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New municipalities cost 105 million meticaís

The establishment of new municipalities will have a budgetary impact of 105.5 million meticaís. The information is contained in the draft Law for the Creation of Local Authorities, submitted to parliament last week.

It is not clear whether the cost includes the amount that the state will allocate for financing the municipal elections in the 12 new municipalities, of which 10 are villages and two towns.

Order	Municipality	Designation
1	Marracuene	Town
2	Matola Rio	Settlement
3	Massingir – Sede	Town
4	Homoine	Town
5	Caia-Sede	Town
6	Guro-Sede	Town
7	Chitima-Sede	Settlement
8	Morrumbala-Sede	Town
9	Mossuril	Town
10	Mecanhelas-Sede	Town
11	Ibo	Town
12	Balama-Sede	Town

According to the proposal of the Law for the Creation of Local Authorities, the new municipalities are seen as an opportunity to consolidate the decentralization process and to guarantee the participation of the populations in decision-making on matters of their interest.

The Government is asking Parliament to give a positive assessment of the draft law, the implementation of which will, however, depend on the budget allocation.

The proposal should be approved still in this session of Parliament, which closes at the end of December, to allow the process of installing infrastructure and hiring civil servants to begin at the very beginning of 2023.

The decision to create 12 new municipalities is the result of a study by joint technical teams from the Government that concluded that the conditions existed for the municipalization of those towns and villages ([more details in bulletin nº. 9](#)).

Pilot census could be in 2023

It was scheduled to be held until next December, but everything indicates that it will be postponed until next year, due to the lack of conditions for its realization.

Initially, the pilot registration was scheduled to take place in the second half of October 2022, as announced by the spokesperson for the National Electoral Commission, Paulo Cuinica ([link](#)). But, this did not happen due to the delay in the disbursement of funds to the electoral administration and management bodies. The funds were only disbursed between late September and early October.


There is no concrete date yet, but sources in the electoral administration bodies point to February 2023 as the period for the pilot census.

For the pilot census, 500 ID mobiles are needed, in the process of being imported or updated, as the ones purchased in 2018/2019 are outdated.

The new electoral calendar is dependent on the draft submitted by the CNE (National Elections Commission) to the Government, which suggests the punctual revision of the Electoral Law to accommodate all the phases of the electoral process already delayed due to the late disbursement of funds. The only date that will remain unchanged will be 11 October 2023, election day.

The Council of Ministers is expected to consider the proposal in the next two weeks in order to submit it to parliament for approval. This proposal must be approved by December 22, the date when parliament closes its session.

About this and other aspects related to the next elections, the CNE remains silent and always refers us to the press conference that it never convenes.

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