



STATUS UPDATE ON POLLING DAY - 9TH AUGUST 2022

Good afternoon.

Ladies and gentlemen.

Welcome to our 2nd briefing on the polling day.

Opening of Polling Stations

1. We appreciate that Kenyans continue to turn up and exercise their democratic right to vote.
2. At around 4.00pm, 12,065,803 registered voters out of 22,120,458 had cast their vote. This equates to 56.17 percent of voter turn-out excluding voting through the manual register. Further, the Commission has noted there are still long queues of voters at the polling stations. In areas where voting started late or were interrupted such as Kakamega and Makueni Counties, time lost will be compensated.
3. The Commission has resolved to hold by election in eight electoral areas due to court orders and mismatch of material content on 23rd August 2022. These include:
 - a) Gubernatorial positions – Mombasa and Kakamega Counties
 - b) Member of National Assembly – Kitui Rural Constituency (Kitui County), Kacheliba Constituency (West Pokot County), Pokot South Constituency (West Pokot County) and Rongai Constituency (Nakuru County)



- c) Member of County Assembly Ward – Nyaki West (North Imenti Constituency - Meru County), Kwa Njenga (Embakasi South Constituency – Nairobi County)

The by-elections will be held in the next two weeks because:

- a) Voters in the electoral area deserve a short period to elect their leaders,
 - b) The Commission will also be ready to conduct the by-election having dispensed off with other electoral activities relating to the General Election, and
 - c) It will be cost effective since the same equipment and personnel will be deployed with minimum training.
4. Elections in Eldas Constituency, Wajir County have been adjourned due to security reasons and voting shall commence tomorrow at 6.00am.

Conclusion

- 5. The Commission urges members of the public to utilise its 24-hour toll-free lines – 1543 and 1544 - should they wish to bring incidences to the Commission's attention.
- 6. The Commission will keep you regularly updated on all developments touching on the General Election.

God Bless You and God Bless Kenya.


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