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## Registration could hit 90% but only because targets have been cut 3 times

The National Elections Commission (CNE) may register 90% of voting age adults, as they have in the past, but only because they have cut the estimate of those eligible three times.

Registration is taking place in those districts which have the 53 municipalities. When registration opened, the election secretariat STAE estimated, based on the 2017 national population census, that there were 8.5 million voting age adults in those districts. That number was lowered to 8 mn a month ago, lowered again to 7.8 mn last week, and reduced further to 7.6 mn yesterday.

Registration has remained steady at 101,000 to 104,000 per day for the past three weeks, but the turnout looks better because the targets are falling.

The biggest reductions are in those areas with the lowest registration levels - which could indicate that the original estimates were wrong. The estimate of voting age adults in Niassa has been cut from 568,293 to 495,380 and in Matola (in Maputo

### Total registration up to 13 May 2018

Province	Number of municipalities	Target	Registered	%
Niassa	5	495 380	310 365	62.65%
C.Delgado	5	502 481	494 511	98.41%
Nampula	7	1 170 762	995 348	85.02%
Zambézia	6	1 121 840	870 970	77.64%
Tete	4	589 795	458 820	77.79%
Manica	5	557 852	453 296	81.26%
Sofala	5	663 290	569 115	85.80%
Inhambane	5	322 264	293 025	90.93%
Gaza	6	482 262	495 952	102.84%
Maputo Prov	4	896 309	613 818	68.48%
Maputo C.	1	796 965	522 771	65.60%
	53	7 599 200	6 078 011	79.98%

province) from 808,134 to 604,871.

Matola registered 60,000 per week last week, compared to 51,000 per week in the first seven weeks, not a large increase. But the percentage registered jumped from 44% to 69%.

### 80% registered with 4 days to go

Thursday is the last day of registration. By Sunday 13 May, after 8 weeks of registration - and based

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on the new lower target - 80% of eligible adults had registered. All provinces are now over 60% and all the large cities are over 65%.

Questions will be asked about Gaza, which has registered 103% of voting age adults, including 114% in Xai-Xai, 107% in Chibuto, and an amazing 126% in Chókwe. Cabo Delgado has hit 98% of the target, with Chiure district at 109%. In Nampula province, Nacala Porto has already hit 103%.

Registration totals for the first 8 weeks by province, district and by day are posted on <http://bit.ly/2KrpX8>.

## Campaign boosts Maputo cement city turnout

In the first seven weeks the centre of Maputo city (Ka Pfumo) had only registered 42%, just 4900 people per week. But a major last minute campaign (see pictures) led to 8,900 registering last week, bringing the level to a still low 62%



## Obstacles to registration

Would-be voters across the country continued to face obstacles to registration, according to reports from our correspondents in the 53 districts.

**Nampula city** - Two residents of Muhala neighbourhood, Celestina Atumane and Gil Manuel, said that when they went to register at Belenenes primary school, the registration team was demanding 20-50 Meticaís (33 to 83 US cents) from each person. Similar complaints were made at Parque Popular, Pavilhão dos Desportos, and Instituto Industrial e Comercial de Nampula.

**Metangula** - The registration post at Chiuanga (see photo below) was left abandoned with its equipment only being guarded by a policeman, who said that the brigade members were nearby. But people wanting to register waited up to five hours with no one showing up to register them.



**Boane** - The registration post at 19 de Outubro primary school was closed and the brigade sent out into rural areas as a mobile team, but local people say the post was closed when many people still had not registered. And at Massaca 1, Massaca 2, Fiche, Boane-Sede and 16 de Junho primary schools registration was characterized by constant interruptions due to computer breakdowns; also staff did not keep the official hours.

**Mandimba** - At Samora Machel secondary school and Ngame and Filipe Magaia primary schools, registration lasted only an hour, from 8 to 9 am, because equipment regularly failed after an hour. People wanting to register gave up and went home.

In several cities registration staff were not working the full day. In **Beira** on 9 May at Ponta-Gea, Palmeiras, Agostinho Neto, Eduardo Mondlane, Pioneiros and Aeroporto primary school and in the outer neighbourhoods of Mangalo Loforte, Muavi I, Maguiguane and Ndunda polling stations opened after 8 am and closed before 4 pm. In **Nampula** the post at Escola Secundária

Samora Machel opened only at 9 am and the posts at EPC de Filipe and Ngame opened at 08:30 and closed before 4 pm.

In **Ribaué** district, Nampula province, registration was halted 11 to 13 May because of electricity cuts to Ribaué town and Namiconha, Caiaia and Iapala-Sede. Fuel for generators ran out.

**Milange** - the registration posts at Vulalo and Liciro primary schools ran out of materials and closed 7 and 9 May, respectively. On 10 May registration stopped at Zalimba primary school for lack of ink and generator fuel. Lack of fuel stopped

registration at Chitambo on 11 May. At Chá Oriental on 12 May there was no ink, and on 13 May at no ink or registration forms at Josina Machel primary school.

**Catandica** - computer breakdown stopped registration on 7 and 8 May at Sanhathunze.