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**ELOG PRESS STATEMENT ON THE VOTING AND CLOSING OF POLLING STATIONS FOR  
THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NAIROBI**, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The Elections Observation Group (ELOG) today released a report on its observation of the processes of voting and closing of polling stations for the on-going 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 General Election.

**INTRODUCTION**

Over the last 30 hours, Kenyans across the country had the opportunity to cast their votes. By this morning, counting had concluded in many polling stations across the country. ELOG through its elaborate network of over 5,000 stationary observers kept close vigil over the entire processes of voting, closing and counting in all of the 290 constituencies. Yesterday, ELOG shared its findings on the opening processes of the polling stations across the country.

**DEPLOYMENT METHODOLOGY**

ELOG has deployed over 5,000 observers across all 47 counties and 290 constituencies. Out of these, 1,000 Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) observers were recruited, specially trained and deployed to a nationally representative random sample of polling stations. PVT is an advanced Election Day observation methodology which allows ELOG to confidently comment on the Election Day and tabulation processes.

**FINDINGS**

The statement is based on reports from 98% of sampled polling stations in the country.

**1. Voting Process**

- In 99.4% of polling stations, polling officials verified voters biometrically or by name through the Kenya Integrated Elections Management System (KIEMs) kit before voting.
- In 99.6% of polling stations, ballot papers were stamped with the IEBC official stamp before being issued. This is consistent with 2017 when ballots were stamped in 99.3% of stations.

- In 99.6% of polling stations, voters' fingers were marked with indelible ink. This is consistent with 2017 when fingers were marked in 99.3% of stations.
- A physical register of voters was present in 79.7% of polling stations.
- In 6.3% of the stations, KIEMS malfunctioned at some point throughout the day. This is an improvement from 2017 when the KIEMs kit malfunctioned in 7.6% of stations.
- The secrecy of the ballot was upheld in 92.2% of the polling stations (not including those assisted to vote). This is an improvement from 2017, when secrecy was upheld in 91.7%.
- Persons with disabilities (PWDs), pregnant women, the sick, nursing mothers and the elderly were given priority to vote in 99.4% of polling stations.
- In 5.6% of polling stations, thermometer was used to take the temperature of all persons entering the polling station.
- In 97.1% of the polling stations, every potential voter's finger was checked for indelible ink prior to voting.
- There was a queue at 5:00pm in 76.8% of polling stations. Of those stations with a queue at 5:00pm, 96.6% were properly permitted to vote.

#### **COUNTING PROCESS**

- Azimio La Umoja One Kenya Alliance party agent was present in 93.2% of polling stations and signed the declaration of result forms for the presidential election.
- United Democratic Alliance (UDA) agents were present in 92.0% of all the polling stations and signed the declaration of result forms for the presidential election.
- Party agents for other parties were present in 68.3% of all the polling stations and signed the declaration of results for the presidential elections.
- Copies of the Presidential Results Form (Form 34A) was publicly affixed outside in 94.8% of the polling stations, as compared to 86.5% in 2017.
- In 96.9% of polling stations, KIEMS was used to transmit the results of the presidential election.
- In 38.1% of polling stations, the Presiding Officer was a woman.

## **CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

Out of the 201 incidents reported by ELOG observers, 103 cases were verified and include the following:

ELOG observers reported instances of harassment and intimidation in some polling stations for example,

- At Voi Primary School (Voi Constituency), a party agent harassed the presiding officer for refusing to allow the agent access to the polling station. After a short confrontation, the agent was allowed into the station to monitor.
- At Obware Primary school (Nyatike Constituency), a party agent confronted the presiding officer claiming that the presiding officer was partisan.

Cases of electoral violence was reported in some electoral areas. For examples, at Chongoi Primary School (Sirisia Constituency), there was violence at the polling station after an MCA candidate who was in the company of his supporters was confronted by supporters of another MCA.

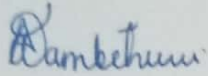
Cases of party agents assisting voters were reported. This was the case in Indoli Primary School (Matayos Constituency), Keringet Secondary School (Kuresoi South Constituency), Ngei PAG (Mathare Constituency).

## **CONCLUSION**

ELOG commends Kenyans for remaining calm and maintaining the peace on the election day and wishes to remind all Kenyans that the process is not yet over. We urge citizens to remain peaceful while waiting on IEBC to announce the official results and refrain from any acts that could incite violence. Political leaders should urge their supporters, in particular, to await the official results and take appropriate actions against any party members who engage in violence or incitement to violence.

We remain committed to our mandate and will continue to be vigilant in accurately recording and reporting the tabulation process. As such, we would like to reassure Kenyans that through our work on the Parallel Vote Tabulation, we shall be in a position to speak to the final presidential election results as soon as the IEBC officially announces/declares the final results.

Signed by



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