

# 2014 National Elections



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## In 2009, registration was over 90%; this year, with 2 weeks to go, only 71% have voter's cards

Mozambique has always had very high levels of voter registration, in part because it was easier to obtain a voter's card than an official identity card. But electoral authorities this year will struggle to reach previous registration levels.

There was a registration last year in the 53 municipalities, and 3,059,794 people obtained voter's cards. At the start of this year's registration campaign, STAE estimated 9,143,923 unregistered voting age adults, bringing to total number of voting age adults to 12,203,717. Yesterday, STAE announced that 5,565,169 people have registered this year, bringing the total registered to 8,624,963, which is 70.7% of possible voters. The number will be slightly higher because not all registration brigades had reported.

More than 1.4 million people registered in the past two weeks, which is 12% of all voting age adults. Nevertheless, electoral authorities will struggle to reach the registration level of 2009, which was over 90%

We estimate that registration for the 2009 elections was between 90 and 93% of voting age adults. It is impossible to be precise because there were four registration periods, which led to some confusion and some people registering more than once, and STAE never released its estimate of the number of possible voters.

Turnout in the 2009 election was 45% of registered voters.

Registration at 15 April 2014:

<b>Provincia</b>	<b>Previsão</b>	<b>Inscritos</b>	<b>%</b>
Maputo Cidade	121,448	52,046	42.9
Maputo Provincia	421961	196,955	46.7
Gaza	504,416	322,375	63.9
Inhambane	551,636	354,986	64.4
Sofala	646,550	414,256	64.1
Manica	633,472	410,792	64.8
Tete	960,567	573,679	59.7
Zambézia	1,953,573	1,064,187	54.5
Nampula	1,993,788	1,206,199	60.5
Cado Delgado	736,640	618,642	84.0
Niassa	619,872	351,052	56.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,143,923</b>	<b>5,565,169</b>	<b>60.9</b>

## **Renamo attacks mean 13 registration posts did not open**

Thirteen registration posts in Sofala province have not opened because security cannot be guaranteed in areas where there are on-going confrontations between Renamo and the army, according to STAE Sofala director, Celso Chimoio Sousa. There are 9 posts in Gorongosa district, 2 in Nhamatanda, 1 in Marigué and 1 in Machanga which are unable to open.

## **Party nominees join STAE**

The three political parties gained the right to name members to the Election Technical Secretariat (Secretariado Técnico de Administração Eleitoral, STAE) and they are now being formally installed. There are no minimum qualifications for the party nominees. There had been an attempt to set basic requirements for nominees for the posts of deputy director general, but Renamo opposed this, saying it was not mentioned in the revised law which had been agreed after negotiations between Renamo and the government.

National Elections Commission (Comissão Nacional de Eleições, CNE) president Abdul Carimo Friday installed the two deputy director generals (directores-gerais adjuntos) of national STAE in Maputo, Agostinho Levieque of Frelimo and Estevão Fernando of Renamo. And on Friday and Monday Felisberto Naife, Director-General of STAE, formally installed the 6 deputy department heads and 18 technicians named by the parties.

Naife called on the 24 party nominees to "take off the hat of your political party and now work for all Mozambicans, in all provinces and districts, in the general interest of the Mozambican nation."

This week, national STAE officials are travelling around the country to install the party nominees at provincial and district level.

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