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Registration not catching up - except for Zambézia

fter 28 days of voter registration (61% of the 46-day period), only 50% (3,696,520 voters) of the 7,341,736 target for 2019 have been registered. In the fourth week of registration the 995,155 registered voters was almost identical to the 995,003 registered the week before. Registration totals through Sunday 12 May were announced Tuesday afternoon. Two and a half weeks of registration remain.

Gaza still has the highest registration, at 75%, while Nampula remains low at 44%. After a bad start, Zambézia is catching up; it had the highest registration rate last week and has now reached 56% of target.

The percentage of women as part of the total number of registrants remains at 53%.

Last year, 6.8 million voters registered, and they need not register again. The estimate from the 2017 census is that there will be 14.2 million voting age adults on polling day, 15 October. So the registration target for this year is 7.3 million people.

Miguel de Brito of International Idea calculates that combining registration last year and so far this year, 10.5 million voters are now in the voters' roll. This represents 74% of the overall target of 14.2 million voters for the 15 October elections. At current registration rates, the final total number of registered voters may reach 12.9 million.

Only 87% will register

Miguel de Brito

If the current rate of close to a million people registered per week remains for the last two and half weeks of registration, the final rate of registration for 2019 will be around 87%. The weekly registration is

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
941,601	764,761	995,003	995,155

In the fourth week, the best performers based on percentage of the weekly target were Zambézia (136%), Gaza (129%) and Cabo Delgado (109%). The worst performers were Maputo city (49%), Niassa (52%), Maputo province (54%) and Inhambane (55%).

Cumulatively the end of the 4 weeks vis-à-vis their 28-day target, the best performers are

Cumulative 4-week ranking				
Provinces	% of 4-week target			
Gaza	120%			
C. Delgado	103%			
Manica	97%			
Zambézia	90%			
Inhambane	76%			
Tete	75%			
Nampula	71%			
Niassa	65%			
Maputo P	61%			
Sofala	61%			
Maputo C	54%			

Gaza (120%), Cabo Delgado (103%), Manica (97%) and Zambézia (90%). The worst performers are Maputo city (54%), Maputo province and Sofala (61%) and Niassa (65%).

How the problem provinces (cyclones & insecurity) did

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Sofala	30,262	69,844	47,995	48,472
Zambézia	101,556	101,034	197,989	242,660
Nampula	239,393	134,090	181,909	196,567
C Delgado	142,424	80,866	80,287	109,555

Whereas Sofala saw a significant recovery from 37% of its weekly target in week 1 to 86% in week 2 then followed by a decrease to 60% in weeks 3 and 4, Zambézia was slower to begin recovery, with a low 57% of its weekly target in weeks 1 and 2, but with a substantial improvement in weeks 3

(111%) and 4 (136%). This has put Zambézia at number 4 in the ranking so far, whereas Sofala is at number 10.

In the northern provinces, both Cabo Delgado and Nampula saw substantial drops from week 1 to week 2 as result of the cyclone, but Nampula picked up pace in weeks 3 and 4, whereas Cabo Delgado remained at comparatively low levels in week 2 and 3 and only began recovering in week 4. However, because Cabo Delgado dropped from a much higher level of achievement in week 1, even with the slower recovery it remains at number 2 in the ranking so far, whereas Nampula, with a speedier recovery, is at number 7.

Combined 18/19 registration reaches 74%

Because most people have already registered in Maputo, Matola and other big cities, the key numbers there are the overall target for both 2018 and 2019 voter registration periods. So far, the best performers are Maputo city (89% of voting age adults) and Gaza (87%). Lowest registration so far is Niassa and Nampula at 66%. The national average is 74%.

Province	Voting age adults	Registered 2018	Target 2019	Registered to 12 May	% of target	Registered 2018-19	% of voting age adutds
Niassa	845,219	368,717	476,502	193,158	40.54	561,875	66.48
C. Delgado	1,176,752	532,731	644,021	413,132	64.15	945,863	80.38
Nampula	2,793,912	1,091,772	1,702,140	751,959	44.18	1,843,731	65.99
Zambézia	2,098,542	953,902	1,144,640	643,239	56.20	1,597,141	76.11
Tete	1,311,683	526,239	785,444	364,213	46.37	890,452	67.89
Manica	949,279	496,877	452,402	272,756	60.29	769,633	81.08
Sofala	1,149,184	627,234	521,950	196,753	37.66	823,987	71.70
Inhambane	799,453	321,427	478,026	224,582	46.98	546,009	68.30
Gaza	1,144,337	569,282	575,055	430,084	74.79	999,366	87.33
Maputo P	1,161,225	720,325	440,900	166,280	37.71	886,605	76.35
Maputo C	736,731	616,076	120,655	40,544	33.60	656,620	89.13
TOTAL	14,166,317	6,824,581	7,341,736	3,696,520	50.35	10,521,101	74.27

Looking at the aggregate number of 2018 plus 28 days of 2019, 10.5 million voters are now in the voters' roll. This represents 70.5% of the overall target of 14.9 million voters for the 15 October elections. At current registration rates, the final total number of registered voters may reach 12.9 million, which would represent 87% of the total voting age population.



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