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PROVISIONAL STATISTICS FOR THE KEETMANSHOOP RURAL CONSTITUENCY SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

It is with great delight that the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) announces the successful completion of the Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) exercise which was conducted from the 07th to 10th of March 2023 in terms of Section 38 (1) of the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014.

As per the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014, a Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) is to be conducted before any election in accordance with Section 38(1) read together with Section 25 (2) of the Act. The purpose of supplementary registration of voters before holding of an election is to include in the voter's register persons who have since turned 18 years of age after the last registration; persons who have moved from one constituency to another; or persons whose voter registration cards are reported lost or damaged; and any other applicant who qualifies for registration in terms of section 22(1) of the Electoral Act. The voters' register for the constituency prior to the conduct of the SRV stood at 6 224 while during the SRV a total number of 453 eligible voters registered, bringing the provisional voters roll to a number of 6 677. A total number of 85 duplicate voter registration cards have been issued.

In terms of the Electoral Act, the Provisional Voters Register (PVR) will be displayed for public scrutiny and objections on 16th of March 2023 at the Keetmanshoop Rural Constituency Office, Aroab, the Koës Village Council, Koës and the WAD Training Centre, Keetmanshoop from 08h00 - 17h00. The final voters register will be available on 14th of April 2023. The due diligence processes, are currently being undertaken in order to remove all duplicates and deceased voters.

Nomination period

The nomination of candidates will commence on Thursday, 16th of March 2023 during office hours. The last day for nomination for Independent Candidates is 03rd of April 2023 before 16h00, while for Political Parties on the 05th of April 2023 before 11h00.

Nomination forms may be submitted to the Returning Officer, Ms. Rosalin Y. Keramen. Ms. Keramen can be reached at 0816304779 for any queries related to the nomination process for the Keetmanshoop Rural Constituency. The ECN encourage the candidates to submit their application within the prescribed period to avoid disappointment.

The ECN would like to assure the electorate of the Commissions unwavering commitments to the delivery of free, fair, transparent and credible elections in the forthcoming by-elections and congratulate the electorate in the Keetmanshoop Rural Constituency for participating in this important electoral programme.

Lastly, the Namibian public and the electorate at large are hereby informed that the preparations for the Okaku by-election are on course. The Okaku by-election will take place on **Friday**, 17th of March 2023 as scheduled and the polling stations will open at 07:00 to 21:00. The ECN calls on all eligible voters in the Okaku Constituency to go out in large numbers and participate in this important exercise. GO VOTE, YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

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