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COLLECTIVE ACTION: This newsletter is based on reports from 150 journalists in nearly every district, working together to give the most up to date coverage of the election. We are also working with the Community Radios Forum (FORCOM) and the Human Rights League.

District results

The files are getting too large to circulate by e-mail. The most recent results, of 80 districts, are posted on <http://www.cip.org.mz/election2013/>

Pemba did not do its count

Both Renamo and MDM have issued formal protests that the Pemba city elections commission did not do its own count. In separate document they say that Pemba city STAE handed over the polling station editais to Cabo Delgado provincial STAE before the district count was done. Copies of the handover notes have been provided.

97% turnout in Massengena

The health and assiduousness of the people of Massangena, Gaza is remarkable. 97% of registered voters turned out to vote on Wednesday, and of those 98% voted for the Frelimo candidate, Filipe Nyusi. We suggest that this has less to do with loyalty, and more to do with ballot box stuffing.

Chicualacuala district in Gaza showed similar good health, with an 89% turnout. But they were less loyal; only 96% voted for Nyusi.

Extra register books in polling stations

On Sunday (Bulletin 65) we reported that the Tete city count stopped because there were 234 editais and only 178 polling stations. The official STAE explanation yesterday was that some polling stations had more than one register book. Even if a polling station has two books, it is supposed to issue a single edital. But STAE says that in Tete staff erroneously wrote separate editais for each book.

We are now receiving reports of some polling stations, in Maputo and elsewhere, that had extra register books, sometimes called a "transfer list" (Lista de Transferidos) or simply an "extra voters list" (lista dos agregado). We are also seeing reports of polling stations where the number of voters

is more than double the number of people on the register book as published in the lists of polling stations before the elections, which suggests they had an extra register book.

We do not yet know how common this is, and have not yet received a comment from STAE. But clearly STAE needs to publish a complete list of polling stations and register books, as the initial list is incomplete.

Opposition protests Dondo result; claim shot man has died

MDM and Renamo both refused to recognise or sign the district results in Dondo, Sofala, on Saturday. They claimed the results which gave victory to Frelimo were fraudulent and resulted from ballot box stuffing by polling station staff.

Renamo district representative Paulo Júnior Chipenembe claims that in Mafambisse, a teacher who is a Renamo sympathiser was shot by police when he tried to stop ballot box stuffing, and that he has since died in Beira Central Hospital.

Chipenembe also claims that the Renamo member of the polling station staff in Mutua got into a fight with the polling station president, who then bit the Renamo person.

And the MDM representative in Dondo, Carlos Francisco Balira Manuel, accuses the president of polling station 07006003 of having given another member of the mesa eight ballot papers to stuff in the box. He added that there MDM was not allowed to make a formal protest.

Maputo city

In the presidential election in Maputo city, Filipe Nyusi won 69% of the vote while in the parliamentary election, Frelimo won 63%, the Maputo City elections commission announced Monday.

The full results are:

Turnout was 60.2%.

Presidential Election

Total votes	428,240
Blank ballots	3,489 (0.83%)
Invalid votes	6,883 (1.61%)
Filipe Nyusi (Frelimo)	287,674 (68.84%)
Afonso Dhlakama (Renamo)	86,326 (20.66%)
Davis Simango (MDM)	43,868 (10.5%)
(percentages of valid votes)	

Parliamentary election

Total votes	426,823
Blank ballots	8,353 (1.96%)
Invalid votes	7,172 (1.68%)
Frelimo	257,829 (62.69%)
Renamo	82,447 (20.05%)
MDM	64,490 (15.68%)
Others	6,532 (1.59%)
(percentages of valid votes)	

Because Maputo already has an mayor and assembly elected last year, there is not provincial assembly.

All of the invalid votes must be rechecked by the National Elections Commission, and those found valid will be added in. But if the present ratio of votes is maintained, the 16 parliamentary seats for Maputo city will be divided as :

Frelimo 11
Renamo 3
MDM 2

In the 2009 election Maputo city had 18 seats, which were divided Frelimo 14, MDM 3, Renamo 1. So Frelimo has lost 3 seats, MDM has lost 1, and Renamo has gained 2.

<This article was corrected on 22 Oct 2014.>

Compared to municipal elections

Compared to the 2013 municipal elections, the opposition vote remained constant, but Frelimo increased its vote by more than 100,000. Total voters this year were 428,240 compared to just 309,729 in 2013. Renamo did not stand in local elections this year so MDM gained most of the opposition vote. This year, Renamo regained most of the opposition vote. But it does appear that more than 20,000 people who voted for Nyusi then voted for MDM for parliament, which should be enough to give MDM its second parliament seat.

These tables compare Maputo city in 2013 and 2014.

2013 - Mayor - Presidente do Conselho Municipal

Candidato	Partido	Total	%
David Simango	Frelimo	175 554	58,44
Venancio Mondlane	MDM	120 075	39,97
Ismael Mussa	JPC	4 788	1,59

Total opposition 124 863 41.57

2014 - Presidente

Candidato	Partido	Total	%
Filipe Nyusi	Frelimo	287,674	68.84
Afonso Dhlakama	Renamo	86,326	20.66
Daviz Simango	MDM	43,868	10.50

Total opposition 130,194 31.16

2013 - Assembleia Municipal

Partido	Total	%
Frelimo	168,138	56.42
MDM	120,807	40.53
Others - outros	9,088	3.05

Total opposition 129,895 43.58

2014 - Assembleia da República

Partido	Total	%
Frelimo	257,829	62.69
Renamo	82,447	20.05
MDM	64,490	15.68
Others-outros	6,532	1.59

Total opposition 153,469 37.32

A detailed report on the 2009 elections is available, in two parts, on
<http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-1a> and <http://bit.ly/MozElec2009-2>

The Portuguese edition of the Bulletin is more detailed, and can be read on
<http://www.cip.org.mz/election2013/> Portuguese Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CIP.Eleicoes>
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