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VOTER REGISTRATION/VOTER REGISTER UPDATING WEEKLY BRIEF

PHASE TWO: WEEK ONE (1st March – 7th March, 2010)

The second phase of Voter Registration/Voter Register Updating exercise in Zanzibar began on 1st of March 2010. TEMCO observers were deployed at registration centres on the 2nd March 2010 in six constituencies, namely Mkwajuni, Nungwi and Tumbatu (Unguja) as well as Konde, Mgogoni and Tumbe (Pemba). Apart from the observation work at the registration centres TEMCO observers held discussions, shared information and experiences with some of the stakeholders including ZEC management and staff, officials of CUF and CCM, ZLSC, International Law and Policy Group (ILP) and Zanzibar Registration Observation Mission.

TEMCO Observers in Pemba noted that;

1. CUF officials, members and supporters were still complaining about the fact that there are some Zanzibaris who voted in 2005 general election but their names do not appear in the Permanent Voter Register (PVR) because they did not have ZAN IDs. This prompted ZEC to carry out a fact finding exercise from 22nd -28th February, 2010 with a view to establishing the magnitude of the problem. It was revealed that 1685 cases were confirmed in Pemba and 1691 in Unguja. The list of names was sent to the office of the Zan-ID Director for decision. TEMCO observers are keenly following up the issue.
2. There was high turn out of voters particularly in areas where the registration rate was low in the first phase of the exercise. High turn out received mixed feelings across the political divide. CUF supporters and officials appeared to be happy with the exercise, some CCM leaders and members were not. They felt that the exercise was laying a bad

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precedent of entertaining people who deliberately refused to register and update their voter status in the first phase. Some CCM leaders and members claimed that the 22-28 February exercise by ZEC officials is the direct violation of rules and regulations governing registration process by ZEC.

3. CUF supporters claim that the ZEC exercise cannot establish the magnitude of the problem because there was little effort to draw peoples' awareness of the exercise. They claimed that the number was even bigger than what ZEC reports.
4. Furthermore, CUF members and their leaders expressed their worries that there are may be people, who wont be registered even with the second phase of registrations, as 3 days set for registration is not be enough given the high turnout of people.

TEMCO discussed some of these issues with ZEC officials. ZEC was optimistic that it had the capacity and resources to make sure that all eligible voters with required qualifications will not be disenfranchised.

TEMCO Observers in Unguja noted that;

1. Like in Pemba, ZAN-ID remains the main problem to significant number of eligible voters. There were people who went at registration centres without ZAN IDs. Several voters were denied registration in all centers due to the lack of ZAN-IDs.
2. There are a lot of people who did not take part in ZEC's verification exercise, claiming that they were not aware of the exercise. It is claimed that ZEC made just some few announcements through the state-owned radio and Television at the time when Zanzibar had no electricity supply, a situation which made a good number of people to turn off their radio and TVs.

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3. On 6th March 2010 at *Pita na Zako*, One *Masudi Hatai Masudi* was registered at around 11:00 am without having either the 2005 voter's ID or transfer letter. The situation culminated into heated exchange between the CUF agent, Mr. Juma Mohammed Simari, and ZEC officials. At first, ZEC officials refused to register Mr. Hatai. But, due to an "informal order" from the DRO, Mr. Murshid Abdallah Ally, who at that time happened to be passing-by the registration centre in his legitimate monitoring process, Mr. Hatai was in the end registered. Despite complaints by the CUF agent, ZEC officials concluded saying they were following their boss's order.
 4. On 5th March 2010 around 11:30 a.m., Mr. Abdullah B. Khamis, the Assistant Registration Officer at Jongowe registration center announced that only men would be registered at that time in order enable them to participate in Friday prayers on time. This was an obvious discrimination statement against women.
 5. ZEC requires each voter to be registered in the shehia where s/he resides. However, this requirement was not strictly followed by ZEC officials at some registration centres. One incident in particular happened at Kituo cha Ualimu (TC) registration centre. A man residing in Kidombe shehia turned up for registration on 5th March, 2010 at around 02:30 p.m. Recognizing that the man was not a resident, the ARO, Mr. Silima Mohammed discussed the matter with the Sheha of Mkwajuni, Mr. Ayoub Haji Khamis and CCM agent Mr. Haji Juma. The CUF agent was not involved in the discussion. The sheha and CCM agent decided that the man should be registered. When the TEMCO observer inquired and requested to know the man's name, ironically the sheha responded saying he didn't remember the man's name, though he told the observer that since the two shehias were neighbours, there was no problem if that man was registered at Mkwajuni shehia instead of Kidombe shehia where he resides.
 6. Case number 16/2009 (September) has been filed against the Attorney General (government) and ZEC (an agent) at the Zanzibar High Court by Mr. Dadi Kombo Maalim, Hemed Mussa Yusouf and Ally Omary Juma complaining against section no 12 of Act Number 7(2) of 2005 which requires an eligible voter to possess a ZAN-ID before

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registering as a voter and obtaining a voter ID. The complainants want the suspension of the registration exercise until the translation of the Article is made clear (Judicial Review) to the public. The case was adjourned to 17th March, 2010 by Hon. Justice Abraham Mwampashe.

7. On the 8th of March 2010 it was reported that the Hon. Seif Sharif Hamad, CUF secretary general, had fallen ill at Dar es Salaam International Airport as he was about to fly to Dubai and was admitted at Hindu Mandal Hospital. There was rumor that he had passed away, compelling *Sauti ya Tanzania Zanzibar*, to broadcast breaking news at around noon on the 8th March, 2010 to explain the health status of the CUF Secretary General.

CONCLUSION

Despite some observed shortcomings, TEMCO observations of the registration exercise in the first week of the second phase of the exercise show that the exercise was carried out peacefully, lawfully, freely and fairly.

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