



## **MALAWI ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

### **REVIEW OF CONSTITUENCY AND WARD BOUNDARIES**

#### **PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION OF CONSTITUENCY AND WARD BOUNDARIES**

### **BLANTYRE DISTRICT**

Pursuant to its powers under the Constitution of the Republic of Malawi and the Electoral Commission Act, the Commission has determined that the boundaries of the constituencies and wards in Blantyre District Council for the purposes of the 2025 Parliamentary and Local Government Elections shall be as follows:

#### **1. CONSTITUENCIES**

##### **1.1. BLANTYRE NORTH CONSTITUENCY**

*It is to the Northern part of Blantyre District:*

Blantyre North constituency has a projected voter population of 51,105.

The constituency starts from where Shire River intersects with the administrative boundary of three districts of Blantyre, Zomba and Neno going South Easterly along Chia River following the boundary between Blantyre and Zomba Districts up to the point where Traditional Authorities Makata and Lundu meet. Then going South along that boundary up to where the boundary between Traditional Authorities Makata and Lundu intersects with Lirangwe River then going Westerly along Lirangwe River up to the confluence of Shire River and Lirangwe River from where it goes Northerly along Shire River up to the commencement point.

The Constituency covers the whole area of Traditional Authority Chigaru and the whole area of Traditional Authority Lundu.

(i) **CHIKWEMBERE AND LINJIDZI WARD**

Chikwembere Ward has a projected voter population of 31,476 and Linjidzi has a projected voter population of 19,629. Chikwembere Ward is to the West of the Constituency and Linjidzi is to East of the constituency.

The ward boundary commences at the point where the boundaries of Traditional Authority Chigaru and Lundu meets the administrative District Boundary of Zomba and Blantyre at Kanyeteza School, thence Southwards following the Traditional Boundary between Traditional Authorities Chigaru and Lundu up to the point where it meets the M1 Road at Lirangwe Trading Centre, thence follows the M1 Road which is also the Traditional Boundary up to the point where the M1 Road crosses the Lirangwe River.

1.2. **BLANTYRE NORTH EAST CONSTITUENCY**

Blantyre North East constituency has a projected voter population of 46,372.

The constituency starts from where the boundary of Traditional Authority Lundu and Traditional Authority Makata meets on the administrative boundary of Blantyre and Zomba Districts at Mtambo Village thence; South Easterly along the administrative boundary to where the administrative boundary of Blantyre District, Zomba District and Chiradzulu District meets going South along the boundary between Blantyre and Chiradzulu Districts passing Ngongomwa Village up to where Blantyre and Chiradzulu Districts boundary meets the Blantyre City boundary and thence; Westerly along the boundary between Blantyre District and Blantyre City crossing the railway line along Likhubula River to the West up to Army Secondary School where there is a boundary between Traditional Authorities Machinjiri and Kapeni going North along the M1 Road up to Lirangwe Trading

Centre thence; North Easterly along the boundaries of Traditional Authorities Lundu and Makata up to the commencement point.

**(i) CHITUKUKO WARD AND CHITSANZO WARDS**

Chitukuko has a projection voter population of 21,004 and Chitsanzo has a projected voter population of 25368. Chitukuko is to the North of the constituency and Chitsanzo Ward is to the south of the constituency.

The two wards are demarcated by a boundary that starts at the point of the administrative district boundary of Blantyre and Chiradzulu where intersects Lirange River south westerly joining the road from Domwe to Lunzu Trading Centre up to the point where it joins the M1 Road at Lunzu Trading Centre.

**1.3. BLANTYRE SOUTH EAST CONSTITUENCY**

Blantyre South East constituency has a projected voter population of 47, 356.

Blantyre South East constituency starts at a point where Blantyre and Thyolo Districts boundary meets Chiradzulu District boundary going Westerly along Nantipwiri River up to where the Blantyre and Thyolo boundary meets with Chikwawa District boundary at Chepuka Village. Then going Northerly along Bilila River up to the M1 Road then going Northerly along the M1 Road up to where Mkandabwako River meets M1 Road going Westerly along Mkandabwako River back to where the river gets to the M1 Road again going Northerly up to where the boundary of Traditional Authority Kapeni and Traditional Authority Somba meets then going Northerly along Naperi River up to where Blantyre District and Blantyre City boundary meet thence; Easterly along the boundary line up to the point of commencement.

**(i) NAOCHA AND SOCHE WARDS**

Naotcha Ward has a projected voter population of 22,839 and Soche Ward has a projected voter population of 24,517. Naotcha Ward is to the North of the constituency and Soche is to the South of the constituency.

The two wards are separated by the Jumbe Ziboda Road commencing at the point where the road meets the Blantyre City and Blantyre district boundary at Nsomba 1 Village to the North East of the Constituency to where the Jumbe Ziboda road meets the M1 Road to the West at Nsomba 2 village.

#### 1.4. **BLANTYRE SOUTH WEST CONSTITUENCY**

Blantyre South West constituency has a total of 48,532 projected eligible voters.

The constituency starts from where Michiru Forest boundary meets Blantyre City boundary Southwards between Blantyre City boundary and Blantyre District boundary up to where the boundaries between Traditional Authorities Somba and Kapeni meet and intersecting Naperi River then following Naperi River South Easterly up to the M1 Road then following M1 Road Southerly up to where M1 Road meets Mkandabwako River then going Westerly around Mkandabwako River then rejoining the M1 Road again, following the M1 Road up to Blantyre and Chikwawa Districts boundary meets then going Westerly along the Blantyre and Chikwawa Districts boundary up to where the said boundary meets the Likhubula River then follow the river up to where Traditional Kuntaja and Traditional Kunthemwe boundaries meet. Then Northerly to Namitalala Primary School thence; North Easterly to tertiary road as a boundary then to the North Eastern part of Michiru Forest up to the commencement point.

##### (i) **MPEMBA WARD AND CHIGWAJA WARD**

Chigwaja Ward has a projected voter population of 26,282 and Mpemba has a projected voter population of 22,250 Chigwaja Ward is to the North of the constituency and Mpemba Ward is to the South.

The two wards are demarcated by the boundary that starts at Green Corner at the point where Naperi River intersects with the City and District Boundary then follows the Naperi River Westerly up to the confluence of Likhubula and Naperi Rivers which is on the West side of the Constituency.

#### 1.5. **BLANTYRE WEST CONSTITUENCY**

Blantyre West constituency has eligible voter population of 45,220.

The constituency starts from where the tertiary road passes through the boundary between Traditional Authority Kuntaja and Traditional Authority Kapeni at Tamvekenji Village thence; Southerly along the boundary of Traditional Authorities Kapeni and Kuntaja and Blantyre City meets. Thence; Southerly along Likhubula River along the boundary between Blantyre District and Blantyre City up to where the Blantyre City boundary joins Michiru Forest Reserve boundary. Thence; Northerly along Michiru Forest Reserve, joining the tertiary road going Southerly to Namitalala Primary School up to where the boundary between Traditional Authorities Kuntaja and Kunthembwe and also meets with Chikwawa District boundary thence; Westerly along Blantyre and Chikwawa Districts boundary to the point where the boundary meets the Shire River. Thence; Northerly following the Blantyre and Neno Districts boundary along the Shire River up to the point where Traditional Authorities boundaries of Kuntaja and Kunthembwe meets Shire River thence; South Easterly along the boundary of Traditional Authorities Kuntaja and Kunthembwe up to Mbanda, Mchenga, and Ben villages thence going Northerly up to an unclassified road at Mwansambo Tamani Villages and thence; Westerly at Ntanthu Village, following the tertiary road passing through Kuntaja K Zimba villages up to Gomonda Village up to Mtengo wa mbalame School. Thence, Easterly along the unclassified road passing through Gomeza and Magombo Villages to the commencement point

##### (i) **KATONDO AND CHIKULI WARDS**

Katondo Ward has a projected voter population of 25,095 and Chikuli Ward has a projected voter population of 20,125. Katondo Ward is to the East of the constituency and Chikuli Ward is to the West of the constituency.

The two wards are demarcated by an intersection between Chikuli Road and the boundary between Traditional Authorities Kuntaja and Kunthembwe. Thence Westerly along Chikuli Road up to the point where the said road meets with Kunthembwe Road at Chikowa court; thence southerly following the said road passing Imbwa and Likongwe Trading Centres up to the point where Kunthembwe Road intersect with the administrative boundary between Blantyre and Chikwawa districts.

#### 1.6. **BLANTYRE CENTRAL CONSTITUENCY**

Blantyre Central constituency has a projected voter population of 44, 633.

The constituency starts from where M1 Road intersects with the boundary between Traditional Authorities Kapeni, Chigalu and Lundu at Lirangwe Trading Centre then going Southerly following M1 Road up to Namsengwe School then going South Westerly along the boundary between Traditional Authorities Kapeni and Machinjiri up to where the said boundary meets Matabi River and Blantyre City boundary thence; Westerly along Matabi River up to its confluence with Likhubula River, thence; Northerly along Traditional Authorities Kapeni and Kuntaja boundary to Tamvekenji village going, thence; Westerly along an unclassified road to Mtengowambalame School thence; Southwards along the tertiary road passing through Ben, Mchenga and Mbanda Villages up to the boundary between Traditional Authorities Kunthembwe and Kuntaja, thence; North Westerly along the boundary of Traditional Authorities Kunthembwe and Kuntaja to where it meets Shire River on the boundary between Blantyre and Neno thence; Shire River along Blantyre and Neno Districts boundary North-easterly up to the confluence of Lirangwe River and Shire River then turn Easterly along Lirangwe River up to the commencement point.

##### (i) **MATINDI DZIWE WARD AND NTENJERA WARD**

Matindi Dziwe Ward has a projected voter population of 24,140 and Ntenjera Ward has a projected voter population of 20,493. Matindi Dziwe Ward is to the North of the Constituency and Ntenjera Ward is to the South.

The two wards are demarcated at the point where the M1 Road meets the Seventeen to Whayo Road Southwesterly up to Whayo Village then Southerly along Lunzu River up to the DAPP Road.

Dated this                      day of                      2022.

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