UCHAGUZI: END OF VOTING DAY REPORT (5PM)

Update on Uchaguzi’s monitoring of voting, peace and security issues during the August 4th, 2010 Kenya constitutional referendum vote.

The crowdsourcing platform Ushahidi continues to monitor activity surrounding Kenya’s constitutional referendum using a local deployment: Uchaguzi (www.uchaguzi.co.ke). Uchaguzi provides web and mobile-based channels for citizens, civil society and a partnership with a local election monitoring organization to report on electoral offences such as intimidation, hate speech, vote buying, polling clerk bias, and voting misinformation.

Since its inception, more than 1000 reports have been mapped on the Uchaguzi platform. The majority of reports (452) are positive, with 166 reports on security issues, 47 reports of voter issues, and 34 reports of hate speech.

Reports have come from across the country with the majority coming from the urban centres of Nairobi, Eldoret, Kisumu and Mombasa. Eldoret has reported the largest number of security issues (47), followed by Nairobi with 17 reports. The most reported categories in Nairobi to date have been positive events (96), followed by security issues (15) and voter issues (13).
Security related reports include 150 regarding tension, 39 on hostility, 14 on violence, 13 on internally displaced people, 4 on property loss, 3 on looting, and 2 regarding riots. Reports around voter issues include 30 on voter names missing from voter registers and 7 on voter intimidation, and 18 other voter issues.

76% of all reports have been verified by an official source.

Over the past few days, thousands of SMS, email and Twitter reports have been contributed to Uchaguzi by both election monitors the crowd a like. Over 10,000 people worldwide have viewed the site.

A team of over 100 volunteers continues to map incidences on the platform, with many working from a situation room located in Nairobi’s iHub (innovation hub). Still others are volunteering their time remotely around Kenya.

Uchaguzi is a collaborative action of Ushahidi, Uraia, HIVOS, CRECO, SODNET, and Twaweza. The Constitution & Reform Education Consortium (CRECO) is providing over 500 monitors located at various polling stations around the country and administrative support. The Social Development Network (SODNET) has provided Uchaguzi the 3018 shortcode which is being used for SMS messages countrywide.

If you would like to report an incident, text #3018, send an email to reports@uchaguzi.co.ke, tweet using the hashtag #uchaguzi, or fill out a web based form at uchaguzi.co.ke.

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