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Solar panels allow registration to restart in dozens of posts

Delivery of solar panels, as well as batteries and transformers which were missing from earlier deliveries, allowed many registration posts across the country to open at the weekend. But others are still just making do, or are closed, our correspondents report.

Three posts in Zambézia had been closed for five days, but opened Friday with the arrival of the panels. They are at EPC (primary school) de Milato, **Molumbo** district; EPC de Mamala, in **Gilé**, and EPC de Lalane, in **Nicoadala**.

In **Machaze**, Manica, posts at EP1 de Machaze-Centro, Mutando and Mecimbe also opened Friday with the delivery of the solar panel kits. And in **Zumbo**, Tete the post at Ulondo which had never opened finally started work Friday.

Panel kits also arrived in **Morrumbene**, Inhambane, where some posts have not opened since the start of registration.

Cyclone Kenneth stops registration

Many registration posts in Cabo Delgado stopped working on Thursday afternoon with the arrival of cyclone Kenneth. Torrential rain continued all weekend, and in some places today, and is also predicted for tomorrow, Tuesday.

Serious destruction in **Macomia**, **Ibo**, **Quissanga** and **Mocimba da Praia** districts will surely delay reopening of registration. Pemba suffered heavy rain and flooding over the weekend. Northern coastal areas of Nampula also suffered heavy rain; **Monapo** stopped registration for the weekend. In Nampula, where posts were open, few people came to register.

Step by step

In **Nhamatanda**, badly affected by flooding after cyclone Idai, the post 3 de Fevereiro which has been operating in the open air has finally received a tent. But district STAE director Raimundo Macanjo said he only has 5 batteries for the 46 registration posts in the district, and he has appealed to the provincial STAE for help. There is also a shortage of forms.

Plugging in elsewhere

Where there is no electricity, some staff are taking batteries elsewhere to be charged overnight. In **Morrumbene** district, STAE technicians are collecting the batteries and taking them to the district centre to be charged. Some transformers were delivered Saturday (two weeks after the start of registration) which will allow solar panels to be used.

In **Magude**, Maputo province, at EPC de Mapulaguene, brigade members are taking the batteries to be charged overnight at the police station or at the house of the head of the administrative post.

But this does not always work. In **Manhiça**, Maputo province, payment was demanded for electricity and the STAE is trying to find a way to pay. This has occurred at Escola Primária da Serra

and Escola primária de Pateque, where school officials say they cannot afford to pay.

Registering in camps

In Mutua, Mafambisse, **Dondo**, Sofala, families still cannot go home because of Pungue River flooding. They are to be given new land this week, but are still in an accommodation centre. It has been decided to register them in the camp, with the polling station to be set up near the land they will move to.

Equipment faults & lack of material are continuing problems

In **Gorongosa** district, Sofala, 21 of 31 registration posts are not operating because of crashes of the registration computer, lack of electricity or lack of printer toner. The posts at EPC de Chindio and Mapangapanga have been closed since the first day, 15 April. Posts at EPC de Tazaronda and Mbulawa opened but have since closed.

In **Chemba** district, posts at Catulene, Chiramba, Capanga and EPC de Senhabuzua have been closed for several days due to lack of printer toner. In **Jangamo** and **Homoine**, Inhambane, posts are closed due to lack of toner.

In **Mutarara**, the post at EPC de Charre has been closed for 5 days due to a lack of fuel for the generator.

In **Maputo** city two posts stopped work Friday afternoon, electoral post n° 1119 due a crash of the Mobile ID and post 11120 at Escola Comunitária a Luta Continua because of printer problems.

In Niassa, posts at Muhemela in **Metarica**, at Escola Secundária de **Cuamba**, at Pringilane, and at Escola Secundária Samora Moisés Machel in **Marrupa**, the Mobile IDs have not worked since Wednesday.

In Ngauma, Niassa, registration resumed after 3 days without forms.

Misconduct - walking out and stealing fuel

In **Nhamatanda**, some registration staff think they have better things to do. At EPC Jossias Tongogara, a brigade member left work to teach a class. And at EPC Heróis Moçambicanos, two brigade members simply walked out, leaving a queue of 70 would-be voters to the care of the single remaining brigade member.

In Doa, a brigade supervisor has been arrested and charged with stealing 20 litres of fuel for the generator.



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