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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM
ENHANCED CONTINUOUS
VOTER REGISTRATION
(ECVR II)**

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The Second Phase of the *Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR II)* was rolled out on 17th January 2022 and came to an end on 6th February 2022.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) set out to register 4.5 million new voters. However, by the end of the exercise, the Commission managed to only register 1,031, 645 new voters. There were also applications from 396,163 registered voters to transfer their details to centres of their choice while 2,269 voters changed their particulars.

ECVR II also saw the Commission register voters in the diaspora. **2,959 new voters** were registered in the diaspora while **2,964 voters** applied to transfer their registrations.

In this second phase of the ECVR, the Elections Observation Group (ELOG) deployed 83 observers across the 10 designated regions . They observed 1,294 registration centres in their respective wards and reported on 3 alternate week days i.e. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

The table below illustrates some of the main issues reported during the ECVR



	ISSUE	ECVR I	ECVR II	REMARKS
1.	Number of Registered Voters in the observed stations	7,102	3,629	There was a substantial drop in the number of registered voters despite concerted efforts to mobilize citizens to register.
2.	Voter Education and Mobilization	Reported in 57% of the centres observed.	Reported in 64% of the centres observed.	There was an increase of 7% in the registration centres that reported voter education and mobilization activities.
3.	Registration of People with Disabilities	56 PWDs were registered.	49 PWDs were registered.	There was a slight drop in the number of PWDs registered.
4.	Presence of Political Party Agents	There was a presence of party agents in 12% of the centres observed.	There was a presence of party agents in 2% of the centres observed.	A tremendous drop in the presence of party agents at registration centres. This was occasioned by party agents being more involved in mobilization in the field rather than the agents staying at the registration centres.
5.	Vote Transfer	Requests for transfer of votes was reported in 23% of the centres observed, with an average of 8 voters seeking to transfer their ballots.	An average of 7 voters made requests to have their votes transferred. This was reported in 23% of the registration centres observed.	There was no substantial change in the number of those seeking to transfer their votes.



CRITICAL INCIDENTS DURING ECVR II

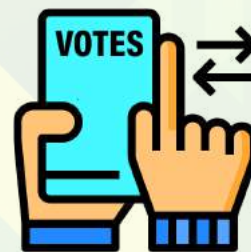
INSECURITY



Cases of insecurity, that affected the registration drive were reported in Laikipia and Marsabit counties. Clashes were reported in Central Saku County Assembly ward, where 3 people were reportedly killed. Registration centres had to be closed early due to the skirmishes. Registration centres in Olmoran and Lenyuk areas of Laikipia county had to be closed earlier than the scheduled time due to insecurity.

There was lack of clarity on the documents required by the Commission to effect the transfer of voter details to registration centres of voters' choice. Some voters were asked for letters from their respective chiefs or utility bills as proof of residence.

TRANSFER OF VOTES



ELIGIBLE VOTERS TURNED AWAY



There were cases of registration clerks turning away eligible voters in some centres in Kariobangi North and re-directing them to other centres within the same constituency on grounds that the centres were full and could not accommodate more voters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

IEBC only met 43% of its target in both ECVR I and ECVR II. More still needs to be done and thus the Commission should encourage Kenyans to visit IEBC constituency offices where continuous voter registration is still ongoing until 28th February 2022.

TO IEBC



The Commission should review the laid down registration requirements and make them public to avoid disenfranchising the voters further as was observed during the two mass voter registration drives where voters complained of unclear requirements and very stringent conditions that discouraged voters to transfer their votes to voting centres of their choice.

IEBC should work closely with the local administration and if necessary, enhance their capacity to handle or aid in assisting the potential voters that may seek recommendations to transfer their votes from their offices. There were allegations of corruption where chiefs in two wards under ELOG observation were accused of soliciting bribes in order to write letters for those seeking to transfer their votes.

TO THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE



The National Police Service should beef up security countrywide, especially in highly volatile areas. This is to ensure that citizens, IEBC strategic materials and personnel are well guarded.

TO POLITICAL PARTIES

ELOG commends efforts by political parties and aspirants for heeding calls to ramp up mobilization efforts to have eligible Kenyans visit constituency offices to get registered before the voter register is closed for inspection, audit and cleaning in readiness for the August 9th 2022 polls. ELOG calls upon the political parties and aspirants to urge those who have not registered to visit IEBC constituency offices and get registered before February 28th 2022.



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