATARONGO BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	GBH (05/05/08, 1800hrs) Theresa Muromowenyoka ordered the violence. The victims were marched to the base by over 100 militia. They were severely assaulted at the base. Perpetrators used iron bars and logs to assault the victims. No report was made to the police and perpetrators are still in the area.	GT (villager)	The researchers saw permanent scars on the victim`s body.	-Phillip Mainoti (42) -Andrew Kadzimba (45) (Teachers and Youth Officers) -Kenneth Barukwe (ZANU-PF district driver)	GT AM KN (all were MDC election agents)
2	Massive Stock Theft (05/05/08, 2300hrs) Philip Mainoti (a teacher at Chapatarongo primary school) ordered the violence and Phillip was leading the group. More than 30 youth militia travelled a distance of 3km to the victim`s homestead and seized 4 livestock. The case was not reported to the police and perpetrators are still free in the area	KN		-Theresa Muromowenyoka (base commander) -Kenneth Barukwe -Givemore Chirombe (youth officer) -Kelvin Makanyanga (youth officer)	KN

RUWANGWE BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident (Date, Time)	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p>Theft and robbery (05/06/08, overnight) The militia youths and a suspected CIO agent identified as Nyakatawa set up a road block along Ruwangwe, Nyanga road. The team stopped vehicles and demanded ZANU-PF membership cards from travellers, searching bags and confiscating valuable assets such as cell phones, jewellery, money and even food stuffs. No report was made to the police and perpetrators are still free in the area with the exception of Nyakatawa.</p>	FG		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lovemore Chibvura -Colonel Wilfred Pokoto (base commanders) -Philip Mainoti -Idah Nyakakwetu ID: 34-019590P34 (Bumhira base commander) -Moses Fombe ID: 34-067711v34 (Fombe base commander) -Constable Mashumba Ruwangwe police station force number: 026838m -Andrew Nyakakwetu ID: 34-019590p34 (sub headman for Nyamaropa village) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SG FG

GOTEKOTE BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident (Date, Time)	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	<p>Torture & Denial of Medication for MDC activists (26/05/08, 1000hrs)</p> <p>Simon Brancho (retired ZNA personnel) ordered the violence. RS was severely tortured at the base. The militia took turns to assault the victim using sjamboks. The nurse in charge at Gotekote clinic was also involved in the brutal torture. She used her influence at the local clinic to block medical attention to victims and even stopped medical assistance to anyone believed to be an MDC supporter. No report was made to the police and perpetrators are still in the area.</p>	GF	The researchers saw the scars on the left hand.	Jane Chikwiramakomo (nurse in charge Gotekote clinic and war veteran)	RS (wife of GF)

2.3 Current intimidation and violence

- Incidents of current violence and intimidation (for each base/place)

FOMBE BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Intimidation (04/08/10, 1000hrs)	CM		-Moses Fombe ID: 34-	TM

	Moses Fombe told villagers that no one should speak at the Copac meetings. He said he would use militia: Height Kwaramba and Candy Dumba to collect information on those who defy his orders.			067711V34 -Candy Dumba ID: 63-129699442 C50 Height Kwaramba ID: 34-077838 C34	FT
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SHIRIIMWE BASE (Shiriimwe Shops)					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Threats (04/08/10, 1000hrs) Patrick Gwezere (war vet) ordered the violence. NGOs operating in the area were threatened. The perpetrator wanted to ban the operations of World Vision and Concern. He ordered teachers and villagers not to participate in the constitution making process. The perpetrator still in the area.	WM		-Makanyanga (ZANU-PF Ward 12 chairperson and also war veteran) -Wilfred Pokoto (war veteran)	Chenge District Rep World Vision SG TM TM

KANYIMO BASE					
Incident	Description of Incident	Source of info	Verification	Names/IDs of alleged perpetrators	Names/IDs of victims
1	Intimidation (13/07/10, 1100hrs) Gilbert Nyanhongo MP for Harare South ordered the violence. The perpetrators told villagers not to speak during COPAC outreach programmes. The perpetrators are still in the area	Douglas Mwonzora Local MP for Nyanga North		-Colonel Sanyatwi -Chief Peter Saunyama	MM OM
2	Harassment and Arrest (06/07/10, 1300hrs) Hubert Nyanhongo ordered the violence. Villagers were told that only selected individuals would speak at COPAC meetings. Those who violated the order were arrested. JM was arrested after he held a constitution education workshop in which he explained the MDC position.	JM		-John Jaji (ZANU-PF Ward 4 Chairman) -Constable Kanyemba -Constable Chamboko (Ruwangwe police station)	JM

Notes: No attempt has been made to report these matters to the police.

COPAC

BS was arrested at Bumhira secondary school between 1000hrs and 1030hrs on the day the COPAC outreach programme was conducted. He was arrested by inspector Nyakuedzwa, Officer in Charge at Nyamaropa Police Station, after he was seriously assaulted by ZANU-PF members Herbert Makanyanga Patson, Fungai Fore, Emmanuel Chidehwe and Martin Njanji. Ironically, Samunda was arrested for assaulting ZANU-PF members yet he was the one who was assaulted. No statement was recorded by the police. He was released from Nyamaropa police station the same day at 1500hrs after the intervention of MDC Manicaland Provincial Organizing Secretary, who is also a Member of Parliament for Musikavanhu constituency in Chipinge. BS was later ferried to Regina Mission Hospital in Ward 13 where he was admitted for three days.

2.4 Description of bases

FOMBE BASE						
PERSONNEL						
<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
Moses Fombe	29	M	ZANU-PF	Base commander	Head	CM
Candy Dumba	32	M	ZANU-PF	Youth Officer	Threats	PN
Hieght Kwaramba	28	M	ZANU-PF	Youth officer	Threats	
FINANCE AND SUPPORT						
Payments to Personnel: Some receive salaries from the government as youth officers. They receive their salaries from Nyanga Beverly Bank.						
Name	ID No	Acc No	EC No			
Height Kwaramba	34-077838 C34	63360181730010	6101608 G			
Moses Fombe	34-067711 V 34	63360181750012	6101609 H			
Candy Dumba	63-129699442 C 50	633160166710012	6101610 J			
VEHICLES						
<i>Name of owner/ driver</i>	<i>Make/model</i>	<i>Reg.No</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Marking</i>	<i>Use</i>
ZANU-PF (owner)/	Nissan	ABA 8046	2004	White	ZANU-PF	Coordination of meetings from Kanyimo to Fombe

Kenneth Baruku (driver) - one of the senior members at Chapatarongo Base during 2008 violence	H/Body Single Cab				DCC Nyanga	base.
WEAPONS						
<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>		
ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT						
<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>				

Notes: Footprint:
 -The base is approximately 500 metres from peoples' home
 -The footprint of the base is 5km
 -Base disguised as an information centre
 -Height Kwaramba is always present at the base
 - 20 people are usually at the base

KANYIMO BASE						
PERSONNEL						
<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Rank/ID</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Source of information</i>
John Jaji	56	M	ZANU-PF	Base commander	Head	SG
Give Chinomonya	30	M	ZANU-PF	ZANU-PF Secretary		
Rosemary Chikutirwa	25	F	ZANU-PF	Youth officer		
Jane Mupanganyemba	35	F	ZANU-PF	Youth officer		
FINANCE AND SUPPORT						
Payments to personnel: -Some receive salaries from the government as youth officers. They receive their salaries from Nyanga Beverly Bank. Rosemary Chikutirwe's						

account number is: 63360166760014; EC No. 6101629E

-Some are sponsored by Nyanhongo

-There are some who are forced and hence they do not receive any payment

VEHICLES						
<i>Name of owner/ driver</i>	<i>Make/model</i>	<i>Reg.No</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Colour</i>	<i>Marking</i>	<i>Use</i>
Gilbert Nyanhongo (owner)/ Victor Saunyama (driver)	-Mazda BT50 twin cab	ABM0412	2008	Dark blue		Ferry people to and from the base
WEAPONS						
<i>Name of owners/users</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Display(Yes/No)</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>		
Robert Zanda	1 metre iron bar		Yes			
ACCOMODATION AND EQUIPMENT						
<i>Description</i>	<i>Use</i>	<i>Notes and comments</i>				

Notes: Footprint:

- 50 metres from people's homes
- As far as 5km sphere of influence

Base:

- Disguised as an information centre
- About 15 people regularly at base
- John Jaji and Givemore Chinomona are always present at the base

2.5 Summary of means of control

- **Denial of access to food, resources and benefits**

Food is distributed through sub-headmen who are aligned to ZANU-PF. Those known to be MDC supporters are denied food and resources. Most food and aid comes from NGOs such as Concern, GOAL, CARDIC, and PLAN International.

- **Raiding resources and destroying property**

During the 2008 election runoff, ZANU-PF militia seized food, money and other valuables from motorists by setting up road blocks. Goats, cattle, chicken, pigs, potatoes and maize meal were looted from people's homes while their houses were burnt. Militia also forced MDC members to relocate and gave their land to ZANU-PF members.

- **Coercion, threats and violence**

Selling ZANU-PF membership cards by force to MDC members, forcing people to donate in cash and kind, and forcing MDC sympathizers to attend ZANU-PF rallies are just some of the ways that people are coerced and threatened with impunity by militia.

3 COMMUNITY STRATEGIES AND TACTICS FOR VIOLENCE FREE ELECTIONS

3.1 Background

- **Community assessment**

Level of fear

Able to speak freely

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 Unable and Unwilling to speak freely

Willingness to resist violence

Strong Will to resist

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 No will to resist violence

Capacity to resist violence

Well organised, strong leadership

1	2	3	4	5
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 Weak organization & leadership

Comments

The constituency has the capacity to reduce or end violence. What the community needs is sound leadership in strategy formulation.

- **Non Governmental Organization**

ORGANIZATION	MANDATE	LEVEL OF INDEPENDENCE
CONCERN INTERNATIONAL	Food distribution. Distributes beans and cooking oil	Works with local councillors and headmen but is independent from political influence and manipulation.
CARDIC	Distribution of mosquito nets and drugs	Has been penetrated by ZANU-PF. Headman Nyamaropa looted mosquito nets intended to benefit the locals. The headman later called a meeting and forced villagers to sign a document that acknowledges that they have received three mosquito nets per household.

WORLD VISION	-Look after HIV orphans -Poverty alleviation, development -Operates in Ward 5	Penetrated by ZANU-PF partisan traditional leadership. Currently running a project on breeding goats. The project is located at Headman Chapatarongo's homestead. Headman Chapatarongo on 10 July 2010 threatened to donate all the goats to ZANU-PF bases if violence resurfaces. He said this at a ZANU-PF restructuring meeting at Chapatarongo Secondary School. Chenge, the World Vision coordinator for the area announced their suspension of programmes in the area on 12 July 2010. The goats however are still at the headman's homestead.
FACT	Assisting people suffering with HIV and AIDS.	Independent

3.2 Organisation

- **Establishment of committees and operational units**

The researchers have established two peace committees in the district and one Defender of Peace. Each ward committee is made up of four people. Peace committees and Defenders of Peace were established in eleven wards out of thirteen. District committee members are SG, CM and the Defender of Peace is ZK.

- **Building of membership**

Ward committees have been tasked to increase the number of members per week. Each ward has four members at the moment. We have also planned sporting activities to recruit more members.

3.3 Information and communications

- **Methods of gathering information**

Ward Defenders of Peace will observe the movements of key perpetrators to establish any detect signs of impending violence. Some members of the peace committee, who frequent shopping centres and pubs, will be asked to glean information from ZANU-PF supporters about upcoming violence. DOPs will attend ZANU-PF meetings to gather information.

- **Methods of Relaying information**

Cell phones shall be used to relay information. Three quarters of the constituency has no network coverage so word pass will be another method used. Some of the Defenders of Peace have volunteered to make use of their bicycles to pass information.

3.4 Strategic Objectives

- To produce an election outcome that is acceptable by international standards
- To facilitate the registration of voters and the cleaning of the voters' roll
- To facilitate the holding of an election that is violence free
- To build the capacity of locals to prevent violence through peaceful means.
- To facilitate confidence building and morale so that locals can cast their votes freely
- To mobilize people so that they exercise their democratic right to cast their votes

3.5 Key Strategies

- **Food security and livelihoods**

There is need to have adequate food way before elections to ensure people have enough to eat. There is also need to curb the partisan distribution of food.

- **Neutralizing key points in structure of violence and control**

- Pursuing civil cases
- Neutralizing ZANU-PF prospective candidate Hubert Nyanhongo. Amongst prospective ZANU-PF parliamentary candidates in Nhangu North Hubert Nyanhongo is the most violent. It is necessary to make sure he is not the parliamentary candidate for the upcoming election.
- Preventing the formation of bases
- Pressuring the police to establish and maintain the rule of law
- Pressuring the traditional leadership to be non-partisan
- Breaking perpetrators' confidence.

3.6 Tactical Actions

- **Food security and livelihoods**

There is need to engage at national level with NGOs that are operating in the area. Progressive government officials need to be engaged to ensure the areas receive food in a manner that is fair and non-partisan.

- **Neutralizing key points in structure of violence and control**

Key perpetrators who looted resources or killed people will have their cases pursued through civil courts. Civil cases that should be pursued include:

Johannes Makazadehwe had his house burnt by Silas Mupezanhi (the 2008 ZANU-PF Ward 4 Chairperson). Idah Nyakakweto(war veteran).

Theresa Muromowenyoka (war veteran) and Wilfred Pokoto looted beasts belonging to MDC Ward 12 chairperson Pishai Mashumha.

Legal representation is required for such cases to be pursued.

To neutralize ZANU-PF parliamentary prospective candidate Hubert Nyanhongo, ward peace committees will be tasked to mobilize all MDC supporters to vote for a less violent ZANU-PF candidate during the ZANU-PF primary election.

To prevent the formation of bases the committees will encourage MDC structures to form centres disguised as information centres near ZANU-PF bases. The information centres will house a large number of individuals who will seek safety in numbers. This strategy is not new as it was implemented in Nyanga North by the sitting MP for the area and it worked perfectly and peacefully. The police intervened and dismantled all the bases fearing that there would be anarchy in the area.

Demonstrations against the failure by police to arrest perpetrators will be held. These demonstrations will be publicised and government officials sympathetic to the democratic

discourse will be invited. Defenders of Peace will mobilize people for the demonstration. Victims who have cases will be at the forefront of the demonstration.

It will be suggested that the MP for the area may be appointed as Home Affairs Minister and that he has assured victims that anyone perpetrating violence in Nyanga will be arrested soon after his appointment. This strategy was once implemented in Ward 2 (Avilla village) and the police wrote a formal letter giving villagers the right to recover livestock looted during the 2008 violence. Over 150 families recovered their livestock.

It will also be claimed that victims have acquired juju (magic) from a local traditional healer Timati Motto and that villagers have used the juju to protect themselves and their stock. Timati Motto is a feared traditional healer in Nyanga North. His shop at Fombe shopping centre (Ward 1) had an MDC poster during the 2008 presidential run-off and it was the only poster of all MDC posters in the constituency that was not removed because ZANU-PF youths were afraid of Timati Motto's powerful juju.

Citizen arrest on those convicted of offences. Only convicted criminals who are reported to be missing will be arrested by civilians. The captured criminals shall be handed over to the police. The peace committees shall also engage traditional leadership and force them to impose fines on perpetrators. Cases of looting of livestock, arson and murder shall be brought before the traditional courts. Thousands of people shall be mobilized to attend the court hearings to make sure the chiefs decision is fair and in the best interests of the people.

4 SUPPORT

- Cell phones for Defenders of Peace
- Boosters from Econet and other network providers so that network will not be a problem
- Legal representation from Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights (ZLHR). Funding for the logistical and technical support necessary.