

# 2014 National Elections



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## At the half way point, 40% of possible voters registered

Data released on Tuesday shows registration largely on track. The data covers the first 37 days of the registration, exactly the half way point; electoral registration finishes on 29 April. Normally many people register in the first days and many wait until the last minute.

STAE reported that 3,345,177 voters were confirmed to have registered, of the 9,143,923 voting age adults projected. This is 36.6%, but the data comes from only 91% of registration brigades (3,728 of 4,078) which suggests the actual figure is closer to 40%. Of the other 350, about 60 have not yet begun their work because of fighting between government and Renamo in parts of Sofala province, particularly in the rural areas of Gorongosa district. The others simply had not reported, partly due to lack of mobile telephone links in parts of the country.

All provinces are over 30% but only Cabo Delgado is over half.

Nº	Provincia	Previsão	Inscritos	%
1	Maputo Cidade	121448	35940	29.6
2	Maputo Provincia	421961	141495	33.5
3	Gaza	504 416	227 439	45.1
4	Inhambane	551 636	245 228	44.5
5	Sofala	646 550	245 091	37.9
6	Manica	633 472	257 321	40.6
7	Tete	960 567	314 418	32.7
8	Zambézia	1 953 573	629 191	32.2
9	Nampula	1 993 788	633 590	31.8
10	Cado Delgado	736 640	408 640	55.5
11	Niassa	619 872	206 824	33.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>9 143 923</b>	<b>3 345 177</b>	<b>36.6</b>

To these figures should be added the 3,059,794 people registered in the 53 municipalities last year, ahead of the 20 November municipal elections. This means that 6,404,971 people now hold voter cards. This is 52% of the estimated voting age population of 12,203,717.

In those 53 municipalities, most people have registered. Registration is for those who will have

reached voting age in October, who have moved, or who failed to register last year.

## Rain in Maputo-City

In Ka Mubukwana urban district, 9,318 electors have registered, just 21% of the possible 42,751. Recent heavy rains have complicated the process. There has been flooding, for example at the primary school in unidade 29 of bairro George Demitrove (Benfica).

Registration posts at Chiango and Lihaze primary schools, bairro de Albazine, have been closed for two weeks by flooding, with the registration teams moved to nearby registration posts.

## Inhambane

Provincial STAE last week began distributing 80 solar panel to more remote registration brigades. Inhambane province has registered 245,228 voters, 44% of the 551.635 possible.

**Cidade de Inhambane:** Last week Inhambane city registered only 305 voters. Most had already registered for local elections last year.

**Massinga,** Inhambane: 39,269 electors registered, 50% of the 71,374 possible. Last week STAE registered 5,342 would-be voters.

## Other places

**Barué,** Manica: Only 19 of 22 brigades are functioning, because 3 computers (from Chindengue, Inhazonia and Nhatucutira) were sent to Maputo three weeks ago for repair, according to STAE district spokesman, Rui Sora. In, Catandica, Barué, which is a municipality which had elections last year, the single registration post is signing up just 15 people per day, and three brigades have been moved to more rural areas.

**Chicualacuala,** Gaza: Two mobile brigades are being moved around the sparsely population district. One has moved from 3 de Fevereiro to Maunge and the other from Malongete to Malambane, Eduardo Mondlane administrative post. There have been no problems with computers or generators.

**Chibuto,** Gaza: In Maqueze there is no registration and no staff in the registration post. Local people say the registration equipment only functioned for 2 days (17 and 18 February) and never worked again.

**Nacala-A-Velha,** Nampula: Registration posts at Munteza, Micolene and Nahipa have been paralysed for four days because of printer problems and a lack of rubber stamps (carimbos). The computers have been sent to Nampula provincial STAE for maintenance.

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