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## High numbers suggest 230,000 'ghosts' have registered, and many are sleeping on the beach

Registration totals confirm our reports of Gaza registering ghost voters and Beira suppressing registration. Nationally, in municipalities 91% of voting age adults registered. In Gaza it was 129%, the highest in the country, which means Gaza was able to register 53,000 more voting age adults than the National Statistics Institute says exist. These are "ghost voters" - people who cannot exist. In 38 municipalities, more than half, a total of 229,671 ghost voters were registered.

Bilene, Gaza, registered 153% - perhaps 3000 ghosts living on the beach. And beaches do attract - Vilankulo, Inhambane, found 11,000 ghosts and Maganja da Costa, Zambézia, found 8,000.

But in Beira the suppression of opposition voters worked, and only 81% registered, one of the lowest rates in the country.

Malema in Nampula registered double the number of voting age adults, finding 16,000 ghost voters. Malema currently has a municipal assembly with no majority party - 8 Frelimo, 8 Renamo and 1 MDM. Malema has a Renamo president who won by only 521 votes in 1998, so these ghost voters could tip the balance for Frelimo. In Gurue in Zambézia Frelimo has only a one seat majority, so 20,000 ghost voters could help keep Frelimo in power.

In some places the unusual numbers have explanations. Cabo Delgado has many displaced people and registration numbers were high, especially in Ibo (194%), Pemba (113%) and Mueda (152%). We do not count these as "ghost voters".

By contrast Niassa has the lowest registration, at just 66%. Some provincial capitals had low registration: Lichinga, the lowest in the country at 52% and Tete and Nampula both at 69%.

There is also some suggestion that significant numbers of people living outside a municipality decided to illegally register to vote inside. For example Xai Xai district registered 97% of its voting age adults, but Xai Xai city registered 137%, and the extra 24,000 voters probably came from outside the municipality but within the district.

Total registration for 2023 municipal elections							Members of Municipal Assembly				
Province	District	Municipality	Level	Voting age adults	Registered	% registered	2023	2018			
							Fr	MDM	R	Control	
Maputo City	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>			C	728,946	631,170	87%	65	37	3	24	F
Maputo Province	Namaacha	Namaacha	V	12,243	10,719	88%	13	12	0	1	F
	Boane	Boane	V	58,963	68,877	117%	39	24	1	6	F
		Matola Rio	pa	56,962	59,244	104%	31				
	Matola	Matola	C	794,195	628,501	79%	65	29	2	28	none-contested
	Marraruene	Marracuene	pa	108,498	128,244	118%	40				
	Manhiça	Manhiça	V	43,006	42,975	100%	31	15	1	5	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				1,073,867	938,560	87%					
Gaza	Xai-Xai	Xai-Xai	C	64,797	88,839	137%	39	32	2	5	F
	Macia	Bilene	V	5,301	8,105	153%	13	12	1	0	F
		Macia	pa	29,464	27,378	93%	17	15	1	1	F
	Mandlakazi	Mandlakazi	V	17,059	20,938	123%	17	16	0	1	F
	Chókwè	Chókwè	C	31,026	41,087	132%	31	28	2	1	F
	Chibuto	Chibuto	C	33,155	44,481	134%	31	29	1	1	F
	Massingir	Massingir	pa	5,328	8,435	158%	13				
<b>TOTAL</b>				186,130	239,263	129%					
Inhambane	Zavala	Zavala-Quissico	V	11,582	13,851	120%	13	9	0	4	F
	Inhambane	Inhambane	C	55,523	47,921	86%	31	25	1	5	F
	Maxixe	Maxixe	C	87,918	71,605	81%	39	30	3	6	F
	Homoine	Homoine	V	11,728	17,602	150%	13				
	Massinga	Massinga	V	31,159	30,705	99%	21	10	1	6	F
	Vilankulo	Vilankulo	V	26,304	37,312	142%	21	12	0	5	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				224,214	218,996	98%					
Sofala	C de Beira	Beira	C	389,093	316,414	81%	49	14	22	12	MDM-R
	Dondo	Dondo	C	59,322	56,150	95%	31	21	3	7	F
	Nhamatanda	Nhamatanda	V	26,066	31,864	122%	21	10	0	7	F
	Gorongosa	Gorongosa	V	20,380	24,127	118%	17	10	1	2	F
	Marromeu	Marromeu	V	31,565	29,985	95%	17	8	1	8	none-contested
	Caia	Caia	V	27,242	29,105	107%	17				
<b>TOTAL</b>				553,668	487,645	88%					
Manica	Chimoio	Chimoio	C	244,857	208,813	85%	44	22	1	19	F
	Báruè	Catandica	V	29,801	30,771	103%	21	11	0	6	F
	Gondola	Gondola	V	29,952	33,989	113%	21	11	0	6	F
	Guro	Guro	V	14,061	17,899	127%	13				
	Manica	Manica	C	38,541	40,789	106%	31	13	0	8	F
	Sussendenga	Sussendenga	V	19,043	17,802	93%	13	9	1	3	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				376,255	350,063	93%					
Tete	Mutarara	Nhamayábuè	V	11,403	12,121	106%	13	9	0	4	F
	Moatize	Moatize	V	38,586	50,708	131%	31	11	0	10	F-tiny-contested
	Tete	Tete	C	256,343	178,075	69%	42	22	1	17	F
	Cahora Bassa	Chitima	pa	15,546	15,959	103%	13				
	Angónia	Ulónguè	V	25,858	30,334	117%	21	10	0	7	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				347,736	287,197	83%					
Zambézia	Quelemane	Quelemane	C	141,379	126,419	89%	40	15	1	24	R
	Maganja da Costa	Maganja da Costa	V	12,063	20,762	172%	17	7	0	6	F-tiny
	Mocuba	Mocuba	C	69,636	82,939	119%	39	20	1	18	F-tiny
	Morrumbala	Morrumbala	V	29,342	32,036	109%	21				
	Milange	Milange	V	26,228	35,720	136%	21	10	0	7	F-tiny
	Alto Molócuè	Alto Molócuè	V	35,538	35,208	99%	21	10	1	10	none-contested
	Guruè	Guruè	C	43,025	63,756	148%	39	16	14	1	F-tiny
<b>TOTAL</b>				357,211	396,840	111%					

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Nampula	Angoche	Angoche	C	52,538	46,278	88%	31	13	1	17	
	Nampula	Nampula	C	422,393	292,385	69%	48	17	3	31	R
	Ribáuè	Ribáuè	V	27,529	27,724	101%	17	8	1	8	none
	Malema	Malema	V	17,599	33,943	193%	21	8	1	8	none
	Ilha de Moçambique	Ilha de Moçambique	C	41,133	41,557	101%	31	8	2	11	R
	Mossuril	Mossuril	V	13,744	14,464	105%	13				
	Monapo	Monapo	V	50,014	50,075	100%	31	15	1	15	none-contested
Nacala Porto	Nacala Porto	C	183,141	151,609	83%	41	17	1	25	R	
<b>TOTAL</b>				808,091	658,035	81%					
Cabo Delgado	Chiúre	Chiúre	V	30,355	43,481	143%	31	8	0	13	R
	Balama	Balama	V	19,740	22,098	112%	17				
	Pemba	Pemba	C	127,122	143,517	113%	41	22	2	15	F
	Ibo	Ibo	V	3,016	5,866	194%	13				
	Montepuez	Montepuez	C	76,655	78,752	103%	39	16	1	14	F-tiny
	Mocimboa da Praia	Mocimboa da Praia	V	32,360	30,339	94%	21	13	0	8	F
	Mueda	Mueda	V	28,122	42,710	152%	31	16	1	0	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				317,370	366,763	116%					
Niassa	Cuamba	Cuamba	C	70,998	46,215	65%	31	12	2	17	R
	Mecanhelas	Insaca	pa	11,883	12,879	108%	13				
	Mandimba	Mandimba	V	23,699	15,468	65%	13	8	0	5	F
	Marrupa	Marrupa	V	18,233	18,948	104%	13	10	1	2	F
	Lichinga	Lichinga	C	135,907	70,730	52%	39	20	1	18	F-tiny
	Lago	Metangula	V	9,330	13,227	142%	13	9	0	4	F
<b>TOTAL</b>				270,050	177,467	66%					
<b>GRANDE TOTAL</b>				5,243,539	4,751,999	91%					

Level, from larger to smaller: C=city, V = Villa or town, pa = administrative post

Control = party with majority. None = no majority party. tiny = majority of only 1 seat. F=Frelimo, R=Renamo, M=Mozambique Democratic Movement


contested = a parallel count gave victory to Renamo but eh official results moved some seats to Frelimo:

Matola, Monapo, Marromeu, Moatize, e Alto Molocue.

## Observers find problems in Zambezia, Matola

Observers yesterday (7 June) found most registration posts open but very few people checking their registration. But in Matola, none of five posts visited was open.

In Zambezia of 24 posts visited by observers yesterday, 5 were closed and 11 were open but did not display the registration books because they had not been printed or because this had not been authorised by STAE. Observers were barred from the post at EPC de Coalane in Quelimane with brigade members saying that they were told by STAE director João Cassamo that observation was not permitted.

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