



PRESS UPDATE 2:

VOTING PROCESS GOING ON SMOOTHLY, HITCHES RECTIFIED

Good Afternoon Fellow Kenyans,

This is our second update today.

- The voting process is going on smoothly albeit a few delays which we have resolved. Here is a quick appraisal of the voting process situation across our 40,833 polling stations:
- Majority of the polling stations opened on time. As stated in the earlier update, a number of polling stations were not open due to adverse weather and associated logistical challenges. They include Turkana North (4), Turkana Central (4), Turkana West (2) and Loima (8). Wajir South(1).
- In Laikipia North three polling stations were affected by insecurity. Security forces have restored calm in the area and polling has resumed.
- Ballot papers for Ndia constituency (Kirinyaga) were delivered to a polling center in Nakuru East constituency and vice versa. We airlifted the papers to the correct polling station. Voting is going on as we speak.
- We wish to assure you all that for the polling stations that opened late, we will compensate the time by extending the voting period by the same amount of hours that were lost before opening.
- As mentioned in our earlier update, we are aware of reports that the identification took longer than expected while some officers had challenges switching on the KIEMS kits. Where the finger scanner does not work, our clerks are using alphanumeric identification option using ID numbers. The robustness of the KIEMS system provides various voter identification options, which have provided voters with a remarkable voting, experience.



- Rejected ballot stamp used in Embakasi South Constituency in Nairobi. Ballot not invalid as rejected ballot papers are stamped in the front and not the back. The officer involved has been fired.
- Allegations of marked presidential ballot papers: Our staff have confirmed that the allegation of marked ballot papers in Mariakani ward in Kilifi County is not correct. The Sabatia Constituency case was one of indelible ink that had accidentally spilled on the paper.
- We have noted that in isolated cases, clerks are not completing the validation of voters, once identified, using the KIEMS gadgets. We have instructed our returning officers to ensure that this is done and urge agents to confirm that this process is completed.
- Voting in Prisons is going on smoothly and we expect the 5,528 registered voters in prisons across 103 polling stations to finalize voting before 5pm today. However, it is important to note that our fellow citizens in prisons are only voting for their preferred presidential candidate only. Indeed this is a big milestone in the history of electoral management in this country. It is the first time that Prisoners are exercising their democratic right. We believe this is an important part of their rehabilitation process.
- Equally, 4,300 Kenyans who are registered as voters in the diaspora, which includes Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and South Africa, are enthused and started voting across the 10 polling stations as early as 6am this morning. Voting will close at 5pm today.



Helpline

We take this opportunity to invite Kenyans to direct questions and seek clarifications from our 24 hour call centre. We have dedicated the following hotlines for any voter 1527, 1537, 1538, and 1539

Conclusion

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, we urge you to be patient and calm as the results start streaming in later in the day. We acknowledge the fact that you want to know if the person you voted for is the winner. However, we would urge you to restrain from speculation and await the final results to be announced. Stay tuned to your news channels as we will be sharing with you regular updates throughout the course of the day.