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Fighting means 13 registration posts have not opened in Sofala

Lack of security due to military confrontations, plus some areas which are still inaccessible due to flooding, mean that 13 of the 320 registration posts in Sofala have never opened - 9 posts in Gorongosa district, 2 in Nhamatanda, 1 in Maringue and 1 in Machanga - according to STAE provincial director Celso Chimoio Sousa.

By 31 March, the highest registration was at 85% of voting age adults in Maringue district, followed by Muanza 83%, Chemba 72%, Caia 70%, Marromeu 64%, Cheringoma 61%, cidade da Beira 57%, Machanga 51% and Dondo 51%. Nhamatanda, Buzi, Gorongosa and Chibabava were under half.

Registration hits 45%

Registration had reached 45% on Wednesday, with four weeks to go. STAE spokesperson Lucas Jose said today that 4,121,011 would-be voters had registered, out of an estimated 9,143,923 voting age adults. This is in addition to 3,059,794 people registered last year in the 53 municipalities, prior to the municipal elections. (Thus Mozambique on 15 October will have an estimated 12,203,717 adults over the age of 18.)

By province, registration by Wednesday was:

Cabo Delgado - 467,489 (63% of voting age adults who had not registered last year)
Gaza - 273,813 (54%)
Inhambane - 28,155 (51%)
Manica - 329,253 (52%)
Sofala - 306,756 (47%)
Tete - 415,893 (43%)
Niassa - 253,121 (41%)
Zambezia - 790,346 (40%)
Nampula - 801,114 (40%)
Maputo province - 161,490 (38%)
Maputo city - 40,581 (33%).

Renamo members taking their places in all CPEs

Renamo has filled its two places in nearly all Provincial Elections Commissions (CPEs) and the Frelimo and Renamo vice presidents have been named during this week.

Some brigades not working

In several provinces registration brigades are not working due to lack of equipment or fuel, according to reports from our journalists:

MUTARARA, Tete, 16 brigade were not working for 30 days because they did not have registration computers (or mobile IDs as they are called by STAE) but all are now functioning.

ILE, Zambezia: 20 of 46 brigades are not working because there is no fuel for generators to provide electricity to the registration computers. Nevertheless, at 29 March registration was at 56%.

CHIBUTO, Gaza: 20 posts in Alto Changanine, Chaimite and parts of Maniquinique and Maqueze are not functioning due to floods, computer breakdowns, and lack of generator fuel.

Nampula needs to register a million voters

Nampula needs to register a million voters in the next four weeks, admits Maria Isabel Tirano, Provincial Director of Nampula STAE. Extra equipment has been received, including 50 new generators to add to the 283 already in use, as well as 120 solar panels, 38 new registration computers, and 12 new batteries..

An entire 3-person registration brigade in Nampula city has been dismissed and replaced, because of systematic absence, according to Isabel Tirano, who said they even left their posts when people were waiting in the queue.

Other reports from our correspondents

MASSINGA, Inhambane: Registration has passed 61% and problems of computer breakdowns and lack of electricity have been overcome, according to election administrator Carlos Bie.

MABALANE, Gaza: Registration of over 66% with no problems.

MALEMA, Nampula: registration is over 60% and five new solar panels have been received.

LICHINGA, Niassa: registration at 45%.

MUEMBE, Niassa: 60% registration, and more solar panels distributed.

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