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Registration opens, but with many problems

Electoral registration failed to open in many places yesterday, Saturday 15 February, because of heavy rain in the centre and north of the country, and because of delays in deploying generators in areas without electricity.

There were also some equipment failures and many registration officials had difficulties using the equipment. But where registration did open, our 54 correspondents throughout the country report a low turnout with short queues. Registration continues until 29 April.

In some places, including Beira, Dondo, Quelimane, Chicualacuala, Chibuto, Ile, Maganja da Costa, Gurué, Angoche, Malema, Moma, Mecuburi, Memba, Mecanhelas and Chiúre few registration posts were able to open because of the heavy rain - which also reduced the turnout where registrations posts were able to open.

Equipment failures made it impossible to open registration posts in Massinga (Muchungo, Hunguana, Malova and Macange), Ile (Mulevala), Mocimboa da Praia (Nanduadua), Chicualacuala (Chassanga, Litlatla), Morrumbene (Barrame, Gotite, Nhaconho) and Mossuril (3 in Lunga and 2 in Matibane).

Lack of generators prevented 17 registration posts from opening in Zavala, 16 em Meconta, 13 em Chiúre, as well as 1 in Homóine and 1 in Mabalane.

In the districts of Gorongosa, Maringué e Chibabava, affected by ongoing fighting with Renamo guerrillas, registration did not begin because district governments did not allow it, according to the director of Sofala provincial STAE, Celso Chimoio.

On the other hand our correspondents in Vilankulo, Guijá, Inhambane, Govuro, Xai-Xai, Balama, Ka Mubukwane, Ka Nanyaka, Manica, Gondola, Matola, Bilene, Pebane, Ilha de Moçambique, Nacala-à-Velha, Maxixe, Tete and Manjacaze all report registration posts opening on time and without problems, although with low turnout.

Double registration Nacala Porto

In Nacala-Porto our correspondent caught Estino Alves registering for a second time in the same place, OPCA school. He had already registered for the local elections last year. That registration remains valid, and voters cannot register a second time. Alves gave the same identity card number and birthdate for the two registrations, so the double registration will probably also be picked up by the computer systems.

He gave two different addresses. For the municipal elections he said he lived at house 35, Quarteirão 20, Bloco 1 and for the second card he said he lived at house 12, Quarteirão 29 as is shown in the pictures.

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2013 voter's card



2014 voter's card



Estino Alves holding the two cards.

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