



PUBLIC NOTICE

End of Voter Registration

Take notice that following the end of voter registration exercise on November 9, 2018, the Electoral Commission (the “Commission”) held a meeting in Lilongwe on November 14, 2018 to review the entire exercise. Among other issues relating to the exercise, the Commission considered and deliberated on the requests and calls for extension or re-opening of the voter registration exercise in some centres.

The Commission observed that:

1. all registration centres were open and operational for the entire statutory minimum period of 14 days without significant impediments;
2. the Commission conducted intense and sufficient public awareness and mobilization which was complimented by other electoral stakeholders including political parties and civil society organizations (CSOS).
3. the Commission used biometric voter registration system that was fast and efficient. There were no queues at registration centres and it is our belief that those willing to register did so.

Therefore, the Commission would like to declare the voter registration exercise successful and determine that it will not re-open registration centres but proceed with preparations for voter inspection exercise.

The Commission registered 6,856,295 voters against a projection of 8,510,625 representing 81 percent. Of the total registered voters 3,810,020 are women while 3,045,766 are men. A total of 3,735,894 registrants are youth (less than 35 years) representing 54 percent.

These are preliminary figures and there will be revisions as MEC undertakes a cleaning exercise for multiple registrants. Stakeholders are encouraged to exercise caution when using or quoting the statistics and to always crosscheck with the Commission if need be.

Signed this 16th day of November, 2018 at Blantyre

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Sam Alfandika

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