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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# FINAL RESULTS FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS FOR OTJIWARONGO AND OPUWO RURAL CONSTITUENCIES

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) has successfully concluded the Regional Council by-elections for the Otjiwarongo and Opuwo Rural constituencies that were held simultaneously on 09<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The polling stations all opened on time at 07h00, after pre-poll proceedings were conducted in the presence of political party agents to ensure that all voting materials were in order and that there were no ballot papers in the ballot boxes at the start of the poll.

#### **FINAL RESULTS**

The table below shows the candidates that contested in the Otjiwarongo and Opuwo Rural Regional Council by-elections and the total votes counted, total rejected votes and votes cast for each candidate:

#### 1. Otjiwarongo Constituency

Total Votes counted:

Total Votes cast: 4 682

4 707

Rejected Votes:

25

Name of Candidate	Political party/Independent	<b>Total Votes Recorded</b>
Guiteb Sebeteus	Landless People's Movement (LPM	1) 752
Erastus Mbumba	Independent Candidate	1 020
Mbakera Marlayn Sharlay	SWAPO Party of Namil (SWAPO)	2 910

## 2. Opuwo Constituency

Total Votes cast: 3 161
Total Votes counted: 3 141
Rejected Votes: 20

Name of Candidate	Political party/Independent	Total Votes Recorded
Kuvare Kapukatua	National Unity Democratic Organisation (NUDO)	640
Kakuva Uarikua Cornelius Venajo	Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)	2 066
Katupa Steyn Keesire Uauirako Mupyone	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)	435

## The voter turnout for each of the two constituencies in percentage is as follows:

Constituency	Percentage (%)	
Otjiwarongo	21.5	
Opuwo Rural	42.8	

Finally, the ECN herewith congratulates all duly declared winners from the two constituencies. Accordingly, the Commission would further like to thank all the polling officials for their dedication in facilitating the polling process. Similarly, the ECN would like to thank all the voters that turned up at the various polling stations to cast their votes using ballot paper, it is through their participation that democracy prevailed.

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