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SUBJECT: ENHANCED CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE REGISTER OF VOTERS

The Commission conducted the National Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR) exercise from 4th October to 5th November 2021. The Commission wishes to update the country on the following issues:

1. Registration of New Voters and Transfers

During the ECVR exercise, the Commission enrolled a total of **1,519,294** new voters out of the projected target of approximately **6,000,000** eligible voters, being **25.3%** of the target. Further, a total of **421,057** registered voters applied for transfer from one registration centre to another.

The link below provides details of the ECVR exercise as at 5th November, 2021.

<https://www.iebc.or.ke/media/?press>

2. Updating of the Register of Voters

The Commission will subject the said 1,519,294 new voters' record to a deduplication process that involves comparing the biometric data of the new voters with those of the existing 19,668,968 voters for purposes of eliminating any multiple records. In addition, the Commission will service the requests for transfer, change of particulars and deletion of dead voters from the Register of Voters (ROV).

3. Continuous Voter Registration (CVR)

Pursuant to Article 88(4)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 the Commission has resumed the Constituency office-based Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) and Revision of the Voter's Roll upon conclusion of the ECVR. This will run until such a time that the Commission will publish a gazette notice suspending the CVR exercise to pave way for Biometric Verification of the ROV as required by Law. The resumed CVR exercise is for; new registration, transfer of registration status, change of particulars and deletion of dead voters.

The Commission would like to reiterate that the resumed CVR exercise is for eligible persons who have not registered as voters before. Those who registered as voters in 2017, including those who registered in the just concluded ECVR, need not register again.

4. Voter Registration for Citizens Residing Outside Kenya

Pursuant to Article 82(1) (e) of the Constitution of Kenya 2010 that envisages legislation for the progressive registration of citizens residing outside Kenya, the Commission plans to conduct voter registration for citizens residing outside the Country for a period of fifteen (15) days from 6th to 20th December, 2021. Prior to commencement of the exercise, the Commission will publish in the Kenya Gazette the names of registration centres and countries in which registration and voting is scheduled to take place and the period of registration.

5. Audit of the Register of Voters

Section 8A of the Election Act, 2011 requires the Commission to, at least six (6) months before the date of a General Election, engage a professional reputable firm to conduct an audit of the ROV for the purpose of: verifying the accuracy of the register; recommending mechanisms of enhancing the accuracy of the register; and updating the register. This exercise will be conducted after closure of the CVR exercise.

The engaged firm shall give a report within a period of thirty (30) days and the Commission shall thereafter implement the audit report within thirty (30) days.

6. Voter Register Inspection and Biometric Verification of Data

Section 6A of Election Act, 2011 read together with regulation 27(a) and (b) of the Elections (Registration of Voters) Regulations, 2012 requires the Commission to, not later than sixty (60) days before the date of a General Election, open the ROV for verification of biometric data by members of the public at their respective Polling Stations for a period of thirty (30) days. The purpose of this activity is to afford registered voters an opportunity to verify their registration particulars and to correct any errors or omissions relating to their registration particulars. The activity will ensure that the Commission maintains a complete, accurate, updated and comprehensive register of voters.

The Commission will publish a gazette notice of the availability of ROV for verification not later than 28th February 2022 to pave way for commencement of inspection and Biometric Verification of Data.

7. Certification and Publication of the Register of Voters

Section 12 of the Elections Act 2011, provides for the certification and publishing of the ROV in the Kenya Gazette. The certification details include: the name of the County Assembly Ward and the Total number of registered voters. The Commission, guided by the above provision of the law, plans to certify and publish the ROV for the 2022 General Elections by June 2022.

The Commission calls upon eligible Kenyans to continue registering as Voters in order to exercise their democratic rights as enshrined in the Constitution of Kenya, 2010.



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