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CNE admits huge fake registration - more than half a million ghosts can vote in October


There are 587,941 more registered voters than there are voting age adults in Mozambique, the National Elections Commission admitted this morning. And it stressed that the figure is really larger, because communication difficulties mean not all brigades have reported.

[Figures released today](#) show that just five provinces account for the huge number of ghost voters. As five years ago, the most extreme province is Gaza, which registered two-thirds of the national ghost voters. It has 389,289 more voters than the province has adults. Maputo province registered 105% of adults, Nampula 103%, Manica 102%, and Cabo Delgado 100% (with one district not reporting yet).

But we estimate the real number of ghosts is over a million. Registration is high in Mozambique because the voters card serves as an identity document, but normally registration is under 95%. Seven provinces have registration over 95% of voting age adults, totally 1,124,776 ghost voters.

The National Statistics Institute (Instituto Nacional de Estatística, INE) calculated that there are 16,217,816 voting age adults inside Mozambique, but 16,390,471 have so far been reported registered, CNE said.

CNE provisional registration 2 May 2024					
	INE Adults	registered	% of adults	>100%	>95%
C Maputo	734,775	673,629	91.7%		
Maputo	1,483,563	1,556,882	104.9%	73,319	147,497
Gaza	798,813	1,188,102	148.7%	389,289	429,230
Inhambane	892,374	842,191	94.4%		
Sofala	1,342,478	1,291,723	96.2%		16,369
Manica	1,099,154	1,123,260	102.2%	24,106	79,064
Tete	1,577,519	1,493,117	94.6%		
Zambezia	2,774,035	2,761,523	99.5%		126,190
Nampula	3,153,459	3,250,515	103.1%	97,056	254,729
C Delgado	1,350,542	1,354,713	100.3%	4,171	71,698
Niassa	1,011,104	854,816	84.5%		
TOTAL	16,217,816	16,390,471	101.1%	587,941	1,124,776

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