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**Statement on the progress of the General Update of the National Voters' Register and other issues related to the 2011 General Elections, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

**Introduction**

Our esteemed partners, members of the press,

I welcome you to the second weekly press conference. Today, the Commission will update you on various ongoing electoral activities as follows:

**Field Registration Activities**

As you are already aware, the exercise for update of the National Voters' Register (NVR) commenced on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010. The Commission appeals to all eligible voters to turn up at the designated update centers within their respective parishes and register.

The Commission has been able to resolve the technical problems related to the equipment we are using and the exercise is going on smoothly.

Some areas have, however, been affected by the changing weather patterns. The heavy rains in eastern, western, northern and West Nile regions have disrupted various activities in those communities, including the ongoing update of the National Voters' Register.

The Commission appreciates the contribution of all our stakeholders and officials who have worked tirelessly in such circumstances to ensure that the exercise remains on course.

Now, concerning public comments on the speed of the registration process, as you are already aware, the Commission has eight thousand (8000) update officers who directly handle the registration exercise. They are supported by field supervisors (Parish Supervisors and Sub County Supervisors) who know the areas; these are backed up by the District Information Technology Officers (DITOs), who provide technical support, and District Returning Officers (ROs) who provide administrative support. All these officials have received sufficient training to handle issues related to the field activities.

We have teams of technical experts at the regional level who respond to emerging technical problems, collect, and transmit the captured voter data to the EC headquarters.

At the national level, we have a technical team comprising experts from Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS), National Information Technology Agency, Uganda (NITA-U), and Makerere University, Kampala (MUK). This team has been involved with the project from the design stage up to this implementation level.

This expertise has helped see the average capture rate per update officer improve to above 40 persons per day.

As of today, the Commission has completed the installation of servers in all the districts of Uganda, except Kaabong. The process of uploading data from the parishes is ongoing, and the Commission expects to receive the first round of returns this week-end. We shall then update the country on the progress of the exercise.

### **Concerning the establishment of two stationary Registration Centers in Kampala**

The Commission set up a stationary update/registration center in two strategic locations in Kampala City, namely, The Constitutional Square, and Kololo Airstrip.

The purpose of these stationary centers is to enable urban-based eligible Ugandan citizens of 18 years and above, who have not had their pictures and bio-data taken before by the Electoral Commission for purposes of registration, to do so.

Those who wish to transfer their voting locations can also do so at these two centers.

The Commission encourages all persons who are resident in Kampala but would like to register and vote at polling stations in areas where they originate from to utilize this facility.

We would like to emphasise that any person who presents himself/herself for registration at any of these two stationary centers should be able to provide the particulars of his or her preferred voting location, namely, the district, county, sub-county and parish where he or she originates.

### **Concerning Payment to Field Election Officials**

The Commission would like to assure all officials, namely Update Officers, Parish Supervisors and Sub County Supervisors who are undertaking various tasks under the ongoing exercise of update of the National Voters' Register, that their payments are being processed.

However, the Commission has already provided some funds as allowances to enable the officials conduct various tasks, for example, training allowances and funds for transportation of the registration kit.

For the avoidance of doubt, as at 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010, the Electoral Commission had released funds as detailed in Appendix I (attached) towards payment of these officials undertaking various tasks during the update exercise.

### **Intensifying the Voter Education Campaign**

The Electoral Commission is launching a campaign aimed at intensifying the mobilization of our young generation to participate in the electoral process, starting with registration.

The intensified mobilization shall be based at the parish level, and will involve interaction with voters and sensitization through road shows, songs and other alternative media.

This programme kicks off in each region as indicated below:

	<b>Region</b>	<b>Launch Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1.	Central Region	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Natete Police Grounds
2.	Western Region	20 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Mbarara Boma Grounds
3.	Eastern Region	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Soroti Municipal Stadium
4.	Northern Region	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	Lira Coronation Park

**Conclusion:**

As we continue to make progress in implementation of our Roadmap, the Commission appeals to the general public, especially aspiring candidates, to familiarise themselves with the electoral laws, and comply with the guidelines as the Commission shall issue from time to time.

I thank you,

For God and my Country,

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**Deputy Chairperson/Electoral Commission**

## Appendix I:

### Release of Funds for Field Activities under the Programme for General Update of the National Voters' Register 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010

As at 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, the Electoral Commission has released funds as detailed below towards payment of the various officials undertaking various tasks under the ongoing exercise of update of the National Voters' Register:

#### 1. Update Officers

Training allowance	3 days x 55,000/-	165,000/-	<b>Total Amount</b>
Transport refund		10,000/-	<b>1,554,212,600</b>

#### 2. Parish/Sub County Supervisors

Training allowance – Parish	3days x 30,000/=	90,000/-	<b>Total Amount</b>
Training allowance – Sub County	3days x 35,000/=	105,000/-	<b>773,250,000</b>

#### 3. District Registrar/Assist. District Registrar/Copy Typist/Driver

			<b>Total Amount</b>
Safari day allowance (DR/ADR)	3days x 12,000=	36,000=	
Safari day allowance(Copy Typist & Driver)	3days x11,000=	33,000=	<b>11,226,000</b>

#### 4. Security /Fuel For Monitoring & Supervision

			<b>Total Amount</b>
Fuel for District level - 50 Ltrs (RO)	125,000=	10,875,000	
Fuel for Sub-County level	10Ltrs@ S/county	33,696,000	
Security – each Sub-County	60,000=	82,000,000	<b>126,571,000</b>

#### 5. Fuel For Distribution, Loading & Off Loading

Fuel for distribution of registration kits	30Ltrs per S/county	<b>Total Amount</b>
Cost of Loading and Offloading per kit	500	<b>105,088,000</b>

#### 6. Transport for Delivering Batteries/Kits for Re-Charging, Tables and Chairs (Entire period) - Payable to the Registration team

			<b>Total Amount</b>
Transport for delivering batteries/kits for recharging per kit	400,000	1,600,000,000	
Hire of 1 table and 3 chairs per kit	500	200,000,000	<b>1,800,000,000</b>

#### 7. Announcements on Update Exercise

		<b>Total Amount</b>
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Each district	1,000,000	87,000,000
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#### 8. Funds For The Islands

• Amolatar	2,400,000=
• Apac	2,400,000=
• Bugiri	4,200,000=
• Bukedea	2,400,000=
• Bullisa	3,000,000=
• Bundibugyo	2,400,000=
• Dokolo	2,400,000=
• Hoima	3,000,000=
• Jinja	2,400,000=
• Kabale	2,400,000=
• Kaberamaido	2,400,000=
• Kalangala	4,200,000=
• Kasese	2,400,000=
• Kayunga	2,400,000=
• Kisoro	2,400,000=
• Kumi	2,400,000=
• Masindi	2,400,000=
• Mayuge	3,000,000=
• Mityana	2,400,000=
• Mpigi	3,000,000=
• Mubende	2,400,000=
• Mukono	4,200,000=
• Rakai	3,000,000=
• Wakiso	3,000,000=
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,600,000=</b>

Electoral Commission/Finance Department

## Registration Statistics as at 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010

<b>Mid-West Region</b>		
1.	Kyenjojo	5,139
2.	Kyegegwa	3,449
3.	Kamwenge	6,685
4.	Kabarole	11,707
5.	Bundibugyo	6,147
6.	Kasese	9,249
<b>Central South Region</b>		
1.	Lyantonde	1,900
2.	Masaka	4,200
3.	Mityana	2,851
4.	Mpigi	4,069
5.	Mubende	4,580
6.	Rakai	945
7.	Sembabule	1,807
8.	Kalangala	937
<b>Far East Region</b>		
1.	Kotido	2,004
2.	Amudat	508
3.	Bukedea	1,201
4.	Nakapiripirit	793
5.	Soroti	5,500
6.	Abim	553
7.		
<b>West Nile Region</b>		
1.	Arua	8,621
2.	Koboko	4,427

3.	Maracha	8,543
4.	Moyo	3,339
5.	Nebbi	8,786
6.	Yumbe	5,936
7.	Zombo	4,572
8.	Adjumani	2,713
9.		
<b>South-West Region</b>		
1.	Bushenyi	5,760
2.	Isingiro	4,221
3.	Ibanda	2,274
4.	Kanungu	235
5.	Rukungiri	2,824
6.	Ntungamo	2,278
7.	Kiruhura	2,484
8.	Mbarara	8,016
9.	Kisoro	2,200
10.	Kabale	6,434
<b>Central North Region</b>		
1.	Kampala	52,100
2.	Wakiso	73,385
3.	Luwero	4,366
4.	Nakasongola	1,282
5.	Kayunga	7,245
6.	Mukono	7,876
7.		
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