

# 2013 Local Elections



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## Frelimo wins Marromeu and Chimoio

Preliminary results for all polling stations released by STAE this afternoon give Frelimo a narrow victory in Marromeu:

Frelimo, Palmeirim Canotilho Rubino 52%

MDM, João Germano Agostinho 48%

and in Chimoio

Frelimo, Raul Conde M.Adriano 53%

MDM, João Luis Ferrão 47%

## Gurué will be decided in Maputo – again

The Frelimo candidate for mayor in Gurué is ahead by just one vote, according to data collected from the results posted at the 49 polling stations. That means the outcome will be decided by the reconsideration of the invalid votes, which is done by the National Elections Commission in Maputo. This also happened in Gurué in the previous local elections, in 2008.

Jahanguir Hussen Jussub (Frelimo) is estimated to have 6626 votes compared to 6625 for Orlando Janeiro (MDM), on a turnout of 39%. But there were 316 invalid votes (nullos). All invalid votes are checked by the CNE in Maputo, and as many as 30% are accepted as valid. Thus there will be 75 to 100 votes added, which could change the outcome.

The law says that a vote is valid if the intent of the voter is clear, but also specifies how the X or fingerprint is put on the ballot paper. Most nullos are obviously invalid. But sometimes there must be a judgement. Often polling station staff reject ballot papers with a very large X or smudged finger print extending to the boxes of other candidates, but the CNE says the intent of the voter is clear.

Exactly this happened in the previous 2008 local elections. There were four candidates in Gurué, and in the final count, the Frelimo candidate had 4934 votes, which was 16 votes less than half the 9899 valid votes. That would have forced a second round of voting. But the CNE accepted 93 extra ballots as valid, and gave 66 to the Frelimo candidate. That increased the number of valid votes to 9965 and the number of votes for the Frelimo mayor to exactly 5000, which was more than half. Thus he won without a second round.

The Frelimo majority for Municipal Assembly is larger and safe, 6742 for Frelimo compared to 6409 for MDM.

## **Provisional results from STAE this afternoon**

**As reported by STAE based on preliminary data,  
Official results will be announced by Municipal elections commissions Friday and Saturday..**

### **Strong showing for opposition in Maputo and Matola**

With 55% of the vote counted, Frelimo's David Simango has only 58% of the vote in Maputo city. MDM's Venancio Antonio Bila Mondlane has 40% and JPC's Ismael Jamu Mussa 2%. This compares to 86% for David Simango in 2008 and only 14% for the Renamo candidate, Eduardo Namburete.

In Matola with 71% of the vote counted, Frelimo's Calisto Moises Cossa has 56% compared to MDM's Silverio Pedro Eugenio Samuel with 43% and the Ecologista's Joao Pedro Massango with less than 1%. IN 2008 the previous Frelimo candidate won 87% of the vote.

The opposition won 25% of the vote in two other municipalities of Maputo province: Boane and Manhica (both final results)

In Beira with 64% counted, MDM's David Simango has 71%.

### **Final results – preliminary**

In Nacala-Porto Frelimo's Rui Chong Saw won 92% compared to MDM's Fátima Anifa Raene Couto with only 8%.

Gorongosa (Sofala), final result, Frelimo, Moreze Joaquim Cauzande 57% and MDM Daniel Madeira Missasse 43%

Other Frelimo victories but where the opposition had around one-third of the vote, include Tete 66%, Ulongue (Tete) 63%, Gondola (Manica) 65% and Nhamatanda (Sofala) 64%

Final results with Frelimo's candidate for mayor over 70% include:

Sofala: Dondo,  
Manica: Manica, Catandica, Sussendenga  
Cabo Delgado: Pemba,  
Tete: Moatize, Nyamayabue  
Nampula: Malema, Ribaué  
All Inhambane and Gaza municipalities

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