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## Problematic registration approved by CNE with votes of Frelimo majority

Representatives of Frelimo on the National Elections Commission approved electoral rolls of "ghost" voters found in Zambézia and in Nampula. Despite widespread reports of misconduct, the CNE accepted the registration with 10 votes in favour, all from Frelimo, and 7 against, from the opposition.

CNE members nominated by the opposition cited verified irregularities during the registration, and that there was no consensus about the data in the district and provincial commissions.

According to the report from STAE, approved by the CNE, at its extraordinary meeting held Monday (10 July), there was consensus in only five Provincial Elections Commissions: Maputo city, Manica, Tete, Nampula and Cabo Delgado. Strangely, in Nampula there was consensus in three districts. In the remaining six election commissions, the results were approved by vote. And the majority (Frelimo) won.

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## Matola now the biggest municipality

Matola has overtaken Maputo city as the largest municipality in Mozambique. After the recent voter registration, the Matola municipal assembly was allotted 66 seats, compared with the previous 59 (an increase of seven seats), while the Maputo city assembly increased its number of seats from 64 in 2018 to 65 in 2023. Nampula was the only municipality to lose a seat. Beira gained a seat, and Quelimane kept the same number of seats as in 2018. Mueda, in Cabo Delgado, was the municipality where its assembly gained most seats (14).

Gaza and Niassa are the only provinces where the municipal assemblies did not gain a single seat – that is, they kept the same number of seats as in 2018 in all the municipalities. Cabo Delgado is the province which gained most assembly seats (34).

The obstacles put in the way of the opposition electorate in the cities of Beira, Quelimane and Nampula may have prevented a slight increase in the number of seats for the next municipal assemblies.

The table below shows registration for all municipalities, the number of seats (based on the number of registered voters), and the results of the 2018 election.

Total registration for 2023 municipal elections						Opposition rejection	Municipal assembly members							
Province	District	Municipality	Voting age adults	Registered	% adults registered		2023	2018	change	2018				
										Fr	MDM	R	Control	
Cidade de Maputo	KaM Pfumo	KaM Pfumo	51,397	48,375	94%									
	NIhamankulu	NIhamankulu	85,749	86,082	100%									
	Ka Mazakene	Ka Mazakene	131,938	102,071	77%									
	Ka Mavota	Ka Mavota	220,498	189,280	86%									
	Ka Mubukwana	Ka Mubukwana	215,922	177,908	82%									
	Ka Tembe	Ka Tembe	19,422	23,947	123%									
	Ka Nhaca	Ka Nhaca	4,020	3,507	87%									
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>728,946</b>	<b>631,170</b>	<b>87%</b>		65	64	1		37	3	24	F
Maputo	Namaacha	Namaacha	12,243	10,817	88%	X	13	13	0		12	0	1	F
	Boane	Boane	58,963	68,926	117%		39	31	8		24	1	6	F
		Matola Rio		56,962	52,953	93%		31						
	Matola	Matola	794,195	645,994	81%	X	66	59	7		29	2	28	
	Marraruene	Marracuene	108,498	123,713	114%		40							
	Manhiça	Manhiça	43,006	43,156	100%		31	21	10		15	1	5	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,073,867</b>	<b>945,559</b>	<b>88%</b>									
Gaza	Xai-Xai	Xai-Xai	90,912	89,191	98%	X	39	39	0		32	2	5	F
	Macia	Bilene	5,301	8,200	155%	X	13	13	0		12	1	0	F
		Macia		29,464	27,385	93%		17	17	0		15	1	1
	Mandlakazi	Mandlakazi	17,059	21,922	129%		17	17	0		16	0	1	F
	Chókwè	Chókwè	31,026	41,211	133%	X	31	31	0		28	2	1	F
	Chibuto	Chibuto	33,155	44,605	135%	X	31	31	0		29	1	1	F
	Massingir	Massingir	5,328	8,708	163%		13							
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>212,245</b>	<b>241,222</b>	<b>114%</b>									
Inhambane	Zavala	Zavala-Quissico	11,582	13,895	120%		13	13	0		9	0	4	F
	Inhambane	Inhambane	55,523	48,019	86%	X	31	31	0		25	1	5	F
	Maxixe	Maxixe	87,918	71,512	81%		39	39	0		30	3	6	F
	Homoine	Homoine	11,728	18,046	154%		13							
	Massinga	Massinga	31,159	31,102	100%		21	17	4		10	1	6	F
	Vilankulo	Vilankulo	26,304	37,474	142%		21	17	4		12	0	5	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>224,214</b>	<b>220,048</b>	<b>98%</b>									
Sofala	C de Beira	Beira	389,093	316,895	81%	X	49	48	1		14	22	12	MDM-R
	Dondo	Dondo	59,322	56,113	95%		31	31	0		21	3	7	F
	Nhamatanda	Nhamatanda	26,066	33,377	128%		21	17	4		10	0	7	F
	Gorongosa	Gorongosa	20,380	24,049	118%		17	13	4		10	1	2	F
	Marromeu	Marromeu	31,565	29,025	92%		17	17	0		8	1	8	
	Caia	Caia	27,242	24,089	88%		17							
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>553,668</b>	<b>483,548</b>	<b>87%</b>									

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Province	District	Municipality	Voting age adults	Registered	% adults registered		2023	2018	change	2018			
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Manica	Chimoio	Chimoio	244,857	209,053	85%		44	42	2	22	1	19	F
	Báruè	Catandica	29,801	30,753	103%		21	17	4	11	0	6	F
	Gondola	Gondola	29,952	33,055	110%		21	17	4	11	0	6	F
	Guro	Guro	14,061	17,849	127%		13						
	Manica	Manica	38,541	40,866	106%		31	21	10	13	0	8	F
	Sussendenga	Sussendenga	19,043	18,814	99%		13	13	0	9	1	3	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			376,255	351,375	93%								
Tete	Mutarara	Nhamayábuè	11,403	12,107	106%		13	13	0	9	0	4	F
	Moatize	Moatize	38,586	50,933	132%		31	21	10	11	0	10	F
	Tete	Tete	256,343	179,122	70%		42	40	2	22	1	17	F
	Cahora Bassa	Chitima	15,546	16,287	105%		13						
	Angónia	Ulónguè	25,858	30,346	117%		21	17	4	10	0	7	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			347,736	288,885	83%								
Zam-bézia	Quelemane	Quelemane	141,379	130,691	92%	X	40	40	0	15	1	24	R
	Maganja da Costa	Maganja da Costa	12,063	20,699	172%		17	13	4	7	0	6	F
	Mocuba	Mocuba	69,636	86,669	124%	X	39	39	0	20	1	18	F
	Morrumbala	Morrumbala	29,342	30,652	104%		21						
	Milange	Milange	26,228	36,180	138%		21	17	4	10	0	7	F
	Alto Molócuè	Alto Molócuè	35,538	37,304	105%	X	21	21	0	10	1	10	
	Guruè	Guruè	43,025	64,210	149%		39	31	8	16	14	1	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			357,211	406,405	114%								
Nampula	Angoche	Angoche	52,538	44,294	84%	X	31	31	0	13	1	17	R
	Nampula	Nampula	422,393	326,989	77%		50	51	-1	17	3	31	R
	Ribáuè	Ribáuè	27,529	27,712	101%	X	17	17	0	8	1	8	
	Malema	Malema	17,599	34,554	196%		21	17	4	8	1	8	
	Ilha de Moçambic	Ilha de Moçambic	41,133	41,515	101%		31	21	10	8	2	11	R
	Mossuril	Mossuril	13,744	15,004	109%	X	13						
	Monapo	Monapo	50,014	51,785	104%		31	31	0	15	1	15	
	Nacala Porto	Nacala Porto	183,141	152,752	83%		41	41	0	17	1	23	R
<b>TOTAL</b>			808,091	694,605	86%								
Cabo Delgado	Chiúre	Chiúre	30,355	43,600	144%		31	21	10	8	0	13	R
	Balama	Balama	19,740	22,029	112%		17						
	Pemba	Pemba	127,122	143,414	113%	X	41	39	2	22	2	15	F
	Ibo	Ibo	3,016	5,866	194%		13						
	Montepuez	Montepuez	76,655	79,033	103%		39	31	8	16	1	14	F
	Mocímboa da Praia	Mocímboa da Praia	32,360	30,438	94%		21	21	0	13	0	8	F
	Mueda	Mueda	28,122	44,237	157%		31	17	14	16	1	0	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			317,370	368,617	116%								
Niassa	Cuamba	Cuamba	70,998	49,941	70%		31	31	0	12	2	17	R
	Mecanhelas	Insaca	11,883	13,006	109%		13						
	Mandimba	Mandimba	23,699	15,429	65%	X	13	13	0	8	0	5	F
	Marrupa	Marrupa	18,233	17,895	98%	X	13	13	0	10	1	2	F
	Lichinga	Lichinga	135,907	72,614	53%		39	39	0	20	1	18	F
	Lago	Metangula	9,330	13,296	143%		13	13	0	9	0	4	F
<b>TOTAL</b>			270,050	182,181	67%								
<b>GRANDE TOTAL</b>			5,243,539	4,751,999	91%								


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The National Statistics Institute provided projections of the adult population in each district, which STAE used to estimate the number of voting age adults in each municipality. Registration took place

in the entire district which contains a municipality, and everyone will be able to vote in national elections next year, but only people living within the municipality can vote this year.

The tables also give the number of local assembly seats (which is based on number of registered voters) and the results of the previous elections in 2018. The column "opposition rejection" shows where opposition party representatives thought fraud was too great approve the registration, but the Frelimo majority on elections commissions approved them all.

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