Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SUBJECT: STATUS UPDATE OF ENHANCED CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION (ECVR) AS AT THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND 2026

Nairobi, Kenya: 3rd April 2026

A. GENERAL UPDATE

As you are aware, the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission rolled out the Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR) exercise on 30th March 2026. It will run for 30 days and close on 28th April 2026 in all the 1,450 County Assembly Wards (CAWs), institutions of higher learning, Huduma Centres, the Customer Experience Centre at Anniversary Towers, and Constituency Offices. The theme for this exercise is: ***'Deepening Democracy in Kenya Through Inclusive Voter Registration.'***

This nationwide mass registration drive is a critical milestone as we prepare for the 2027 General Elections. The Commission's target for this ECVR exercise is to enlist **2.5 million new voters** into the Register of Voters (RoV). We thank all Kenyans who have turned up to register, transfer their registration, or update their particulars.

On 29th September 2025, we launched the constituency based voter registration and as at 30th March 2026 when we launched ECVR, the total figures were **273,498.**

With regards, to the ongoing ECVR, below are the figures as at yesterday Thursday 2nd April 2026:

i. Newly registered voters: **344,316**

ii. Transfers: **18,610**

iii. Change/update of particulars: **329**

A detailed county-by-county breakdown of the registration statistics is annexed to this release.

B. CLARIFICATION ON REGISTRATION AND ECVR LOCATIONS

We wish to provide clarity on the following:

i. Where to Register from

You do not need to travel to your home county to register. The Commission has deployed open kits, which allow a citizen to register as a voter from any registration center and vote at their preferred polling centre across Kenya.

ii. Registration Dates

During this ECVR period, registration will take place daily, including public holidays and weekends. We, therefore, urge Kenyans to take advantage of the Easter holidays and register. Please note only 25 days remain as this ECVR will close on 28th April 2026. You are reminded that there will be no extension. Thereafter, registration will revert to the constituency offices. **Therefore, the time to register is now. Please go out and register.**

iii. Transfer of Voters

Registered voters wishing to transfer their vote to new polling centers shall present themselves to the receiving Registration Officer of the IEBC Constituency Office in which they wish transfer. This is in compliance with **Section 7 of the Elections Act, 2012**.

The law requires a voter must submit their biometrics afresh to the Registration Officer incharge of the Constituency where they plan to transfer to. This process ensures proper verification and confirmation that the transfer request has been made by the voter and nobody else. It also helps eliminate cases of unlawful mass voter transfers not authorized by the voters.

iv. Change of Particulars

Registered voters wishing to update their particulars shall present themselves at the IEBC Constituency Office where they are registered.

v. Electoral Areas Where ECVR is Not Taking Place

Voter registration is not currently taking place in electoral areas with scheduled by-elections or ongoing election petitions. These areas are:

a. By-election areas: **Porro CAW, Endo CAW, Emurua Dikirr Constituency, and Ol Kalou Constituency**

b. Election Petition areas: **Malava and Mbeere North Constituencies**

vi. Who Is in the Current RoV and Who Must Register Afresh

The current biometric Register of Voters (RoV) came into operation in 2012 upon the promulgation of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010; the enactment of the Elections Act, which introduced biometric voter registration as a key electoral reform measure and boundaries delimitation of 2012.

Consequently, individuals who had previously enrolled as voters before 2012 are not part of the current biometric RoV unless they subsequently presented themselves for fresh registration. Such persons are, therefore, required to register afresh in order to be included in the current biometric register.

C. CALL TO ACTION

The Commission calls upon all eligible Kenyans who are yet to register—particularly young people, including Gen Z and first-time voters—to take advantage of this opportunity to be included in the Register of Voters. Our primary mission during this window is simple *"kuwakatia KADI" (to ensure you get that voter's card)*.

Participation in voter registration is a fundamental civic responsibility and a cornerstone of democratic governance. By registering, citizens affirm their role in shaping the leadership and future of the nation.

The voter registration acknowledgement slip, presently referred to as KADI, represents more than proof of registration; it signifies a citizen's commitment to participate in the democratic process and to hold leadership accountable.

The Commission further encourages all eligible citizens to support this national exercise by sensitizing and mobilizing

their peers, families, and communities to register within the stipulated timelines.

Kenyans are urged to present themselves at the nearest registration centres at the earliest opportunity and to avoid waiting until the final days of the exercise.

Together, let us strengthen our democracy through active, informed, and inclusive participation.

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Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration Numbers Per County as at 2nd April 2026

County Code	County	Enrollment	Transfers of Registration	Changes of Particulars
001	Mombasa	8,565	870	6
002	Kwale	4,792	177	4
003	Kilifi	8,750	396	-
004	Tana River	3,976	125	10
005	Lamu	1,879	61	-
006	Taita Taveta	4,228	232	7
007	Garissa	4,082	238	2
008	Wajir	4,360	29	1
009	Mandera	2,716	168	2
010	Marsabit	3,316	45	1
011	Isiolo	2,259	124	6
012	Meru	11,106	362	8
013	Tharaka - Nithi	4,321	116	1
014	Embu	3,989	158	9
015	Kitui	8,344	218	3
016	Machakos	12,369	586	9
017	Makueni	5,915	218	5
018	Nyandarua	3,454	275	10
019	Nyeri	8,378	504	12

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020	Kirinyaga	7,632	277	6
021	Muranga	8,337	534	7
022	Kiambu	18,252	970	21
023	Turkana	9,472	199	1
024	West Pokot	5,037	73	-
025	Samburu	3,202	64	-
026	Trans Nzoia	6,376	390	4
027	Uasin Gishu	8,246	365	13
028	Elgeyo/Marakwet	3,545	69	1
029	Nandi	6,157	190	2
030	Baringo	5,487	96	1
031	Laikipia	3,541	263	6
032	Nakuru	14,324	1,343	13
033	Narok	7,681	251	13
034	Kajiado	9,672	212	2
035	Kericho	6,036	117	1

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036	Bomet	5,953	40	4
037	Kakamega	11,952	797	7
038	Vihiga	3,609	294	12
039	Bungoma	9,842	650	5
040	Busia	4,047	290	3
041	Siaya	5,849	163	2
042	Kisumu	6,632	239	5
043	Homa Bay	4,911	140	7
044	Migori	5,554	137	1
045	Kisii	10,455	924	26
046	Nyamira	3,299	335	3
047	Nairobi City	42,417	4,286	67
Total		**344,316**	**18,610**	**329**

NB:

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