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ELOG LONG TERM OBSERVATION KEY FINDINGS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017

Summary and Recommendations

Key Highlights

- ❖ The systematically collected observer data shows that the voter education efforts are thinly spread across the country.
- ❖ The issue of displacement of persons was also reported in the border of Baringo and Pokot Counties.
- ❖ The continued political attacks being meted by political opponents and their supporters in campaign trail across the political divide; incidences of vandalism of campaign materials and incidences of hate speech and threatening language meted by opponents and their supporters during the campaigns.
- ❖ Additionally, vandalism and the destruction of candidate and/or supporter posters and banners were widespread across political divide during the party primaries and has continued into official campaign period.

Based on information collected during this period;

ELOG reiterates:

- ❖ The need for a respectful and non-combative campaign environment by all political players.
- ❖ ELOG continues to encourage candidates, and citizens to refrain from using incendiary language and to maintain a respectful campaign environment.
- ❖ ELOG also recommends that the security forces remain vigilant in enforcing personal property protection laws, as politically motivated destruction of property can be a trigger for election-related violence not forgetting ensuring the areas reporting tension between communities security is deployed to restore peace and communities encouraged to embrace dialogue to avert potential violence.
- ❖ To the IEBC, ELOG will be seeking clarity to some of the key issues emanating from voter list audit by KPMG and Voter verifications exercise queries that have remained controversial in the public domain.

Pre-Election Observation Methodology

ELOG has deployed a total of 290 LTOs each assigned to a constituency to observe and report on the pre-election environment in their respective constituencies. ELOG Long Term



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Observers are drawn from the broad ELOG membership and reside in their assigned constituencies. The LTOs were trained and deployed in early March 2017 and will observe and report until 31st August 2017, after the Elections.

In order to observe and document their observations, ELOG LTOs have been equipped with a standardized checklist which includes questions about IEBC preparations, civic education, campaign conduct and environment, the political participation of women, youth, and persons with disabilities, voter list inspection, political party primaries, hate speech, and electoral security and violence. LTOs send reports every two weeks on this checklist, for a total of thirteen bi-weekly reports over the course of their deployment. Additionally, LTOs use a critical incident form to report serious incidents that could undermine the electoral process immediately as they occur to assist other electoral actors to rapidly mitigate and respond to such incidents. LTOs communicate all their findings using coded text messages to a central ELOG database located in Nairobi.

LTOs are asked to characterize their observations as those they observed directly (events personally witnessed) and those that they observed indirectly or heard of (events that were conveyed by a credible third party). These third parties may include credible media outlets or other members of the community. Before reporting any observation from a third party, LTOs must first seek to verify the event or incident.

ELOG LTO mission unlike PVT Observation does not rely on sample-based observation to carry out its pre-election observation efforts. The reported data is therefore not statistically representative of the country as a whole, but does provide an indication of general emerging trends nationally and within geopolitical zones. ELOG encourages end users of its reports and data to independently corroborate and respond appropriately to trends identified and discussed in these reports.

Key Electoral issues in June

ELOG has noted a number of issues earlier raised by KPMG Audit and Voter verification exercise that have not been addressed and therefore would like to seek clarity on the following:

- Out of the 17,523 voters whose details could not be found in the data on passports provided by the Directorate of Immigration, what action was taken?
- 98 voters whose details had been confirmed to be Diplomatic Passports and data had not been provided really happened to the data?

- What was the fate of the 264,242 Register of Voters with (a) duplicate IDs or passports, (b) Out of range details in the Register of Voters?
- And what happened to 2,610 voters who registered with both an ID and Passport?
- The other issue that need to be made clear to the public included issues of persons who registered in Institutions of Higher Learning who could not verify their details during the month long verification exercise since majority reported their records were missing?
- Finally informed by low voter verification turnout reported, what will happen to the voters who might find their details not correctly captured on the day of the elections?

LTO Report Key Findings

Provision of Voter Education

The IEBC has a mandate to inform Kenyan citizens about the electoral process and are assisted by independent efforts undertaken by civil society organizations. Accordingly, ELOG has noted modest voter education activity by IEBC, civil societies and the media. Of keen interest is the drive by IEBC which was trending below 40% in March and April before shooting to a high of 80% in May and June during the voter verification drive and dropping to 56% immediately after the close of the verification drive. The voter education efforts by civil society and media have remained constantly higher than the IEBC at 50% over the reporting period with highs reported around the same periods as IEBC in May and June rising to an average of 70% and dropping back to an average of 60% immediately after the voter verification drive. See *figure 1* below.

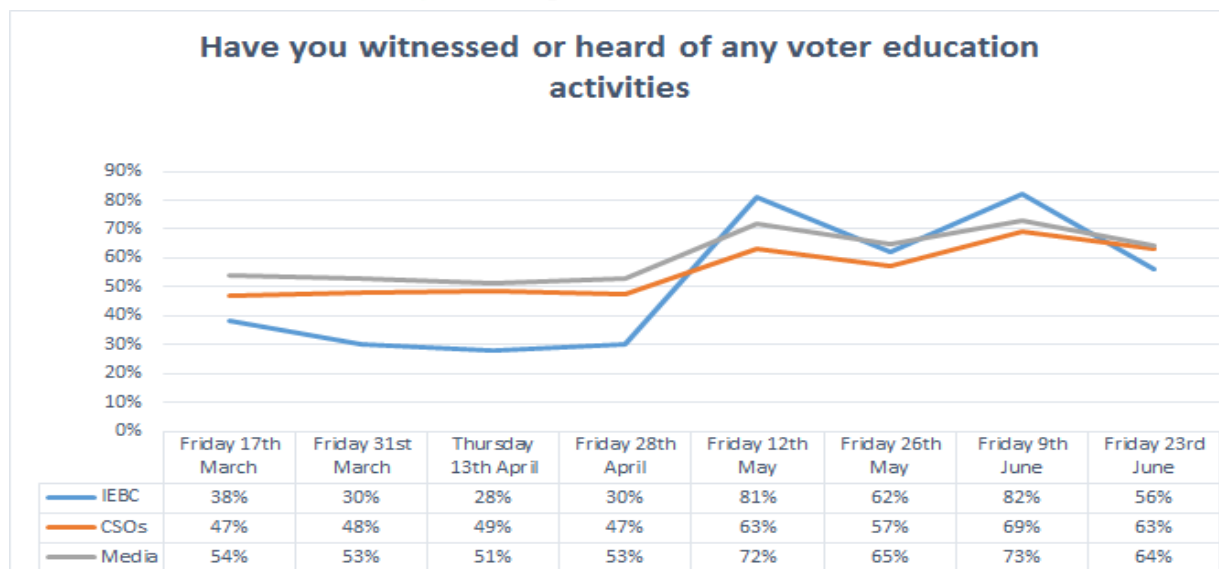


Figure 1: Voter Education Activities

ELOG was also keenly monitoring the targeted voter education activities and has disaggregated the data for these efforts towards women, PWDs and youth. The data over the reporting period has been relatively consistent for women and youth averaging between 64%-68% from March to June. However efforts targeting persons living with disability (PWDs) averaged between 34%-40% over the same reporting period. See *Figure 2* below.

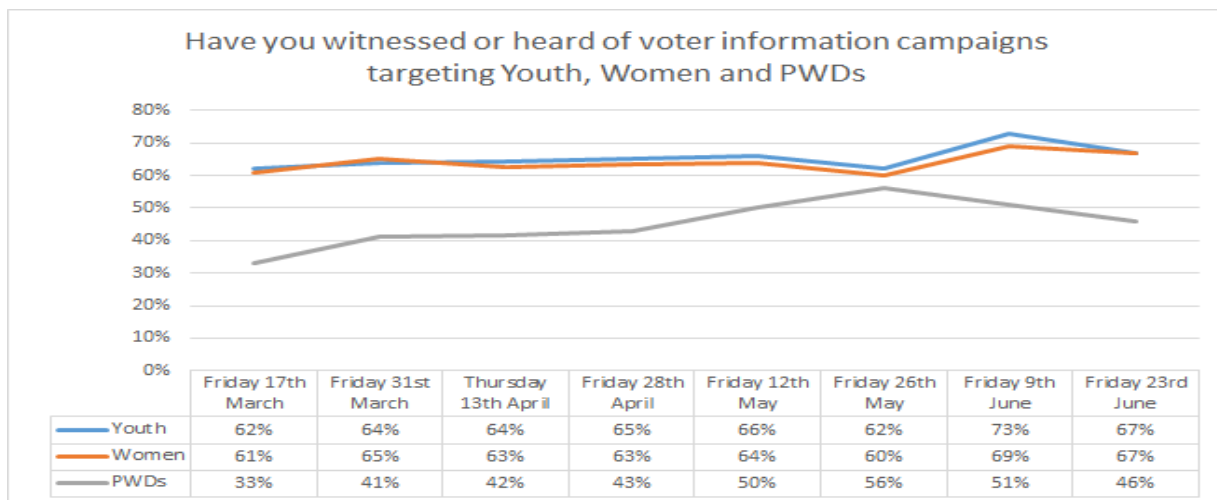


Figure 2: Voter Education Targets

Election Administration Preparations

The long term observers (LTOs) have been tracking Election administration preparations in the 290 constituencies. The reports have indicated an average of 29% in March and April before a rise averaging 80% in the month of May and dropping to an average of 55% in June. See *Figure 3* Below.

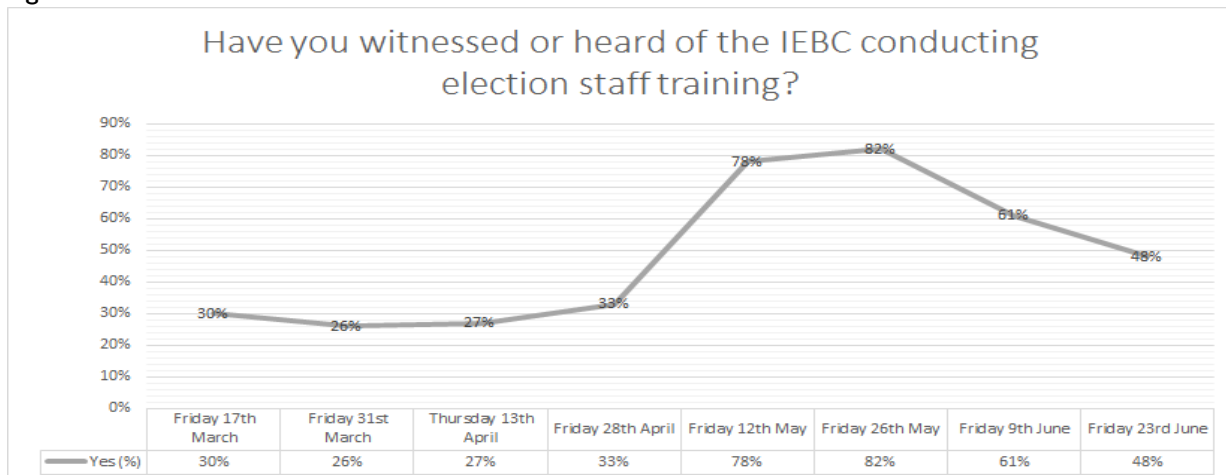


Figure 3: IEBC Training of Staff

Conduct of Campaigns

The majority of ELOG LTO reports continued to note campaign activities during the political party nomination period as well as during the official campaign period. This has further been characterized by potential voter bribery in the form of distribution of money, food and services by parties and candidates for all major parties as well as independent candidates. The average over the reporting period pits Jubilee at 67% followed by other parties and candidates at 58% and NASA coalition averaging at 56%. This trends have consistently been reported over the reporting period with political contestants, supporters and the voters oblivious of the section 9 of the election offences act that outlaws bribery as an inducement to voting.

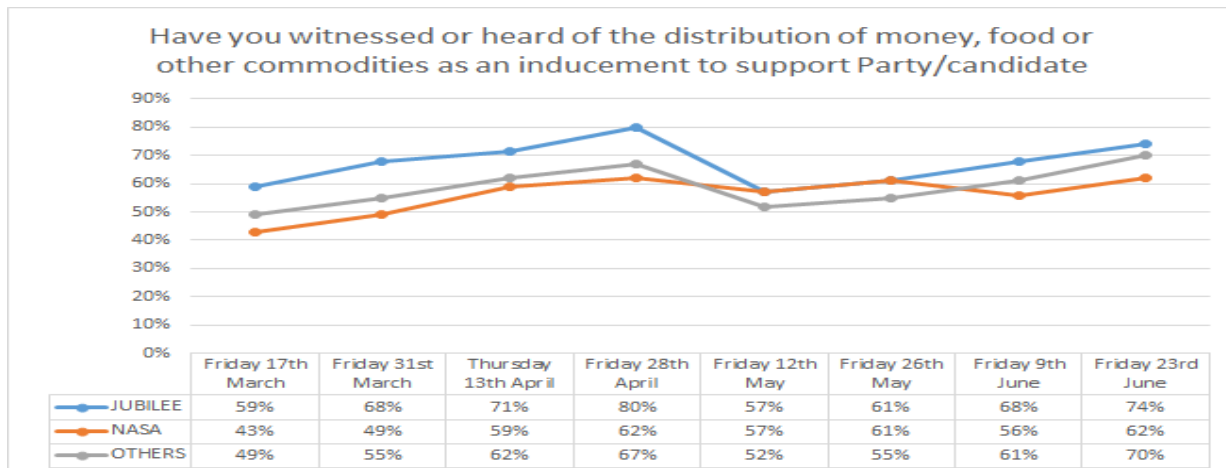


Figure 4: Cases of Voter Bribery

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LTOs also reported public officials campaigning - in violation of the Elections Act. Case in point it was reported recently in parts of Mathira, Othaya and Tetu constituencies chiefs and sub-chiefs have been linked with campaigning for the Jubilee party.

Instances of the destruction of party or candidate posters and property rose during the party primaries, and are still being reported by LTOs in over a third of constituencies during the official campaign period. Of concern includes torching of a Jubilee Banner in Kitutu Chache South and the arson reported in Kajiado where the ODM office was raised down (see the attached photo)



ELOG calls upon the security apparatus to increase vigilance and beef up security across the country as well as urging the political leadership to unite in condemn such acts of intolerance. Although the use of threatening or abusive language remains overall moderately low during the party primaries and official campaigns period, the same is still mainly directed at women candidates more than any other disaggregated group. The reported average over the reporting period includes; 31% targeting women candidates, followed by 25% targeting young people, while 19% was reported for both women as voters and communities and 6% was reported for persons living with disability. See *Figure 5* below.

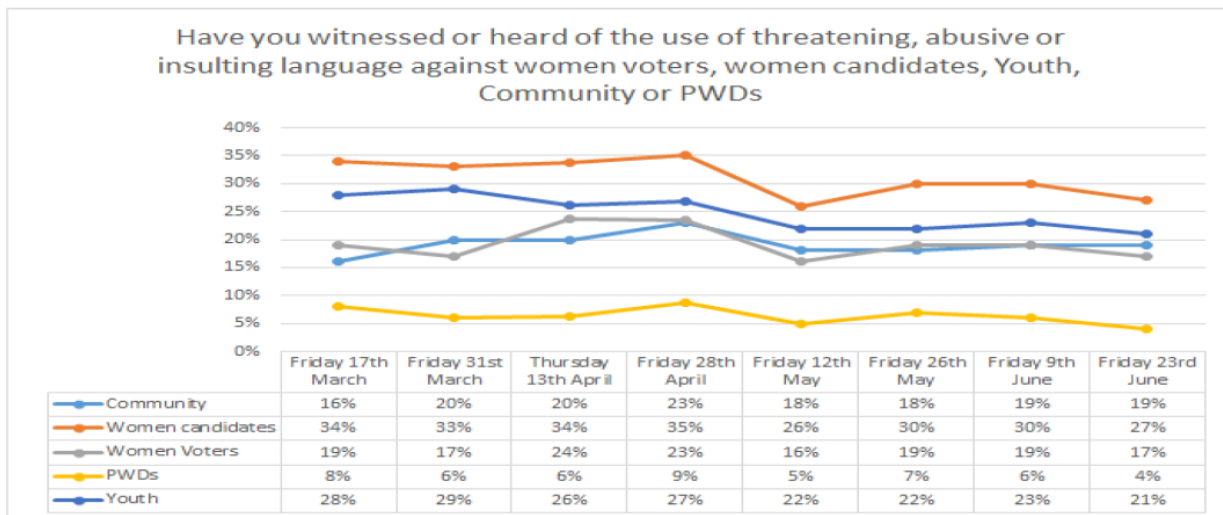


Figure 5: Threatening, abusive or insulting language

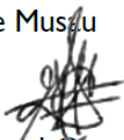
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Early Warning Signs

In addition to the incidences of intimidation and intolerance reported above, LTOs are also tracking non-political events that could be indicators of the potential for electoral conflict as Election Day approaches. These include, increases of witness reports indicating increase in number of displaced persons in the border of Baringo and Pokot counties due to fear of retaliatory attacks by Pokot neighbors. Reports have indicated women and children have largely been affected by the recent threats that have led to people fleeing their homes to schools and churches.

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