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12,694 polling stations and 9,871,949 voters

A full list of all 12,694 polling stations for the 28 October election was published last week by the National Elections Commission (CNE). Most are in schools, reflecting the expansion of the education system in recent years. But in more remote areas there will be many single polling stations outside or in temporary shelters.

The total voter registration for the election is 9,871,949. The registration campaign earlier this year signed up 514,977 new voters inside Mozambique and 56,360 outside (of whom 40,697 are in South Africa). In addition, nearly 500,000 people applied for new cards to replace lost ones and more than 200,000 who have moved registered again. Thus the campaign issued more than 1.2 million voters cards.

Details are in the two tables on the next pages.

The CNE website now appears to be up to date, although documents are still not being posted immediately. The most recent decision (Deliberação n.º 67/CNE/2009 de 24 de Setembro) approving polling station locations was not actually posted on the web until 28 September; the list itself was posted a day later.

The CNE promises that a full set of candidates lists will be posted on the web later this week. Such lists were never available during local elections last year.

The final list of the number of seats for various constituencies in the national and provincial parliaments was posted on 9 September. There are minor changes reflecting the most recent registration – the numbers of seats announced earlier were provisional. But there are big changes compared to 2004, probably reflecting significant migrations. Maputo province and city gain 5 parliamentary seats, reflecting the growth of Maputo and Matola, while the two largest provinces, Nampula and Zambézia, lose a total of 8 seats. Niassa, Tete and Manica gain 2 seats each; Gaza loses 1 and Sofala loses 2.

The most important lists on the CNE website are:

Full list of polling stations:

<http://www.stae.org.mz/media/documentos/taepagina/>

Registration totals and national parliament (AR) seats by province:

<http://www.stae.org.mz/media/documentos/legislativas.gif>

Provincial assembly seats, by district (provincial constituencies):

<http://www.stae.org.mz/media/documentos/mandatos%20provinciais.pdf>

Detailed table of 2009 registration, by district and province:

<http://www.stae.org.mz/media/documentos/dados%20definitivos.pdf>

Provisional and 2004 AR seats by province:

<http://www.stae.org.mz/media/documentos/tabela%20mandatos.jpg>

Official figures of voter registration, assembly seats, and polling stations

Provincia Province	Total Eleitores Registered voters	Mandatos - Assembleia da República Seats in national parliament	Mudanças nas estimativas provisórias Change from provisional estimate	Mudança relativa a 2004 Change from 2004	Mandatos - Assembleias Provinciais Seats in provincial assemblies	Assembleias de Voto Polling stations
Niassa	544 770	14	0	+2	70	831
Cabo Delgado	888 197	22	-1	0	81	1 135
Nampula	1 801 249	45	-1	-5	91	2 156
Zambézia	1 770 910	45	0	-3	90	2 064
Tete	796 257	20	+1	+2	80	1 198
Manica	648 969	16	0	+2	80	847
Sofala	772 630	20	+1	-2	80	962
Inhambane	641 387	16	0	0	80	868
Gaza	639 658	16	0	-1	80	882
Maputo Prov.	616 208	16	0	+3	80	850
Maputo-Cidade	695 354	18	0	+2		791
Total (248)	9 815 589	248			812	12 584
África	55 206	1				98
Europa	1 154	1				7
Total (250)	9 871 949	250				12 689

Party candidates lists had to be submitted before numbers were known for 2009 registration, so provisional numbers were given for assembly seats based on 2007 and 2008 registrations.

Final results of the electoral registration update in 2009

Província Province	Novas Inscrições New registrations	2ª Vias Replacement cards	Transferências Transfers	Afluência Total
Niassa	36,031	30,851	10,257	77,139
C. Delgado	37,795	51,840	15,445	105,080
Nampula	70,954	90,665	28,535	190,154
Zambézia	72,749	81,955	40,350	195,054
Tete	68,923	29,653	11,360	109,936
Manica	36,660	42,426	17,260	96,346
Sofala	41,756	50,889	26,682	119,327
Inhambane	27,797	23,195	18,358	69,350
Gaza	54,830	26,680	14,389	95,899
Maputo-Prov.	30,131	26,992	18,805	75,928
Maputo-Cidade	37,351	43,253	17,257	97,861
Total	514,977	498,399	218,698	1,232,074
África	55,206			
Europa	1,154			
Total	56,360			

Sloppiness on both sides in MDM-CNE row

Sloppiness by both the MDM and the National Elections Commission (CNE) means it is probably impossible to discover if the MDM turned in documents as it claims. Secrecy by the CNE compounds the problem.

An article on Sunday by Paul Fauvet of the government new agency AIM reports that both the MDM and the CNE lacked procedures and proper record keeping. All 28 parties and coalitions turned in their candidates lists and supporting documents to the CNE on the last two days. Those parties trying to stand in all national and provincial constituencies had to present more than 1500 candidates. The CNE had no way to check the thousands of files being presented, although it did try to check at least sample provinces.

For each candidate the party is supposed to submit a file of five documents, known as a *processo individual*. Many files were not submitted, making the candidature invalid. The Constitutional Council in its ruling was highly critical of the CNE for accepting names of candidates without files, but speaking to AIM, CNE member Antonio Chipanga said that the CNE never imagined that parties would submit so many candidates without *processos individuais*.

Notificação n.º 90/CNE/2009, do 10 de Agosto

Círculo Eleitoral de Cabo Delgado

- 1. Sem processo individual**
 - Jerónimo Artur ✓
 - Miguel António Suquia ✓
- 2. B.I caducado**
 - Jário Adamo -- caducado em 5.07.08 ✓
- 3. Com talão, sem certidão narrativa ou cédula pessoal**
 - Angelina Vicente ✓
 - Armando Branco ✓
- 4. Sem registo criminal**
 - Juma Rafim ✓
 - Eduardo Pintane ✓
 - Catarina Albertina Ratibe ✓
 - Antonio Mendonça de Carvalho ✓
 - Mateus Carvalho ✓
 - Pissura Amade ✓
 - José Cassimo ✓
 - Cesário Lopes Manuel Nunes Lino ✓
 - Elias Gabriel Riquicho ✓
 - José Manuel ✓
 - Angelina Vicente ✓
 - Assamo Charque ✓
 - Jario Adamo ✓
 - Daúdo Alberto Jamal ✓
 - Hilário dos Santos Luís ✓
 - Fernando Elisio Mendonça de Carvalho ✓
 - Bonga José Maria ✓
 - Zeca Vitorino Ugeito ✓
 - Zé Paulo Noia ✓
 - Armando Branco ✓
 - Montinho Alves Nanda Mais ✓
 - Arcanjo Maunonga ✓

Acórdão nº 09/CC/2009 de 28 de Setembro do Conselho Constitucional

Pelo círculo eleitoral de Cabo Delgado, o MDM entregou 2 listas contendo, a primeira, 23 nomes de candidatos efectivos, número igual ao dos mandatos definitivos, e, a segunda, 3 nomes de candidatos suplentes, sem menção, na lista dos efectivos, do

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número de cartão de eleitor dos candidatos seguintes (fls. 107 e 108):

- 6º -Jerónimo Artur
- 21º -Miguel António Suquia

Consta do "mapa de controlo" trazido aos autos pela CNE a inexistência dos processos individuais relativos aos candidatos efectivos (fls. 254 e 255):

- 7º -António Mendonça de Carvalho
- 8º - Pissura Amade,
- 12º-Elias Gabriel Riquicho
- 21º-Miguel António Suquia

E ainda:

- 1º- Dale Alfredo Alamo (suplente).

Dos indivíduos acima referidos, a notificação da CNE ao mandatário do MDM para suprir as irregularidades, de 12 de Agosto de 2009, menciona apenas Miguel António Suquia e Jerónimo Artur, respectivamente o 6º e o 21º da lista de candidatos efectivos, sob o título "Sem Processos" (fls. 91). Por sua vez na resposta do MDM à notificação confirma-se a recepção pela CNE, em 17 de Agosto de 2009, dos processos individuais que estavam em falta (fls. 97).

No attempt was made to screen out the manifestly invalid lists, and the CC said that by failing to do this, the CNE acted illegally. Although it may have been too much to expect the CNE to have checked the thousands of files on 29 July, the CNE seems to have not bothered to do any kind of preliminary check. Instead, the nomination documents were simply divided between the 13 members of the CNE to process. And Chipanga admitted to AIM that there was no standardised process, which may explain why some parties and provinces were treated differently.

Meanwhile, the MDM was submitting boxloads of documents just received from the provinces. So it appears that the MDM does not have an accurate record either of what it submitted.

AIM argues that as a new party, MDM simply overstretched itself. Instead of trying to submit 1500 candidates, it would have made more sense to concentrate on the national parliament (AR), and be sure that it had 290 candidates with documents complete.

Chipanga denies MDM claims that its documents were stolen or lost, and instead says MDM does not know for sure what it submitted. But lack of proper systems and record keeping by the CNE, and unwillingness to show the records it does have, make it much harder to the CNE to defend its position. At the very least, the CNE made mistakes, because some of its own documents are inconsistent.

On the previous page, on the left, is the 10 August notification of the CNE to the MDM with respect to Cabo Delgado. On the right, is the 28 September judgement of the CC based on the CNE's "mapa de controlo". Comparing names shows that the two lists do not correspond, in terms of who is lacking a single document and who is lacking an entire *processo individual*. Clearly CNE members were under pressure and made mistakes. But which document is correct?

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