

# 2013 Local Elections



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### With 2 weeks to go

## Only half of voters registered

With just two weeks of registration to go, 1,877,813 people have been registered, which is only 54% of the 3,495,566 voters expected.

Turnout is increasing, according to Lucas José, spokesman for STAE (Secretariado Técnico de Administração Eleitoral), and STAE is stepping up its supervision and civil education.

**Nampula:** In Escola Primária Completa de Namicopo the registration equipment is still constantly breaking down, while in EPC Maria da Luz Guebuza in bairro de Muhala Expansão people are waiting more than an hour in the queue.

**Maputo:** Some registration posts have long queues, including those at EPC 3 de Fevereiro and EPC do Alto Mae. But at EPC Kurhula in Maxaquene, staff says the numbers registering are falling.

**Nyamayabue** (Tete): This new municipality was only expected to register 4,623 people but has already signed up 5,901 voters.

**Inhambane:** By Sunday, Inhambane city had registered 26,152 voters, 63% of those expected; 12,274 were men and 13,878 women.

## Guard told people not to register

A guard at the Fraternidade Secondary School in Pemba is accused by STAE of telling people who arrived to register not to do so, because he said Renamo warned that there would be war if there were elections this year. STAE claims this has reduced the number of people registering at that post. By last Sunday, Pemba has registered 50,936 voters, 54% of the expected total.

## 3 expelled in Vilankulo

Three registration brigade members at two different schools in Vilankulo (Inhambane) have been expelled for misconduct, after mistreating would-be voters and sending home people who did not present what they considered the right identification documents.

## False registration in Alto Mólocuè

5 people have been arrested in Alto Mólocuè for attempted false registration. Three were under age and two presented false documents.

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