



**Electoral Commission of Namibia**

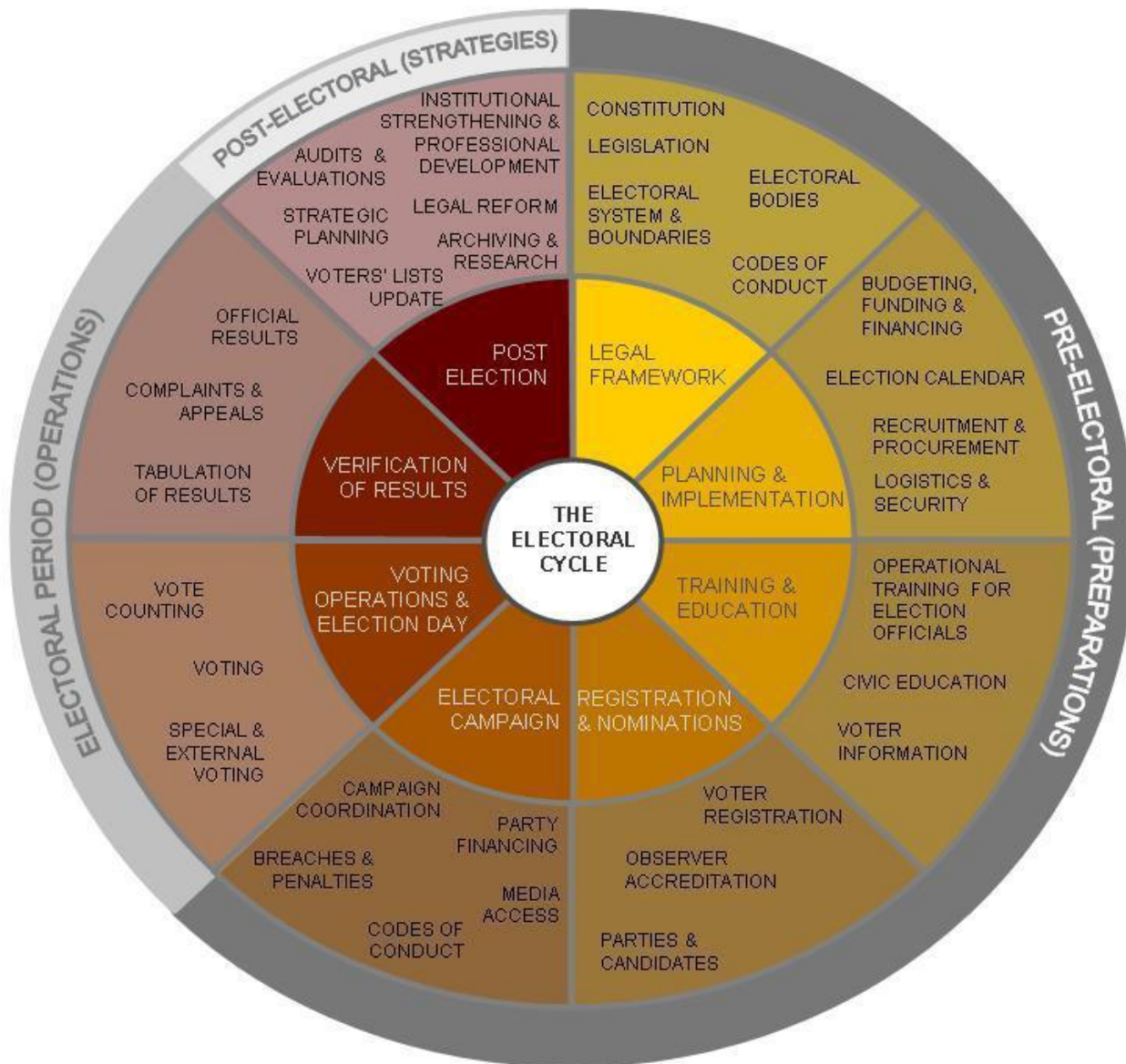
# **Preparedness for 2019 Presidential & National Assembly Elections OBSERVER MISSION BRIEFING**

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**20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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# The Electoral Cycle Approach

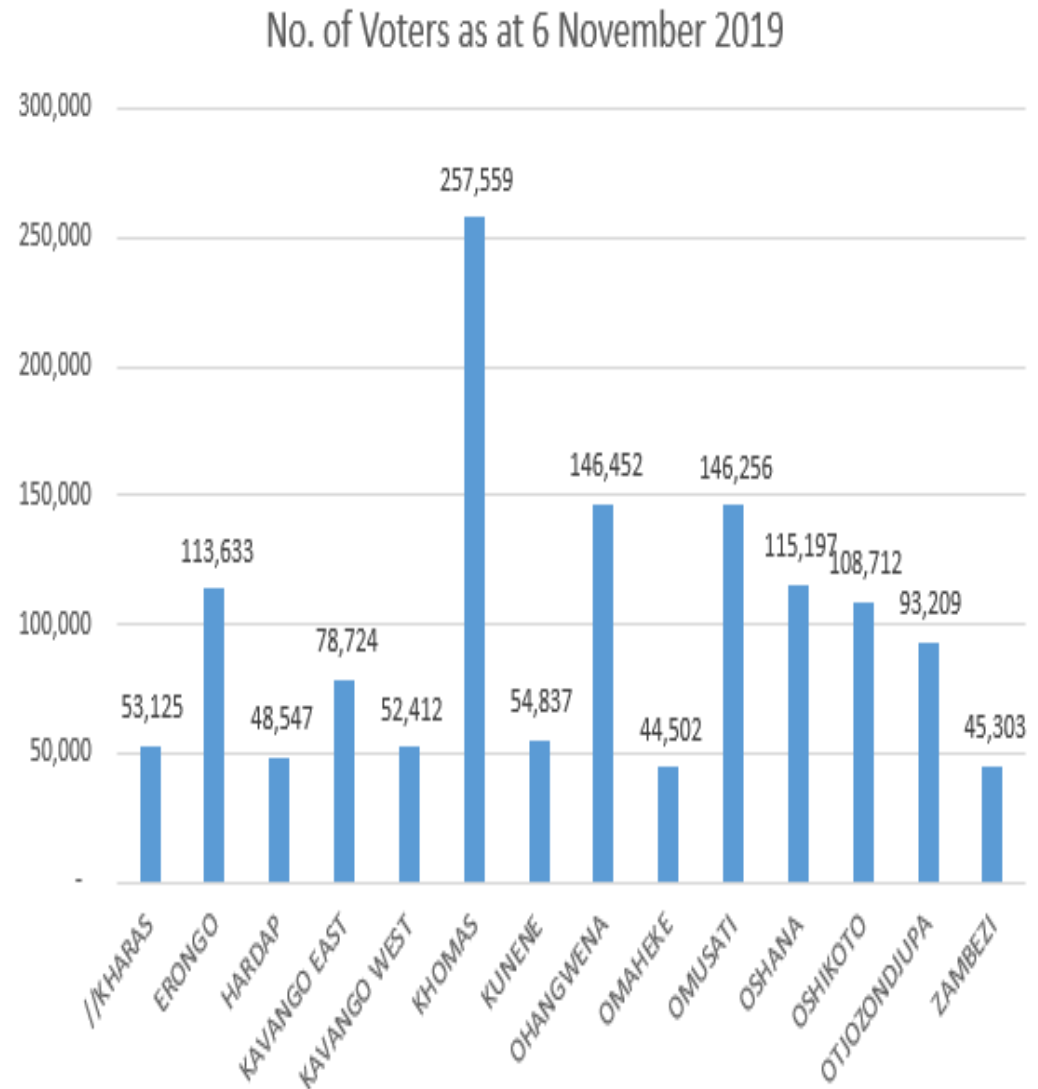


# Supplementary Voters Registration

- Successfully completed the Supplementary Registration of Voters - from the 08<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Provisional voters register displayed at 280 venues countrywide for inspection and objections from 02<sup>nd</sup> – 06<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- No objections were recorded.
- The PVR was taken through a series of integrity checks which include the Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) matching to remove duplicates.
- Process also include manual adjudications in the case of similar fingerprints as well deletion of records of deceased persons.
- Final voters register published in the Government gazette on 06<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

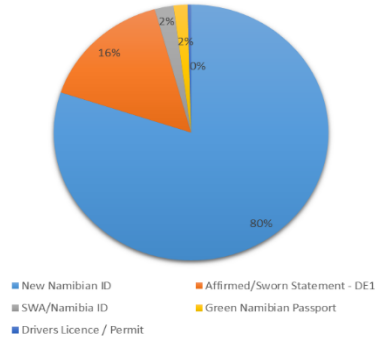
# The Final Voters Register

Region	Female	Male	No. of Voters
//KHARAS	24,303	28,822	53,125
ERONGO	50,887	62,746	113,633
HARDAP	23,871	24,676	48,547
KAVANGO EAST	45,040	33,684	78,724
KAVANGO WEST	29,540	22,872	52,412
KHOMAS	128,790	128,769	257,559
KUNENE	27,300	27,537	54,837
OHANGWENA	85,441	61,011	146,452
OMAHEKE	20,609	23,893	44,502
OMUSATI	87,159	59,097	146,256
OSHANA	66,244	48,953	115,197
OSHIKOTO	60,036	48,676	108,712
OTJOZONDJUPA	43,333	49,876	93,209
ZAMBEZI	25,256	20,047	45,303
<b>Register Total</b>	<b>717,809</b>	<b>640,659</b>	<b>1,358,468</b>



# VR Data Aggregation

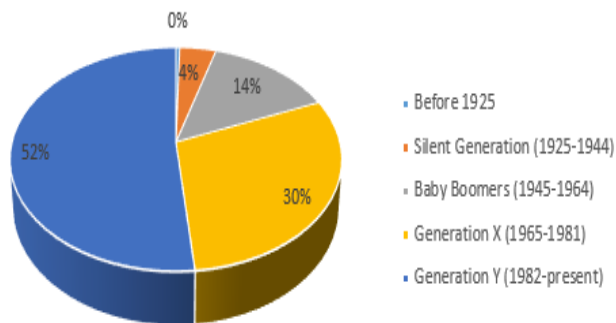
Identity Document used for Proof of Identity



	2019	2014
Before 1925	5,846	8,349
Silent Generation (1925-1944)	55,699	65,271
Baby Boomers (1945-1964)	192,877	200,271
Generation X (1965-1981)	403,398	402,597
Generation Y (1982-present)	700,648	564,706
<b>Total Voters</b>	<b>1,358,468</b>	<b>1,241,194</b>

Registered Voters in 2019

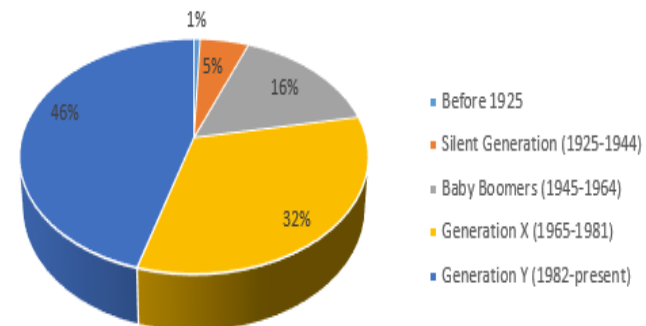
By Age



as at 6 November 2019

Registered Voters in 2014

By Age



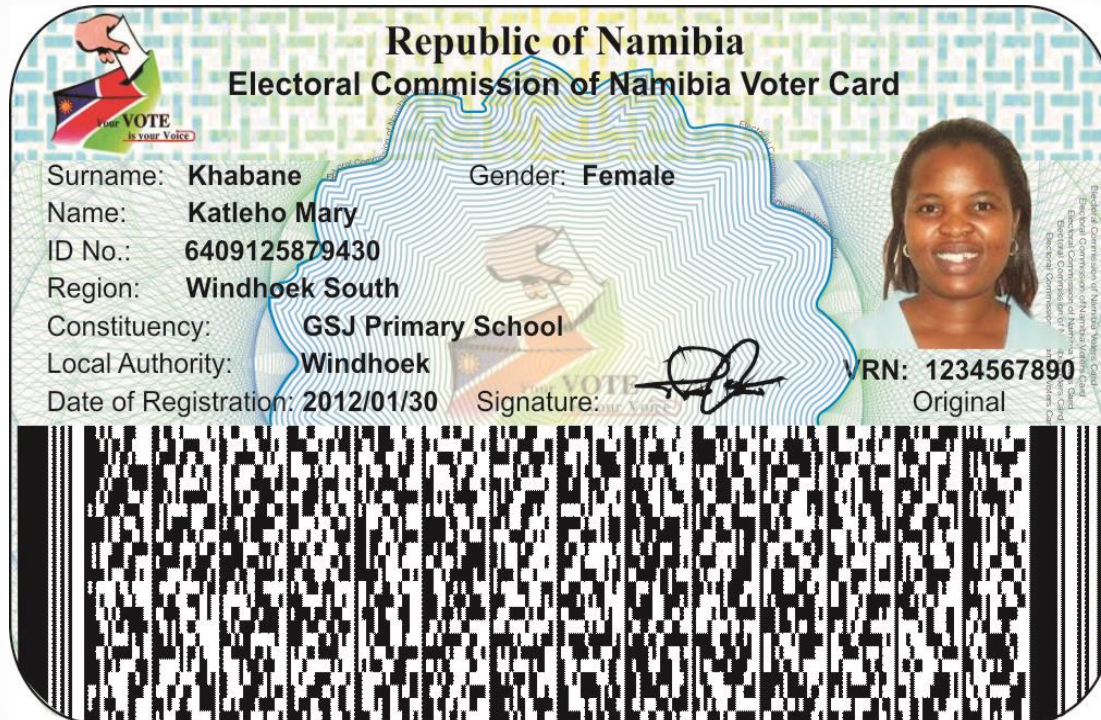
as at 7 November 2014

# Registration Kit





# Namibia Voter Card



The image shows a Namibia Voter Card for Khabane Katleho Mary. The card features the Republic of Namibia coat of arms and the Electoral Commission of Namibia logo. It includes a photograph of the voter, a signature, and a large barcode at the bottom. The card is titled 'Republic of Namibia Electoral Commission of Namibia Voter Card'.

**Republic of Namibia**  
**Electoral Commission of Namibia Voter Card**

**Surname:** Khabane **Gender:** Female  
**Name:** Katleho Mary  
**ID No.:** 6409125879430  
**Region:** Windhoek South  
**Constituency:** GSJ Primary School  
**Local Authority:** Windhoek  
**Date of Registration:** 2012/01/30 **Signature:** [Signature] **VRN:** 1234567890  
**Original**






















Electoral Commission of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia  
Voter Card  
This card is valid for the 2015 National and Regional Elections  
It is the responsibility of the voter to ensure that the card is valid and up-to-date  
The card is issued by the Electoral Commission of Namibia  
For more information, visit the Electoral Commission of Namibia website  
www.ecn.org.na



# Nomination Process























- Nomination process successfully conducted in terms of Section 72, 73 and 77 of the Electoral Act, Act No 5 of 2014
- Nomination commenced on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2019
- Date for Independent Candidates – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Nomination Day/Sitting and Nomination Deadline – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- Section 77 of the Electoral Act, read together with Articles 46 and 47 of the Namibian Constitution preclude sitting regional, local councilors and remunerated members of the public service from being nominated on party lists for the National Assembly elections
- As a result of this, a number of persons had to resign their positions in order to be retained on party lists

# The Ballot Papers

1	ALL PEOPLE'S PARTY	APP		
2	CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC VOICE PARTY	CDV		
3	CONGRESS OF DEMOCRATS	CdD		
4	LANDLESS PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT	LPM		
5	NAMIBIA ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS	NEFF		
6	NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY	NDP		
7	NATIONAL PATRIOTIC FRONT OF NAMIBIA	NPF		
8	NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATION OF NAMIBIA	NUDO		
9	POPULAR DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT	PDM		
10	RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS	RDP		
11	REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NAMIBIA	RP		
12	SWANU OF NAMIBIA	SWANU		
13	SWAPO PARTY OF NAMIBIA	SWAPO		
14	UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF NAMIBIA	UDF		
15	WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY	WRP		

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS No: 0001  
27 NOVEMBER 2019

- Foreign Missions – 9200 manual ballots for each election
- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 – 250 EVM Ballots for each election (in-country voting)
- 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 4000 EVM Ballots for each election

1	AUCHAB APIUS	UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF NAMIBIA	UDF		
2	GEINGBO HAGE GOTTFRIED	SWAPO PARTY OF NAMIBIA	SWAPO		
3	ILJAMBO TANGENI CORNELIUS	SWANU OF NAMIBIA	SWANU		
4	ITULA PANDULENI FILEMON BANGO	INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE	IC		
5	MUDGE HENRY FERDINAND	REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NAMIBIA	RP		
6	MUINJANGUE ESTHER UTJUIA	NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	NUDO		
7	MUKWILONGO JAN MULINASHO EPAFRAS	NAMIBIA ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS	NEFF		
8	KAVEKOTORA KAMBOTO RATOVENI MIKE	RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS	RDP		
9	SHIWAMENI IGNATIUS NKOTONGO	ALL PEOPLE'S PARTY	APP		
10	SWARTBOOI BERNAUDUS	LANDLESS PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT	LPM		
11	VENAANI MCHENRY KANYONKERE	POPULAR DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT	PDM		

# Notice for Withdrawal

- Received request for withdrawal from Presidential Elections from **NEEF** and **RP**
- Deadline for the withdrawal of a candidate for Presidential elections is contained in section 73(8) of the Electoral Act, 5 of 2014, and is at any time before the close of the sitting that was conducted on 18 October 2019.
- All political parties were informed on numerous occasions that this was the last day of nominations and it was also gazetted in Government Gazette no. 7008 of 30 September 2019.

# 13<sup>th</sup> Nov Voting Process

- In terms of Section 64(2)(c) of the Electoral Act, Act No. 5 of 2014
- Voting at Foreign Missions – Total of 34 Polling stations
- Sea-Going Personnel – Walvisbay, Luderitz & Oranjemund
- Nampol, NDF, Correctional Services personnel to be deployed for duty on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- Established 1 Polling station per Constituency, with 2 in certain Constituencies – Total of 154 polling stations

# Announcement of Special Day Voting Results

- The polling process at the foreign missions is conducted through manual ballot papers
- Results are managed strictly in terms of the Section 105 (8) of the Electoral Act
- Presiding Officers counted ballots, announced results and posted such results at their polling stations
- Returning Officer for the Foreign Missions currently receiving all election materials used at foreign missions including original results forms
- Returning Officer will be required by law to collate all foreign votes after the close of polls on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and submit to the Chief Electoral Officer
- Similarly, Presiding Officers in-country announced and posted results at their polling stations before booking in all materials at respective police stations in the presence of political agents
- The ECN will collate and announce such results after they are officially announced by Returning Officers as contemplated in Section 109 and 110 of the Electoral Act.

# Polling Stations

- Deploying a total of 2277 polling teams
- Established a total of 4241 polling stations namely:
  - 1410 – Fixed stations
  - 2831 – Mobile stations – served by 867 Teams



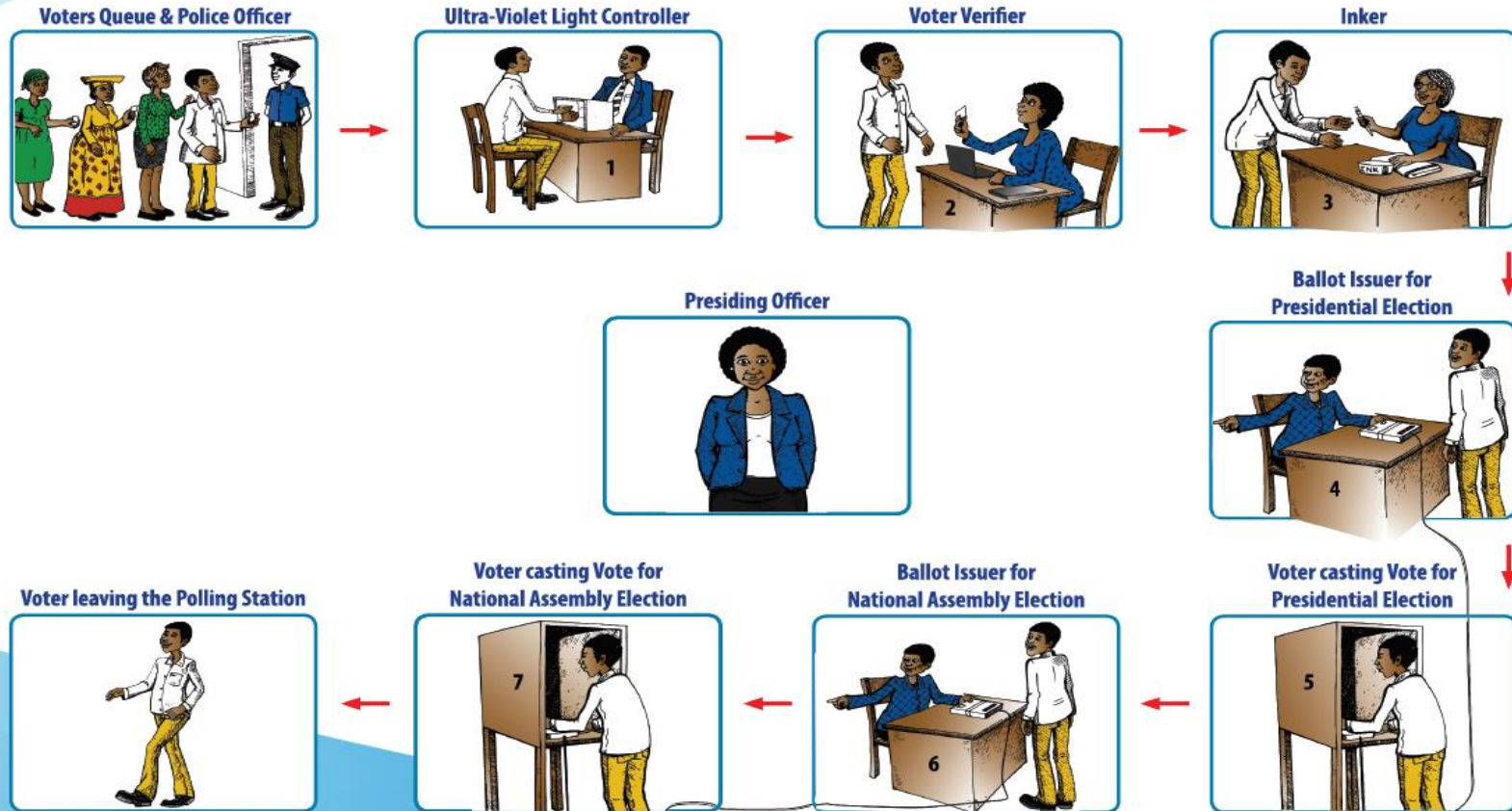
# Polling Station Set-up



**NAMIBIA VOTES 2019**

## **PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS**

### **THE VOTING PROCEDURE USING THE ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE (EVM):**



**Go Vote, Your Vote Counts!**

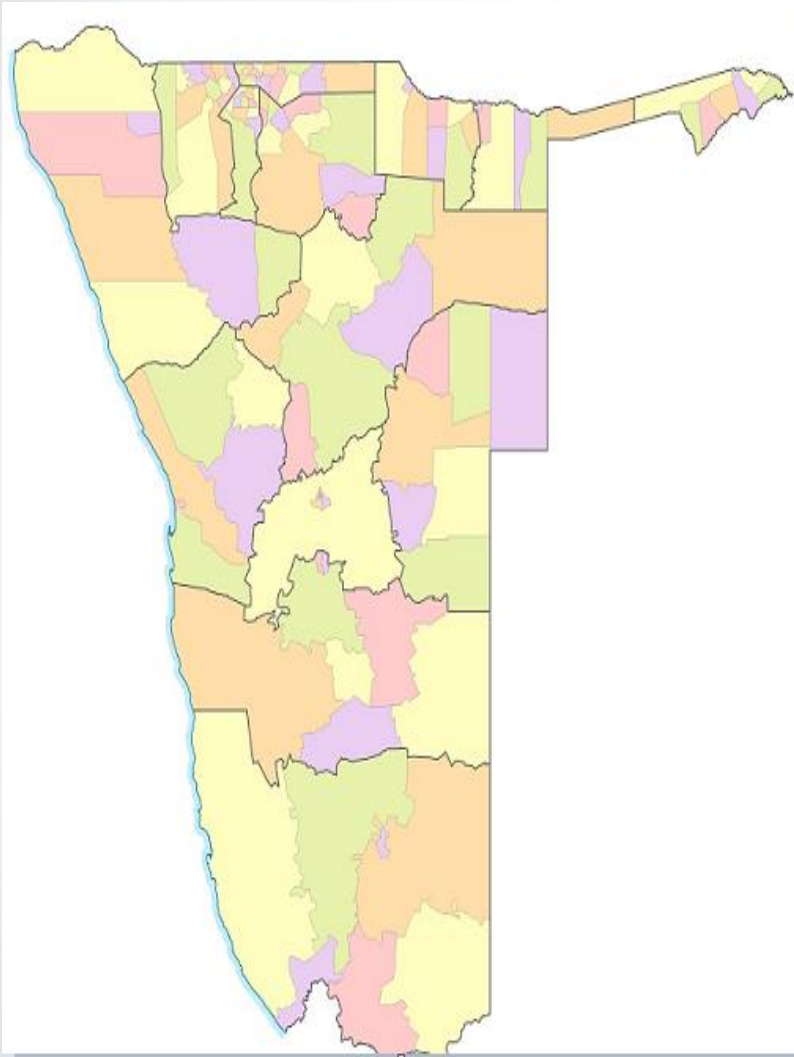
**EVM - Making Voting Easy For You!**

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# Polling Officials

- Polling officials currently undergoing training
- Regional Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators, RO, PO, IT Assistants, HR etc
- Approximately **16,668** officials to be recruited
- The selection is based on academic qualifications and work experience. ECN also take into account Gender, People with Disabilities (PWDs) and persons from marginalized communities.
- Basically recruited all unemployed Namibians with appropriate qualifications

# Regions & Constituencies



**14 - Regions**  
**121 - Constituencies**  
**54 - Local Authorities**

# The Results Trajectory

- Votes are counted and announced at polling stations – technically speaking there “election” process ends there
- Each Presiding Officers tallies the results at the polling station and announce results there at the polling station after the closing of polls.
- Each Presiding Officer prints a copy of the results and posts it at the entrance of the polling station.
- The polling station results are then sent to the Constituency Collation Center for tabulation.
- Each Presiding Officer provides the EVM CU used at that particular polling station to be connected to Tabulators.
- At a click of a button, these results are tabulated electronically and printed for announcement at that particular constituency.
- Returning Officer is required to tabulate results and announce results in the prescribed manner for both Presidential and National Assembly elections
- Returning Officer transmits both results to CERC

# Electoral Systems

- Presidential - Majoritarian
- National Assembly – PR
- Regional Councils – First Past the Post or “Winner Takes All”
- Local Authority – PR

# Electoral Technology

## Voter Verification Device for Voter Authentication At Polling stations





# Electronic Voting Machine



# VVPAT vs Paper Trail



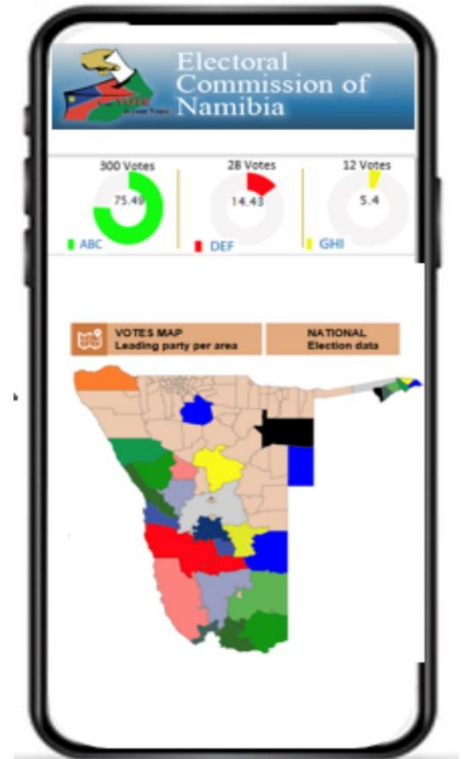
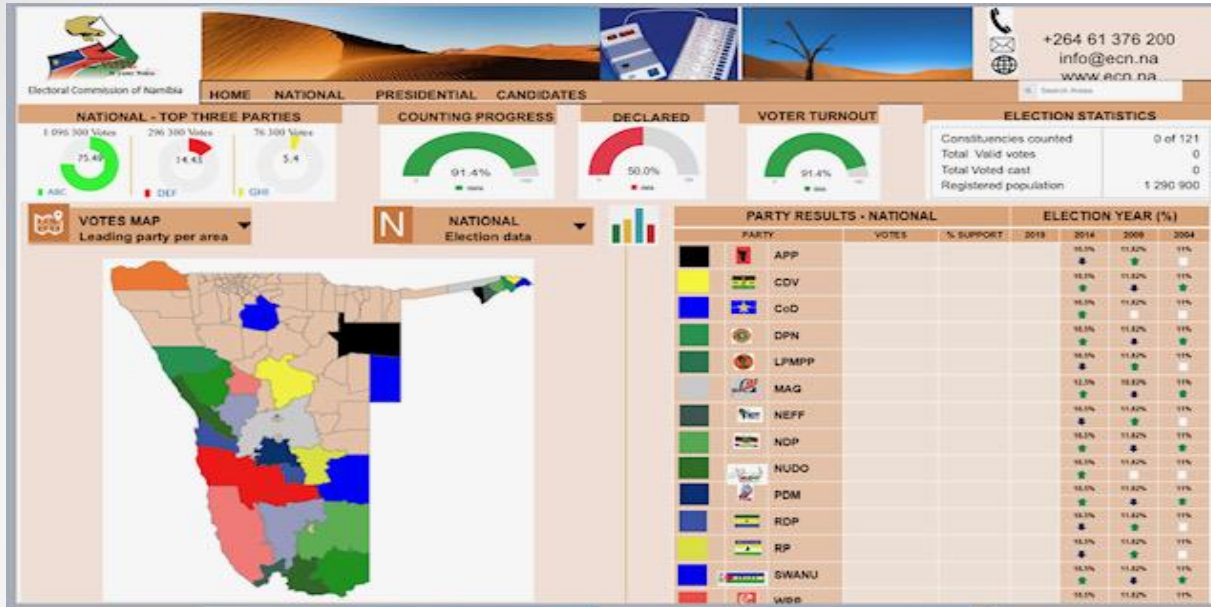
# VVPAT Errors

- For the record, VVPAT technology was not in existence at the time the EVM's were acquired

## Irrecoverable Errors

- VVPAT device would not communicate with the EVM
- Printing mechanism simply jams as is often the case with all printing technologies – 'Secrecy of the Vote'
- What should happen if a voter 'complains' that the candidate/party printed of the slip shown at the VVPAT window is incorrect?
- For the record, the Commission is also in favour of introducing the VVPAT – but not in an irresponsible manner

# RMS & Mob App



- One module to be deployed at Collation Centers and another at CERC – To be used for results processing
- Mobile App
- Further information to be provided to the public on these technologies

# **Urgent Court Application filed by Independent Candidate with the Electoral Tribunal on usage of EVM**

**The matter was heard yesterday and a  
decision is expected on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019**

# EMB Challenges

- Transport Logistics
- Results Challenges; Transmission/Connectivity



**THANK YOU**