



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE STATUS OF THE DATA REPORT OF 2017  
GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Friday, May 22, 2020

The Commission, on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020, uploaded on its website a report on the 2017 General election statistics and the voting patterns of Kenyan voters. The voluminous report contained data from all the **40,883 polling stations** across the country. A total of **14,523 candidates** contested in the 8th August, 2017 General Election out of which 4,002 were independent candidates. The total Number of elective positions (seats) were 1882, Comprising of: President-1, Governors-47; Senators-47, County Woman Member to the National Assembly 47; Members of the National Assembly 290; Members of County Assemblies-1450.

Immediately after the report was uploaded, the Commission noted a few unintended errors which had to be corrected. The errors were occasioned by transfer of data from the scanned election result forms into an excel format followed by filtering and sorting of the excel data. Some errors are likely to occur when working with such massive data. The Commission therefore, made a decision to recall the document for correction and thereafter re- upload. The Commission further communicated the decision to members of the public.

We wish to state that the report is **NOT a 'result declaration'** but rather a summary of already declared results. All election results were declared by respective **Returning Officers** and gazetted as required by law. However, in the process of re-verification some minor transposition errors were noted and will be corrected through corrigenda although none has material effect on the declared results.

The report has been reviewed to correct the errors and re uploaded on the commission's website for sharing with members of the public. We urge Kenyans to interact with the report and share with the Commission their observations and thoughts on the various aspects of the report.

Further the Commission wishes to notify its stakeholders that the next phase of the electoral cycle (Election period) has commenced and that the requisite preparatory measures necessary for the conduct and management of the next election is underway. This includes revision of our Strategic Plan 2020-2025, which has been finalized and is ready for stakeholder input. The strategy Document will guide the Commission's processes for the next five years.

The unforeseen pandemic of Covid-19 which has interrupted the world order has not spared the Commission either. We wish to however assure Kenyans that the Commission will work tirelessly to ensure that all operations and activities of the Commission are achieved within the stipulated timelines.

Thank you



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