



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

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SUBJECT: FINAL UPDATE ON PREPAREDNESS FOR THE 27TH NOVEMBER 2025 BY-ELECTIONS

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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) wishes to inform the nation that all preparations for the by-elections scheduled for Thursday, 27th November 2025 across 22 electoral areas have been successfully completed. Polling will commence at 6:00 A.M in all designated polling stations.

In line with our constitutional mandate, the Commission has concluded all key preparatory milestones, including

- a) Recruitment, training, and deployment of polling officials;
- b) Administration of the oath of secrecy to all election officials;
- c) Stakeholder briefings with political parties, candidates, observers, security agencies, and the media;
- d) Dispatch of all strategic and non-strategic election materials, including ballot papers and Kenya Integrated Election Management System (KIEMS) kits.

Today, ballot paper pallets were opened in the presence of accredited stakeholders to uphold transparency and accountability.

Polling Day Activities

1. Biometric Identification of Voters

All eligible voters as captured in the 2022 certified Register of Voters for the respective by-election areas will be identified using the KIEMS kits. The Register of Voters has been displayed at each polling station for public verification..



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2. Opening and Closing of Polls

Polling stations will open at 6:00 A.M and close at 5:00 P.M. In cases where opening is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, time lost will be compensated.

All voters who are in the queue by 5:00 P.M will be allowed to cast their ballots.

The Commission encourages voters to follow instructions issued by polling officials to facilitate an orderly voting process.

3. Secrecy of the Ballot

No one is allowed to take pictures of ballot papers at polling stations. The secrecy and integrity of the individual vote must be preserved at all times. Any breach is punishable by law. However, pictures or photos of duly filled and certified Result Forms can be taken once the declaration of results has been completed successfully.

4. Stakeholders

The Presiding Officers will remain fully in charge of the polling stations. Therefore, party agents should cooperate with them and ensure they collectively facilitate the smooth process of voting and counting. We urge agents, observers and media not to interfere with the integrity of the exercise. Any complaints should be raised with the poll officials respectfully, with patience and supported with tangible evidence. We request agents, observers and media to truthfully and without bias record the proceedings and any observations without unnecessary interference and disruptions of the exercise.

5. Tallying Centres

Only accredited persons with identification and badges are allowed to access the centers and observe the tallying and declaration of results. In cases where senior elected and party leaders would like to witness the Tallying process, we urge all of them to respect the integrity and the importance of the Tallying centre and to accord our officials and security the necessary cooperation and support. We do not expect any leaders to engage in actions that could disrupt and delay the



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tallying and announcement of results.

6. Results Management and Declaration

After the close of polling at 5:00 P.M, the Presiding Officer—in full view of agents, observers, and the media—will open the ballot box, count the ballots, and tabulate the results at the polling station in an open and transparent process.

To enhance transparency:

- a) Agents present will be allowed to take photographs of the official results forms, and
- b) A copy of the results form will be pasted at the polling station for public display

Returning Officers will thereafter:

- a) Receive results from all Presiding Officers;
- b) Verify, collate, and announce constituency-level results;
- c) Declare the winner in the presence of agents and accredited stakeholders

Any aggrieved party is reminded that the courts of law remain the lawful avenue for electoral dispute resolution.

7. Access to Results

By-election results will be accessible to the public on the Commission's results portal:

<https://forms.iebc.or.ke>

8. Security Arrangements

The Commission, working closely with the National Police Service, has deployed adequate security personnel to all polling stations, tallying centers, and other strategic locations across all 22 by-election areas.





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Each polling station will have a minimum of two security officers, with additional teams conducting patrols and providing rapid response where necessary.

Voters are assured of a secure and peaceful environment and are urged to report any incidents through the appropriate security channels.

Call to action

The Commission calls upon all polling officials to discharge their duties with integrity, impartiality, and full adherence to the Code of Conduct. Any official found in breach of the Code or the Election Offences Act will face firm action.

We further urge the media to continue offering accurate, balanced, and comprehensive coverage, thereby strengthening transparency and public trust in the process.

To all voters in the 22 by-election areas: your participation matters. We encourage you to turn out in large numbers and peacefully exercise your democratic right. We also call upon citizens and leaders to maintain peace during polling, counting, and announcement of results and even after the completion of by-elections.

Let us draw inspiration from Article 1 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010), which vests sovereign power in the people—exercised either directly or through democratically elected representatives.

The Commission remains fully committed to delivering free, fair, transparent, and credible by-elections.

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