



# Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

## PRESS RELEASE

### STATUS UPDATE ON CONTINUOUS VOTER REGISTRATION IN THE COUNTRY

**Nairobi, Kenya: Friday, 03<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) takes this opportunity to update the people of Kenya on the progress of the Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) exercise. In fulfillment of its constitutional mandate under Article 88 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, the Commission relaunched the CVR exercise on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The exercise is ongoing across the country, save for electoral areas where by-elections are scheduled.

In the last four (4) days since resumption, the Commission has recorded progressive growth in the enrolment of new voters into the Register of Voters. As of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025, new enrolments stood at 7,048, while those who successfully transferred their registration to their new preferred electoral areas were 259 voters. In addition, eight (8) voters updated their details nationally. A county-by-county breakdown of the registration statistics is annexed to this press release.

#### **Enhancements in Biometric Registration to include Iris**

In line with Section 2 of the Elections Act, Cap 7, the voter registration process entails the collection of both biographic information and biometric identifiers. Previously, the Commission captured fingerprints and a digital facial photograph as the only two biometric identifiers. This year, an additional biometric feature — the iris — has been incorporated. The iris provides an alternative means of voter identification should fingerprint recognition fail. The inclusion of iris recognition is expressly permissible under the law, which provides for biometric identifiers such as fingerprints, hand geometry, earlobe geometry, retina and iris patterns, voice waves, DNA, and signatures.

#### **Commitment to Data Protection**

The Commission reiterates its strict compliance with the Data Protection Act, 2019, and its attendant regulations. All data collected during voter registration is securely stored, accessed solely by duly authorized officers and applied strictly for its legally prescribed purposes. The Commission emphasizes that any unauthorized access, misuse, or compromise of voter data will attract the full sanctions of the law.

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## Conclusion

The Commission reaffirms its unwavering commitment to ensuring that voter registration services remain accessible, inclusive, transparent, and efficient in all parts of the country save for the areas scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 By-elections. Robust monitoring mechanisms and sustained civic awareness initiatives are being implemented to enhance participation and to uphold the integrity, inclusivity, and credibility of the registration exercise.

The Commission further underscores its constitutional duty to guarantee that every eligible Kenyan has a fair and equal opportunity to register as a voter and to exercise their democratic right to participate in free, fair, and credible elections.

The IEBC calls upon all eligible citizens, particularly the youth and first-time voters, to take advantage of this opportunity and register as voters. Together, let us strengthen our democracy, safeguard our institutions, and secure the future of our nation.

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## ANNEX:

### Continuous Voter Registration Exercise Report by County as of 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

| County Code | County Name     | Total Registered | Total Transfers | Total Particular Changes |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 001         | Mombasa         | 556              | 50              | 2                        |
| 002         | Kwale           | 91               | 2               | 0                        |
| 003         | Kilifi          | 243              | 14              | 0                        |
| 004         | Tana River      | 21               | 0               | 0                        |
| 005         | Lamu            | 1                | 0               | 0                        |
| 006         | Taita Taveta    | 58               | 9               | 0                        |
| 007         | Garissa         | 160              | 0               | 0                        |
| 008         | Wajir           | 183              | 0               | 0                        |
| 009         | Mandera         | 218              | 0               | 0                        |
| 010         | Marsabit        | 49               | 0               | 0                        |
| 011         | Isiolo          | 34               | 0               | 0                        |
| 012         | Meru            | 134              | 5               | 0                        |
| 013         | Tharaka - Nithi | 24               | 0               | 0                        |
| 014         | Embu            | 71               | 0               | 0                        |
| 015         | Kitui           | 205              | 1               | 0                        |
| 016         | Machakos        | 260              | 0               | 0                        |
| 017         | Makueni         | 101              | 2               | 2                        |
| 018         | Nyandarua       | 69               | 20              | 0                        |
| 019         | Nyeri           | 30               | 7               | 0                        |
| 020         | Kirinyaga       | 81               | 4               | 2                        |
| 021         | Murang'a        | 151              | 3               | 0                        |
| 022         | Kiambu          | 386              | 0               | 0                        |
| 023         | Turkana         | 50               | 1               | 0                        |
| 024         | West Pokot      | 51               | 1               | 0                        |
| 025         | Samburu         | 18               | 0               | 0                        |
| 026         | Trans Nzoia     | 78               | 0               | 0                        |



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|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 027                | Uasin Gishu     | 119              | 18              | 0                        |
| 028                | Elgeyo Marakwet | 53               | 0               | 0                        |
| 029                | Nandi           | 67               | 0               | 0                        |
| 031                | Laikipia        | 63               | 33              | 1                        |
| 032                | Nakuru          | 247              | 26              | 0                        |
| 033                | Narok           | 77               | 0               | 0                        |
| 034                | Kajiado         | 107              | 0               | 0                        |
| 035                | Kericho         | 80               | 0               | 0                        |
| 036                | Bomet           | 69               | 4               | 0                        |
| 037                | Kakamega        | 127              | 0               | 0                        |
| 038                | Vihiga          | 92               | 0               | 0                        |
| 039                | Bungoma         | 175              | 0               | 0                        |
| 040                | Busia           | 95               | 0               | 0                        |
| 041                | Siaya           | 181              | 1               | 0                        |
| 042                | Kisumu          | 139              | 0               | 0                        |
| 043                | Homa Bay        | 55               | 9               | 0                        |
| 044                | Migori          | 44               | 0               | 0                        |
| 045                | Kisii           | 312              | 2               | 0                        |
| 046                | Nyamira         | 10               | 5               | 0                        |
| 047                | Nairobi City    | 1597             | 42              | 1                        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> |                 | <b>7,048</b>     | <b>259</b>      | <b>8</b>                 |

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