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### PRELIMINARY STATISTICS FOR THE GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS 03 JUNE – 13 JULY 2024

## Introduction

As you may be aware, the latest provisional statistics released by the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) on July 16, the total number of eligible voters is **1,615,910**, a change from the initial preliminary statistics of 1,731,790 which were provided to the Commission earlier this year.

While acknowledging with appreciation all eligible Namibian citizens who have registered as voters since the first day of registration to date, the Commission has noted with great concern a considerable decline in the turnout during the *third*, *fourth and fifth week* (17-22 June, 24-29 June 2024 and 1-6 July 2024) of the GRV. The Commission, however, noted that the turnout has picked-up in the *sixth week* (8-13 July 2024) with 165 524 eligible voters registered, *and it is our sincere prayer that the turnout will continue picking-up*. Although this figure shows a slight improvement, this remains a great concern not only to the Commission but to all our stakeholders.

The Commission has been consistently releasing Preliminary GRV Statistics on a weekly basis as part of its efforts of enhancing transparency and information sharing. By doing so, the Commission has been urging all eligible Namibian citizens who have not yet registered to do so as soon as possible as there will be no window opportunity for extending the period of registration of voters. As you will shortly observe from our presentation, with this update on the status and progress of the General Registration of Voters (GRV) for the period 08 - 13 July 2024, we have adopted a new approach with an update of statistics from a national perspective, regional perspective and a further breakdown at constituency level.

### **Statistics Overview**

The Commission wishes to update its stakeholders and members of the public that on  $03 \ June - 13 \ July 2024$ , a cumulative total number of **989,367** eligible Namibians have registered as voters inside the country and at all Namibian Diplomatic Missions abroad. This figure represents an average of **27,601** registered voters per day *during*  $08 - 13 \ July 2024$ . The total turnout of registered voters as at **13 July 2024** represents **61.2%** of eligible voters (See attached Figure 1-3).

# **Conclusion**

The Commission urges all eligible Namibian citizens who have not yet registered to do so within the remaining 11 days before the GRV period ends on 1 August 2024. It is important to note that there will be no extension of the voter registration period, and there will be no supplementary registration of voters (SRV) in 2024 due to limitations within which the Commission is required to finalise the provisional voters register for display, inspection & objection, ruling by the Electoral Tribunal & Electoral Court. The Commission is urging the eligible voters to register in constituencies where they live.

The Commission extends its deepest gratitude to the relevant stakeholders, inclusive of political parties, civil society organizations, churches and community leaders, who have demonstrated unwavering support and collaboration with the ECN since the commencement of the GRV. The concerted efforts by our stakeholders in supporting and enhancing the Commission's communication drive and strategy to have all eligible voters registered are invaluable. Thus, the Commission is looking forward towards a successful registration process.

The GRV continues across the country and at all Namibian Diplomatic Missions abroad until 01 August 2024, Monday to Saturday from 08:00 to 19:00.

### "STEP UP, REGISTER TO VOTE"

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Figure 1: Cumulative number of registered voters per region from 03 June – 13 July 2024

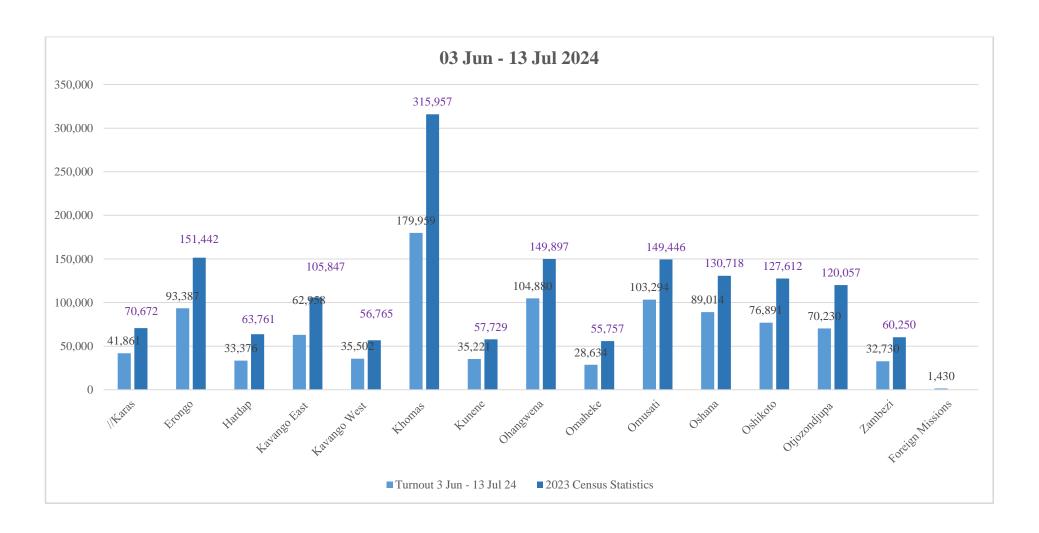
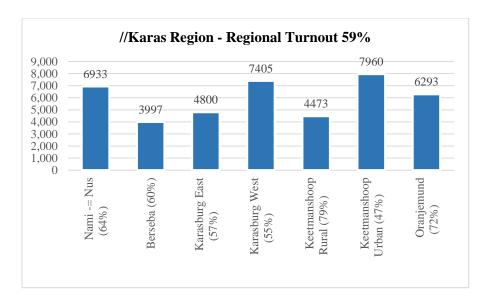
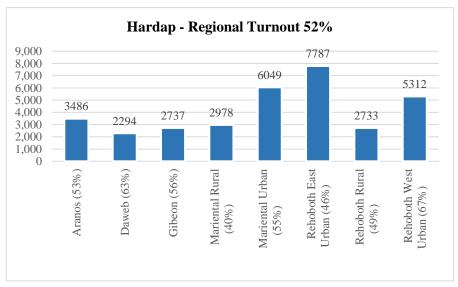
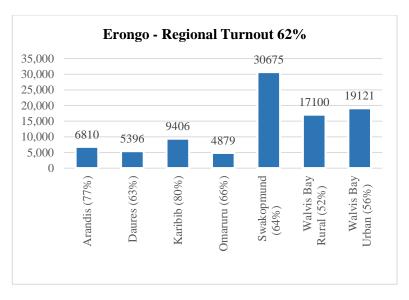


Figure 2: Breakdown Per Region and Constituency







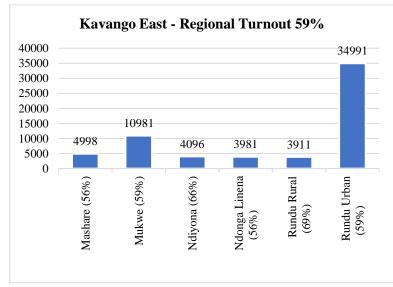
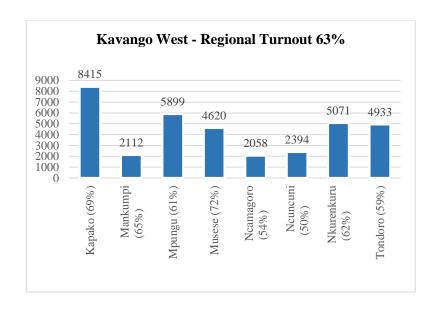
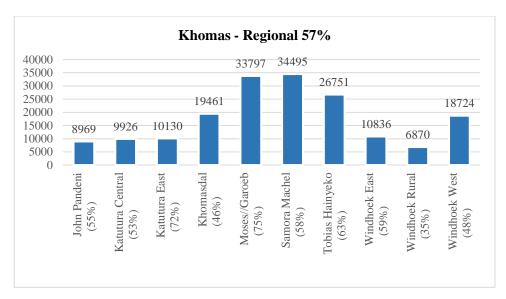


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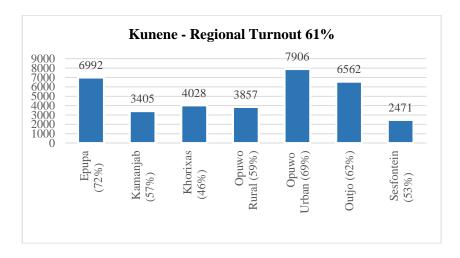
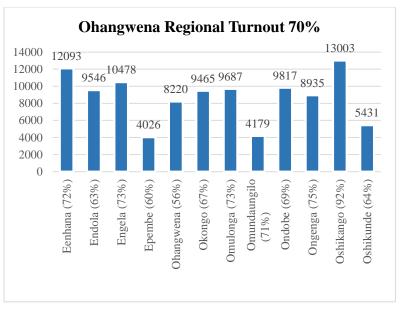
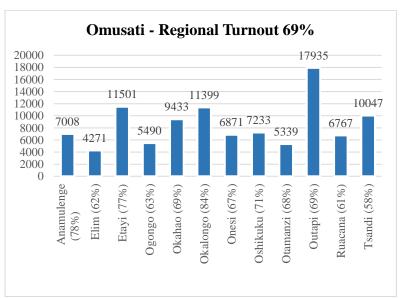
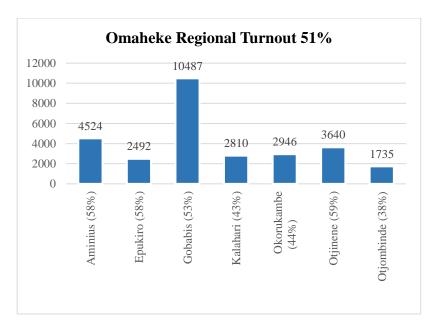


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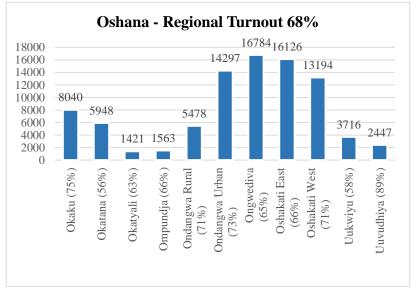


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