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Guebuza keeps his lead

The best current estimate of final results is Armando Guebuza 75%, Afonso Dhlakama 15%, and Daviz Simango 10%. Turnout appears to be 43%, the same as in 2004.

At 1700, Radio Moçambique had read out the results for 86 places, with 571,788 votes, about 14% of the vote. In past elections, the Radio Moçambique sample has been close to the final results. Although we expect the share for Guebuza to fall somewhat, RM results so far are:

Armando Guebuza	476 716	83%
Afonso Dhlakama	59 629	10%
Daviz Simango	35 443	6%

Of the results announced so far, Guebuza has less than half in only one place, Guvuro, Inhambane.

2009 estimated results compared to votes in past presidential elections

Turnout this year appears to be similar to 2004. and much lower than 1994 and 1999. The *Bulletin* estimated the 2004 turnout (as percentage of actual registered voters) to have been 43%, after adjusting for the many extra names in the electoral register.

Compared to 2004, Guebuza's vote has increased substantially, while the total opposition vote fell again. However, Daviz Simango has a very credible 10% compared to less than 3% for the only other serious third party candidate, Raul Domingos in 2004.

Candidate	1994		1999		2004		2009	
	mn		mn		mn		mn	
Chissano	2.6	56%	2.3	52%				
Guebuza					2.0	64%	est 3.0	est 75%
Dhlakama	1.7	34%	2.1	48%	1.0	32%	est 0.6	est 15%
Domingos					0.1	3%		
Simango							est 0.4	est 10%
Turnout		88%		74%		43%		est 43%

Simango ahead in Beira

AIM visited 150 polling stations in Beira, and gives the follow results:

Daviz Simango (MDM): 24,772

Armando Guebuza (Frelimo): 23,521

Afonso Dhlakama (Renamo): 2,586

Opposition candidates areas of strength

Afonso Dhlakama has proved to be much stronger in Manica and Nampula than Daviz Simango. In Manica, Dhlakama gained 47% in Guro and 34% in Machaze, according to Radio Moçambique figures. In Nampula, Dhlakama had 44% in Moma and over 30% in three other districts. By contrast, Simango rarely gained more than 7%. With only a limited number of districts announced in Sofala, the two seemed equal.

In Zambezia, there was large variation. Simango had 24% of the vote in Quelimane compared to 11% for Dhlakama. But Dhlakama had over 20% in Pebane, Morrumbala, and Maganja da Costa, while Simango won 11% or less.

Extra party in Maputo province

An extra party appeared on the Maputo province ballot paper for national parliament (AR). The official list, published by the National Elections Commission and posted on its website on 18 September (posted as "Partidos e Circ. Eleitorais" on the left of the CNE home page), lists only five parties. But the ballot paper had six! The extra was UM, União para Mudança)

Polling day incidents:

Machanga, Sofala: After the count, staff at polling station 739 in Mupine did not post the results sheets (edital), nor did they give signed and stamped copies to the MDM and Renamo party delegates, as required by law. This triggered a protest by MDM and Renamo; the police were called and fired into the air.

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