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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# STATE OF PREPAREDNESS FOR THE AROAB, KOËS, STAMPRIET LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND MARIENTAL RURAL CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the electorate and Namibian public in general that preparations have been finalized for the conduct of the rerun elections for the Aroab, Koës, Stampriet Local Authorities and Mariental Rural Constituency on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The Commission has put in place the requisite logistical preparations to ensure the successful conduct of these elections. The training of election officials, party agents and police officers was conducted from  $20^{th} - 24^{th}$  February 2021.

Today, all polling teams are being deployed to their respective duty stations to ensure the timely opening of all polling stations on polling day. There are thirteen (13) polling teams that will be manning twenty-one (21) polling stations for the afore-mentioned constituency and localities, nine (9) are fixed and twelve (12) are mobile stations.

In order to ensure the effective delivery of electoral messaging for the voters in the affected areas, the ECN rolled out a comprehensive voter education programme to ensure that all registered voters are able to cast their votes in confidence, promote secrecy of the vote and reduce rejected ballots as well as increase voter turnout.

### **Registered Voters Statistics**

The ECN conducted the Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections from  $07^{th} - 15^{th}$  September 2020. The breakdown of the registered voters for the one (1) constituency and three (3) local authority areas as per the final voters' register compiled in 2020 are as follows:

Constituency/Local Authority	Registered Voters	
Mariental Rural Constituency	4065	
Aroab Local Authority	1200	
Koës Local Authority	1167	
Stampriet Local Authority	1199	

Lastly, the ECN would like to assure the electorate and the Namibian public at large of our unwavering commitment to the delivery of free, fair, transparent and credible elections. The Commission thus implores all voters in the affected areas to take this opportunity to cast their votes at their nearest designated polling stations.

Finally, from the onset of its preparations for the forthcoming elections, the Commission has taken precautionary measures in line with ECNs COVID-19 mitigation strategy to ensure the safety of staff and the electorate and will continue to adhere to safety measures throughout the polling process and ensure strict compliance with COVID-19 national guidelines.

Below are the polling stations for the Aroab, Koës, Stampriet Local Authorities and Mariental Rural Constituency elections. Polling stations open at 07h00 and close at 21h00:

## HARDAP REGION

# MARIENTAL RURAL CONSTITUENCY STAMPRIET LOCAL AUTHORITY

Polling stations	Time
Fixed Points	
101 – Stampriet Community Hall (LA)	07h00-21h00
102 - Ministry of Agriculture - Hoachanas	07h00-21h00
103 – Hoachanas Community Hall	07h00-21h00
104 - Stampriet Primary School (LA)	07h00-21h00
105 – P. I. Groenewaldt Junior Secondary School	07h00-21h00
Mobile Teams	
<u>Team 301</u>	
- Hochanas Police Cells	
- Sekretaris-pan	07h00-08h00
- Volgestruis -pan	09h00-13h00
	14h00-21h00
<u>Team 302</u>	
- Anib Lodge	
- Barnafay	
- Witkrans Primary School	07h00-11h00
	12h00-16h00
<u>Team 303</u>	17h00-21h00
- Uhlenhorst	
- Blumfelde	
- Derm Police Cells	
	07h00-13h00
<u>Team 304</u>	14h00-19h00
- Glencoin	20h00-21h00

- Kalahari Proefplaas	
- Stampriet Police Cells (LA)	
	07h00-13h00
	14h00-19h00
	20h00-21h00

# //KHARAS REGION

## AROAB LOCAL AUTHORITY

Polling stations	Time
Fixed Points	
101 - Community Hall, Aroab (LA)	07h00-21h00
102 - ELCIN Church, Aroab (LA)	07h00-21h00

# KOËS LOCAL AUTHORITY

Polling stations	Time
Fixed Points	
101 - Community Hall, Koës (LA)	07h00-21h00
102 - Community Centre, Koës (LA)	07h00-21h00

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