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Registration only 56% by yesterday

With only 13 days left to register, just 56% of potential voters had registered by yesterday, STAE said in a press conference this morning. In the two most populous provinces, Zambézia and Nampula, registration is only 44% and 45%.

STAE director Felisberto Naife told the press conference that the number of registration computers would be doubled in those two provinces to try to speed up the registration process.

In Nampula province, turnout in Angoche is 38% and in Nacala-Porto and Nampula 40%. In Zambézia, in Gúruè only 28% have registered, in Alto Molócuè only 33%, and Mocuba 33%. These are all cities where the opposition would expect to do well in municipal elections on 20 November.

In the 53 municipalities, of 3,594,472 voters expected to register, only 2,006,185 have actually done so.

But numbers are much higher in the new municipalities – registration is already over 100% of that expected in 6 or the 10: Boane (Maputo) 151%, Praia de Bilene (Gaza) 119%, Quissico (Inhambane) 132%, Nhamayabue (Tete) 132%, and Maganja da Costa (Zambézia) and Marrupa (Niassa) both 162%.

A full table of registration figures in all 53 municipalities is below.

STAE aims for 75%; extra hour planned

Naife said that by the end of registration on 23 July, they hope to register 75% of potential voters. He said registration rates were increasing and that target would be met.

He said civic education would be further stepped up with more stress on social media and field workers. He also said from Saturday, registration posts would be open for an extra hour. This could be morning or evening, and would be a local decision depending on local temperatures. Staff would be paid for the extra hour.

Extension possible

Past registration campaigns ran for four months or more, and Naife sees a 56% turnout in only 47 days as "very positive". But he went on to say that if the situation required it, STAE could run further periods of registration.

Renamo is currently boycotting the registration, which may account for low turnout in Nampula and Zambézia. Any deal with Renamo that brings it back into the electoral process would probably include an extra registration period, and Naife is signalling that this is possible.

Nacala queues and bribes

"The queues are overflowing", complains the local Nacala newspaper *O Nacalense* in an editorial today (11 July). It says registration is increasing, in part because employers are giving people time off to register and in part because many people left it to the last minute.

But one effect is that people who do not want to queue are paying bribes to registration staff to go to the front of the queue. "People are paying to register," notes the newspaper.

Registration totals on 10 July 2013

| Provincia | Autarquia | Previsão | Inscritos | % |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Maputo cidade | Maputo cidade | 716,996 | 396,413 | 55.3% |
| Mapto Prov | Matola | 482,739 | 236,401 | 49.0% |
| | Boane | 15,752 | 23,884 | 151.6% |
| | Manhiça | 60,583 | 23,108 | 38.1% |
| | Namaacha | 8,569 | 6,475 | 75.6% |
| | TOTAL | 567,643 | 289,868 | 51.1% |
| Gaza | Xai-Xai | 64,960 | 45,645 | 70.3% |
| | Macia | 17,084 | 13,771 | 80.6% |
| | P de Bilene | 4,641 | 5,547 | 119.5% |
| | Chibuto | 35,882 | 20,596 | 57.4% |
| | Chókwè | 31,100 | 21,413 | 68.9% |
| | Mandlakazi | 5,266 | 5,513 | 104.7% |
| | TOTAL | 158,993 | 112,845 | 71.0% |
| Inhambane | C. Inhambane | 41,505 | 27,523 | 66.3% |
| | Massinga | 13,048 | 14,047 | 107.7% |
| | Maxixe | 65,548 | 40,217 | 61.4% |
| | Quissico | 4,748 | 6,293 | 132.5% |
| | Vilankulo | 27,079 | 20,600 | 76.1% |
| | TOTAL | 151,964 | 108,680 | 71.5% |
| Sofala | Beira | 248,850 | 146,583 | 58.9% |
| | Dondo | 38,773 | 25,181 | 64.9% |
| | Gorongosa | 11,391 | 11,224 | 98.5% |
| | Nhamatanda | 12,646 | 9,302 | 73.6% |
| | Marromeu | 27,173 | 13,612 | 50.1% |
| | TOTAL | 338,793 | 205,902 | 60.8% |

| Provincia | Autarquia | Previsão | Inscritos | % |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Manica | Chimoio | 141,020 | 83,436 | 59.2% |
| | Catandica | 11,349 | 12,979 | 114.4% |
| | Gondola | 18,156 | 17,475 | 96.2% |
| | Sussundenga | 9,869 | 7,344 | 74.4% |
| | Manica | 20,417 | 18,956 | 92.8% |
| | TOTAL | 200,811 | 140,190 | 69.8% |
| Tete | C. Tete | 100,032 | 63,640 | 63.6% |
| | Ulongue | 7,791 | 15,211 | 195.2% |
| | Moatize | 23,362 | 22,473 | 96.2% |
| | Nhamayabue | 4,623 | 6,115 | 132.3% |
| | TOTAL | 135,808 | 107,439 | 79.1% |
| Zambézia | Quelimane | 123,166 | 78,950 | 64.1% |
| | Alto Molócuè | 40,416 | 13,742 | 34.0% |
| | Gúruè | 91,067 | 25,514 | 28.0% |
| | Milange | 22,014 | 10,224 | 46.4% |
| | Mag. da Costa | 7,581 | 7,661 | 101.1% |
| | Mocuba | 100,022 | 38,509 | 38.5% |
| TOTAL | 384,266 | 174,600 | 45.4% | |
| Nampula | C Nampula | 300,157 | 121,110 | 40.3% |
| | Angoche | 53,708 | 20,833 | 38.8% |
| | I Moçambique | 28,174 | 20,189 | 71.7% |
| | Monapo | 31,467 | 20,944 | 66.6% |
| | Malema | 16,649 | 5,161 | 31.0% |
| | Nacala-Porto | 118,993 | 47,535 | 39.9% |
| | Ribáuè | 20,911 | 10,786 | 51.6% |
| TOTAL | 564,059 | 246,559 | 43.7% | |
| Cabo Delgado | Pemba | 94,807 | 57,078 | 60.2% |
| | Moçim. Praia | 27,505 | 16,356 | 59.5% |
| | Montepuez | 46,935 | 32,650 | 69.6% |
| | Chiure | 23,923 | 17,762 | 74.2% |
| | Mueda | 15,830 | 13,933 | 88.0% |
| | TOTAL | 209,000 | 137,783 | 65.9% |
| Niassa | Lichinga | 93,936 | 48,047 | 51.1% |
| | Cuamba | 49,064 | 19,545 | 39.8% |
| | Metangula | 9,294 | 5,570 | 59.9% |
| | Mandimba | 9,073 | 4,953 | 54.6% |
| | Marrupa | 4,806 | 7,791 | 162.1% |
| TOTAL | 166,199 | 85906 | 51.7% | |
| TOTAL | | 3,594,472.00 | 2,006,155 | 55.8% |

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