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Nampula registers ghosts in cities while real people cannot vote in rural zones

Widespread fraud is shown by registration figures published in Nampula after the first 30 days. In the cities thousands of ghost voters are being registered. But in rural zones there are too few registration brigades so honest citizens cannot register.

In Malema last year 7000 more people registered than there are voting age adults in the district, and this year another 7000 people registered - there are 14,000 more names on the voters roll than the district has voting age adults. That means more than 12% of Malema voters are ghosts.

The opposite is occurring in Memba where only 55% of adults have registered so far. And that is because Memba has the fewest registration brigades. In Memba each brigade is responsible for registering 4000 people - the highest in Nampula province. In Erati, where only 65% of adults is registered, each brigade must register 3500 people. Yet for the province as a whole, each brigade on average must register only 1,800 adults.

It does seem that this planned and intentional. In the six districts with the lowest level, five have brigades expected to register more than 3000 people (Moma, Larde, Nacala-Velha, Erati and Memba). But in six of the eight municipal districts, more people already have registered than the number of adults in the district. They are Malema (112%), Mossuril (108%), Monapo (106%), Ilha de Moçambique (102%), Ribaue (101%) and Angoche (100%).

To assess the impact, let us assume that normally 95% of adults register. That means 81,000 ghosts have already registered in urban areas and more are doing so. In the first 30 days 70% of rural adults have registered, which is very good. But even if rural

registration gets to 95%, that means about 80,000 rural adults will have been unable to register.

Preparation will make a difference in this election - registering ghosts in the cities and putting too few registration brigades in rural areas could make the difference. In the contest for governor, there will be 81,000 ghosts mostly voting for the ruling party, and in rural areas 80,000 people excluded, many of whom would have voted for the opposition. Those votes will make the difference in which party elects the governor.

The Nampula CPE table for the first 30 days with errors is on <https://bit.ly/Moz-EI-NamCPE> and our expanded table for Nampula's first 30 days with errors corrected is on <https://bit.ly/Moz-EI-Nam-CIP>.

This table give the basic information:

Registration in Nampula after first 30 days, 2024										
	2023		All districts, 2024 registration 1st 30 days						Brigades 2024	
	Regis-tered	%	INE 2024	Not yet registered at start	reg in 1st 30 days	% not reg at start	Total reg 2023 + 30 days 2024	% 2024 proj		voters/ brigade
Malema	130,008	109%	122,980	-7,028	7,622		137,630	112%	56	
Mossuril	94,913	113%	96,954	2,041	10,014	491%	104,927	108%	42	49
Monapo	195,704	91%	222,835	27,131	40,852	151%	236,556	106%	63	431
Ilha de Moç	41,549	101%	42,866	1,317	2,398	182%	43,947	103%	16	82
Ribaue	127,312	89%	148,213	20,901	22,583	108%	149,895	101%	52	402
Angoche	171,284	89%	199,185	27,901	28,548	102%	199,832	100%	63	443
Nacala-Porto	151,609	84%	190,854	39,245	29,819	76%	181,428	95%	27	1,454
Nampula	354,478	73%	504,555	150,077	102,646	68%	457,124	91%	98	1,531
Nacarôa			77,706	77,706	69,578	90%	69,578	90%	34	2,285
Lalaua			57,342	57,342	51,135	89%	51,135	89%	38	1,509
Murrupula			102,462	102,462	90,632	88%	90,632	88%	50	2,049
Rapale			88,820	88,820	71,363	80%	71,363	80%	39	2,277
Liupo			47,671	47,671	37,521	79%	37,521	79%	21	2,270
Mongicual			52,439	52,439	38,969	74%	38,969	74%	19	2,760
Mecuburi			110,728	110,728	76,709	69%	76,709	69%	44	2,517
Mogovolas			202,033	202,033	139,694	69%	139,694	69%	71	2,846
Meconta			127,580	127,580	87,406	69%	87,406	69%	51	2,502
Moma			177,575	177,575	121,130	68%	121,130	68%	59	3,010
Larde			52,532	52,532	34,972	67%	34,972	67%	17	3,090
Muecate			71,702	71,702	47,428	66%	47,428	66%	39	1,839
Nacala-Velha			68,640	68,640	45,114	66%	45,114	66%	18	3,813
Erati - Nam.			212,284	212,284	137,377	65%	137,377	65%	60	3,538
Memba			175,502	175,502	97,308	55%	97,308	55%	44	3,989
Total	1,266,857	87%	3,153,458	1,886,601	1,390,818	74%	2,657,675	84%	1021	1,848
Registration - non-municipal districts			1,625,016	1,625,016	1,146,336	71%	1,146,336	71%	604	2,690

INE = National Statistics Institute adult population based on census

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