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UPDATE ON THE 2020 SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (SRV)

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) is pleased to inform the nation that it has registered approximately **96 247** eligible Namibians country wide during the period **7th to 12th September 2020**. Of this number, **34 270** are new voters registering for the first time and the difference is persons registering due to change of address and replacement of lost/damaged voter cards.

The ECN would therefore like to express satisfaction with the numbers captured so far at the various registration points despite teething problems experienced with the biometric voter registration kits at a few registration venues around the country.

We are happy with the way the public has responded given the relatively long queues observed especially in the urban centers across the fourteen (14) regions. We applaud the electorate for heeding our call to visit voter registration venues in order to participate in this very important democratic process.

The ECN has noted an incident that took place on Friday, 11th September 2020 in the //Kharas region at the Keetmanshoop public library in the Keetmanshoop Urban Constituency. In relation to this case, the ECN would like to state that the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014, obligates the ECN to prepare a provisional voters register containing names of voters registered in respect of the Regional Council election and the Local Authority elections.

In terms of Section 32 of the Electoral Act, any person whose name appears in the provisional voters' register and any registered political party or organization may lodge an objection in writing with the designated Magistrate to the inclusion of names of persons in the provisional voters' register. Objections can be made against a person who:

- a) Is not entitled or qualified by or under Section 22 of the Electoral Act to be registered as a voter; or
- b) Is not complying with the requirements in relation to residence as contemplated in that section.

In terms of the 2020 Electoral Calendar, provisional voters' register will be placed at strategic places in all Constituencies and Local Authorities from **30th September 2020** to **5th October 2020**. We urge all interested persons to make use of this opportunity to inspect such registers with a view to lodge objections against names of persons that they have reason to believe, were registered unlawfully.

Lastly, the ECN hereby urge eligible Namibians who are not yet registered to visit registration points before the conclusion of the Supplementary Voters Registration (SRV) process on **Tuesday, 15th September 2020**. Our registration teams will ensure to attend to all eligible persons in the queue by 19h00 at all registration venues, on each day of the SRV exercise.

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