



PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PLANS FOR MASS VOTER REGISTRATION

NAIROBI, KENYA: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 - In order to increase the number of registered voters before the next General Election, the Commission will intensify the continuous voter registration exercise between February 15 and March 15, 2016. The Commission plans to carry out a similar drive early next year although registration will continue at the Constituency level up to May 2017, when the register will be closed for the General Election.

Voter Registration Assistants

The Commission has employed 5,756 Voter Registration Assistants (VRAs) to carry out the registration exercise with funding from the Treasury and the support of the Development Partners through the donor basket. In addition, the Commission will deploy 290 ICT Support Assistants to cover both the head office and field operations. The training is ongoing.

Distribution of Biometric Voter Registration Kits

A total of 5,756 BVRs kits will be deployed across the 1,450 wards. This is 100% increment following support from Development Partners. Surface area played a critical role in the allocation of the kits. The larger the ward, the more the kits. This is to ensure that potential voters are not discouraged by long distance travel to register. A list of distribution can be accessed on the Commission's website.

Registration Centres

There will be **24,559** registration centres to be used during this exercise. A list of registration centres can be accessed on the Commission's website.

Registration logistics

The BVR kits will be locked to register only voters at polling stations that fall within the particular Ward. They must be physically present to register.

Those eligible to register are Kenyans who have recently attained the voting age of 18 years and have acquired national identity cards or those who were of voting age by 2012 but did not register for the last election due to various reasons. Registration will only be by valid Identity Card or Passport.

Stakeholder Engagements

The Commission has held a series of stakeholder engagements both at the national and county level to sensitize the public on Mass Voter Registration.

We appeal to all eligible Kenyans who have not registered to do so in order to participate in the next General Elections. We will continue to update the country on the progress of the registration exercise and preparations for the 2017 General Election.

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