

PRESS RELEASE

Update on receiving and determination of results

The Malawi Electoral Commission is sitting at the Main Tally Centre in Lilongwe to:

- 1. receive and determine results of the by-election held on Tuesday, 10 November, 2020.
- 2. review the null and void votes brought along with the results by the District Commissioners
- 3. review the electoral complaints log books from the polling stations to see if there are unresolved issues that have been referred for the Commission's attention.

This far, the Commission has reviewed all the complaints logbooks and there has been no unresolved complaint that has been referred to the Commission from any polling station.

The Commission has noted that it has not yet received results records from 10 polling stations in Lilongwe North West Constituency and original results records from three polling stations in Karonga Central Constituency. The Commission is taking the necessary steps to ensure that all these remaining records are retrieved. In the course of this afternoon, the Commission has received a complaint from a UTM candidate in the Karonga Central by-election, Mr Frank Mwenefumbo. The Commission is reviewing this complaint.

In view of the foregoing, the Commission will be unable to conclude the determination and publish the results today.

The Commission is appealing to all Malawians to maintain law, peace and order as the results management process progresses. All results in circulation remain unofficial.

Should there be any need for clarification on this statement, contact MEC Director for Media and Public Relations, Mr Sangwani Mwafulirwa on <u>smwafulirwa@mec.org.mw</u> or 0 999 274 304.

Signed this 11th day of November, 2020

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