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## FINAL RESULTS OF THE OPUWO RURAL CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) has successfully concluded the Opuwo Rural Constituency by-election held on Friday, 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.

The ECN is pleased to inform the electorate and the Namibian nation at large that the by-election was conducted in a calm and peaceful atmosphere, with no incidence recorded. All polling stations opened on time at 07h00 and closed at 21h00.

The results for the just concluded by election are as follows:

Total votes counted: 3451

FULL NAMES OF CANDIDATES (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)	NAME OF POLITICAL PARTY	VOTES RECORDED FOR EACH CANDIDATE
Maundu Heinz Hariki	National Unity Democratic Organisation	414
Muharukua Western Uakaisiua Melchizedek	Popular Democratic Movement	2330
Rikambura Kaiho	Rally for Democracy and Progress	141
Tjambiru Kazepanda	Swapo Party of Namibia	486
Tjituri Howards Kaihepere	Independent Patriots for Change	80

Mr. Muharukua Western Uakaisiua Melchizedek representing PDM was declared duly elected. The ECN congratulates the duly declared winner.

The registered voters for the Opuwo Rural Constituency for the by-election are 8194. This translates to a total voter turnout of 42%.

Finally, the Commission extends its gratitude to all the polling officials, Namibian Police personnel and political party agents for their professionalism and dedication in overseeing and ensuring a credible and smooth polling process. Similarly, the ECN would like to thank all the voters that turned up at the various polling stations for the courage to cast their ballots amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

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