

Given the entrenched culture of violent elections in the highlands, women of Western and Gulf Provinces will not accept their amalgamation with the two Highlands Provinces of Hela and Southern Highlands.

We ask: what is the **legal justification** for the five (5) regional electorates for women?

- If the intention for the five (5) seats for women is for these women MPs to lead the GBV campaign and work towards addressing them, we believe, **this is an error of judgement, and needs to be corrected.**
- There is an existing National Gender Based Violence Strategy, hence, the task of the Special Parliamentary Committee on GBV should be to **spearhead the set-up of National GBV Secretariat and ensure it is adequately funded**, to enable the mechanism to oversee wider implementation of the National GBV strategy.

Thank you.

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