



PRESS RELEASE

MASS VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION PREPAREDNESS

NAIROBI: Tuesday, February 21, 2017:

1. We wish to formally announce the closure of the mass voter registration drive that commenced on January 16, 2017. The exercise which was to take 30 days, was extended by the High Court for another 5 days. At this point, it is important for the Commission to take time to collate all the data from the field in order to prepare the draft register that will be subjected to verification. We take this opportunity to thank all Kenyans and our partners who supported the exercise.

Registration in Prisons

2. In compliance with the Court decision PETITION NO. 574 OF 2013-KITUO CHA SHERIA-VS-IEBC & ATTORNEY GENERAL, which requires the Commission to register prisoners to participate in elections, the Commission set aside 7 days for this exercise.
3. The exercise which was to commence yesterday but there have been delays occasioned by logistical challenges as a result of the extension of MVR II by the Court to February 19, 2017. We should comfortably commence registration in prisons tomorrow, February 22, 2017.

4. According to data from the department of correctional services, there are 49,867 prisoners in 118 prisons across the country. This number includes those with National IDs and those without as follows:

WITH IDs IN PRISON		WITH IDs AT HOME		WITHOUT IDs	TOTAL
CONVICTED	REMANDEES	CONVICTED	REMANDEES		
5,952	2,246	5,696	5,615	30,358	49,867

5. Those to be registered will be adult citizens who will present themselves with National ID, must be of sound mind, and must not have been convicted of an electoral offence in preceding five years to the elections. Once registered, this constituency shall only vote for the presidential elections.

Registration of Kenyan Diaspora

6. As per Article 82 (1), (e) the Constitution, and in the spirit of progressive realization of the right to register and vote by Kenyans residing outside the Country, the Commission has commenced registration of voters in Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Africa. The exercise shall go on for a period of 14 days starting February 20, 2017 and ending on March 6, 2017.

Facts and Figures

7. The preliminary reports from the field show that 3,782,089 applications for new registration were received by the Commission. This represents 62% of the upper target of 6 million voters but 95% of the 4 million lower target. It is important to note that these are not final figures.

Top 10 Counties as measured against the Upper Target set by the Commission

	COUNTY	PERCENTAGE AGAINST TARGET
1	KAJIADO	240%
2	MANDERA	116%
3	NAROK	102%
4	GARISSA	92%
5	KIRINYAGA	91%
6	KIAMBU	90%
7	WAJIR	89%
8	MURANG'A	86%
9	NAKURU	84%
10	WEST POKOT	81%

The performance against target by the top 10 counties ranges from 81% - 240%.

Top 10 Counties Accounting for Most of Applications

	COUNTY	REGISTERED VOTERS
1	NAIROBI CITY	461,346
2	KIAMBU	225,995
3	NAKURU	175,756
4	MERU	169,803
5	MOMBASA	141,686
6	KILIFI	123,866
7	MACHAKOS	114,320
8	KAKAMEGA	114,126
9	MURANG'A	101,724
10	UASIN GISHU	100,346

These counties registered more than 100,000 applications with Nairobi leading with 461,346.

8. Taking into account the registration of voters after the 2013 General Election, the Commission projects that approximately **5.2 million new voters** will be added on the voters roll. But this will be the case after a proper cleaning and verification process.

Voter Transfer Applications

9. With regards to voter transfers, we have so far records of **1,001,819** applications. We observed that there are places that experienced more transfers than new registration of voters. Once the data is processed, we shall know the trends and what they mean for preparation of elections e.g. the size of polling stations.

Next Steps in Preparation of the Register of Voters

10. The Commission will now process all the data received from the field to the Central Database at our Headquarters in Nairobi for further processing. This will entail matching of all the records received to ensure that there are no duplicates or persons appearing in the register more than once.
11. A preliminary register will be compiled after a period of about 40 days and shall be send to registration officers in the field to confirm the correctness of the information. Once we receive feedback from the field officers, the Commission shall prepare the draft register that will be subjected to inspection and verification by the public starting May 10, 2017. The Commission shall then amend, certify and then publish the final register of voters as per the law in readiness for the elections.

Timelines for Nominations

12. We wish to draw the attention of political parties and all aspirants to the notice published on February 6, 2017 regarding nomination of candidates. This is the next milestones towards the General Election. We are pleased to report that a number of

political parties are already submitting relevant documents. As a reminder, we wish to reiterate what is urgent between now and April 26, 2017.

	ACTIVITY	#. OF DAYS	START DATE	END DATE
1	Submission of Party Nomination Rules to the Commission	10	Monday, February 20, 2017	Thursday, March 02, 2017
2	Submission of Party Membership List	10	Thursday, March 09, 2017	Sunday, March 19, 2017
3	Submission of Names of Candidates for Party Primaries to the Commission	10	Sunday, March 26, 201	Wednesday, April 05, 2017
4	Gazettement Candidates and Date of Primaries	7	Thursday, March 30, 2017	Wednesday, April 12, 2017
5	Parties conduct party primaries	14	Thursday, April 13, 2017	Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Conclusion

The date of the General Election is fast approaching. We call upon Kenyans to jointly reflect on what type of elections they would like to have. On our part, we want to deliver free, fair and peaceful elections. As we enter the next phase of preparations, that is nomination of candidates, we urge political parties and aspirants to conduct their business within the rule of law and ensure that their processes are peaceful and credible. We shall not hesitate to take action against those violating the electoral code of conduct in the name of elections.

Thank you.

WAFULA CHEBUKATI
CHAIRMAN



COUNTY CODE	COUNTY	TOTAL NO OF IDS ISSUED (1997 - NOV 2016)	PROJECTED DEAD WITH IDS 10.57% BETWEEN 1997- NOV 2016	POTENTIAL VOTING POPULATION WITH IDS AS AT NOV 2016	REGISTERED VOTERS AS AT MARCH 2013	PROVISIONAL REGISTER AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016	POTENTIAL VOTERS WITH IDS NOT REGISTERED AS AT DEC 2016	MVR II TARGET IS 67% THOSE WITH IDS BUT NOT REGISTERED	COUNTY AREA IN SQ. KM (APPROX.)	DAILY TARGETS	TARGET AS OF 19-2-2017	AS OF 19-2-2017	PERCENTAGE	
1	MOMBASA	892,702	94,359	798,343	413,069	454,799	343,544	230,175	217	7,672	230,175	141,686	61.56%	
2	KWALE	442,804	46,804	396,000	175,572	208,338	187,662	125,733	8,270	4,191	125,733	74,098	58.93%	
3	KILIFI	815,768	86,227	729,541	336,410	386,618	342,923	229,759	12,407	7,659	229,759	123,866	53.91%	
4	TANA RIVER	154,876	16,370	138,506	79,641	96,675	41,831	28,027	35,376	934	28,027	21,514	76.76%	
5	LAMU	96,812	10,233	86,579	52,359	56,744	29,835	19,989	6,498	666	19,989	13,480	67.44%	
6	TAITA/TAVETA	254,675	26,919	227,756	114,189	125,720	102,036	68,364	24,898	2,279	68,364	30,184	44.15%	
	COASTAL REGION	2,657,637	280,912	2,376,725	1,171,240	1,328,894	1,047,831	702,047	87,666	23,402	702,047	404,828	57.66%	
7	GARISSA	207,991	21,985	186,006	115,236	124,870	61,136	40,961	45,751	1,365	40,961	37,616	91.83%	
8	WAJIR	196,938	20,816	176,122	118,245	126,156	49,966	33,477	55,841	1,116	33,477	29,760	88.90%	
9	MANDERA	202,434	21,397	181,037	120,923	125,156	55,881	37,440	25,800	1,248	37,440	43,322	115.71%	
	NORTH EASTERN	607,363	64,198	543,165	354,404	376,182	166,983	111,878	127,922	3,729	111,878	110,698	98.94%	
10	MARSABIT	188,390	19,913	168,477	105,259	124,748	43,729	29,299	70,965	977	29,299	18,793	64.14%	
11	ISIOLO	103,955	10,988	92,967	54,587	59,724	33,243	22,273	25,336	742	22,273	12,824	57.58%	
12	MERU	972,991	102,845	870,146	489,590	542,575	327,571	219,472	5,127	7,316	219,472	169,803	77.37%	
13	THARAKA-NITHI	309,916	32,758	277,158	155,904	170,514	106,644	71,451	2,410	2,382	71,451	46,008	64.39%	
14	EMBU	480,150	50,752	429,398	227,638	245,024	184,374	123,531	2,556	4,118	123,531	70,644	57.19%	
15	KITUI	732,331	77,407	654,924	324,798	394,366	260,558	174,574	24,628	5,819	174,574	83,299	47.72%	
16	MACHAKOS	852,534	90,113	762,421	445,421	512,848	249,573	167,214	5,953	5,574	167,214	114,320	68.37%	
17	MAKUENI	629,663	66,555	563,108	298,474	342,344	220,764	147,912	7,877	4,930	147,912	78,836	53.30%	
	EASTERN REGION	4,269,930	451,332	3,818,598	2,101,671	2,392,143	1,426,455	955,725	144,852	31,858	955,725	594,527	62.21%	
18	NYANDARUA	468,541	49,525	419,016	256,425	283,205	135,811	90,994	3,108	3,033	90,994	53,117	58.37%	
19	NYERI	706,380	74,664	631,716	357,059	390,882	240,834	161,359	2,361	5,379	161,359	69,924	43.33%	
20	KIRINYAGA	435,186	45,999	389,187	265,567	291,020	98,167	65,772	1,205	2,192	65,772	60,142	91.44%	
21	MURANG'A	744,340	78,677	665,663	453,725	489,051	176,612	118,330	2,326	3,944	118,330	101,724	85.97%	
22	KIAMBU	1,477,657	156,188	1,321,469	863,199	947,599	373,870	250,493	2,449	8,350	250,493	225,995	90.22%	
	CENTRAL REGION	3,832,104	405,053	3,427,051	2,195,975	2,401,757	1,025,294	686,947	11,449	22,898	686,947	510,902	74.37%	
23	TURKANA	283,782	29,996	253,786	134,426	153,752	100,034	67,023	71,598	2,234	67,023	34,865	52.02%	
24	WEST POKOT	242,004	25,580	216,424	121,204	134,767	81,657	54,710	8,493	1,824	54,710	44,222	80.83%	
25	SAMBURU	128,996	13,635	115,361	61,150	69,386	45,975	30,803	20,183	1,027	30,803	10,091	32.76%	
26	TRANS NZOIA	486,259	51,398	434,861	245,092	274,479	160,382	107,456	2,504	3,582	107,456	65,353	60.82%	
27	UASIN GISHU	618,426	65,368	553,058	332,177	351,139	201,919	135,286	2,976	4,510	135,286	100,346	74.17%	
28	ELGEYO/MARAKWET	268,922	28,425	240,497	135,487	144,703	95,794	64,182	3,050	2,139	64,182	34,272	53.40%	
29	NANDI	474,234	50,127	424,107	265,109	279,666	144,441	96,776	2,885	3,226	96,776	69,674	72.00%	
30	BARINGO	339,329	35,867	303,462	174,136	190,306	113,156	75,814	11,075	2,527	75,814	37,612	49.61%	
31	LAIKIPIA	325,928	34,451	291,477	174,131	193,326	98,151	65,761	8,696	2,192	65,761	46,171	70.21%	
32	NAKURU	1,214,746	128,399	1,086,347	696,594	772,912	313,435	210,002	7,522	7,000	210,002	175,756	83.69%	
33	NAROK	421,847	44,589	377,258	263,365	283,777	93,481	62,632	17,921	2,088	62,632	63,650	101.63%	
34	KAJIADO	424,027	44,820	379,207	306,977	329,533	49,674	33,282	21,779	1,109	33,282	79,733	239.57%	
35	KERICHO	559,950	59,187	500,763	290,947	313,944	186,819	125,169	2,455	4,172	125,169	65,871	52.63%	
36	BOMET	436,041	46,090	389,951	253,060	270,496	119,455	80,035	1,998	2,668	80,035	55,010	68.73%	
	RIFT VALLEY REGI	6,224,491	657,929	5,566,562	3,453,855	3,762,186	1,804,376	1,208,932	183,135	40,298	1,208,932	882,626	73.01%	
37	KAKAMEGA	1,173,861	124,077	1,049,784	568,151	632,751	417,033	279,412	3,034	9,314	279,412	114,126	40.85%	
38	VIHIGA	496,755	52,507	444,248	202,887	224,638	219,610	147,139	531	4,905	147,139	42,843	29.12%	
39	BUNGOMA	845,172	89,335	755,837	412,018	471,456	284,381	190,535	2,414	6,351	190,535	88,441	46.42%	
40	BUSIA	532,383	56,273	476,110	251,517	289,610	186,500	124,955	1,685	4,165	124,955	58,301	46.66%	
	WESTERN REGION	3,048,171	322,192	2,725,979	1,434,573	1,618,455	1,107,524	742,041	7,664	24,735	742,041	303,711	40.93%	
41	SIAYA	645,754	68,256	577,498	312,441	379,293	198,205	132,797	2,496	4,427	132,797	68,452	51.55%	
42	KISUMU	808,977	85,509	723,468	386,606	450,011	273,457	183,216	2,119	6,107	183,216	98,857	53.96%	
43	HOMA BAY	639,261	67,570	571,691	326,505	385,538	186,153	124,723	3,155	4,157	124,723	90,612	72.65%	
44	MIGORI	562,412	59,447	502,965	283,997	326,455	176,510	118,262	2,576	3,942	118,262	62,512	52.86%	
45	KISII	851,495	90,003	761,492	413,161	456,861	304,631	204,103	1,318	6,803	204,103	87,892	43.06%	
46	NYAMIRA	418,437	44,229	374,208	219,428	238,270	135,938	91,079	913	3,036	91,079	41,415	45.47%	
	NYANZA REGION	3,926,336	415,014	3,511,322	1,942,138	2,236,428	1,274,894	854,179	12,577	28,473	854,179	449,740	52.65%	
47	NAIROBI CITY	3,488,708	368,756	3,119,952	1,732,288	1,843,040	1,276,912	855,531	695	28,518	855,531	461,346	53.93%	
48	DIASPORA TOTAL	6,496	558	5,938	2,637	2,542								
	HUDUMA TOTAL											29,928		
	UNIVERSITIES/COLLEGES											33,783		
		28,061,236	2,965,944	25,095,292	14,388,781	15,961,627	9,130,269	6,117,280	575,430	203,909	6,117,280	3,782,089	61.83%	
1	Registration Data on IDs issued is from the National Registration Bureau													