

PRESS RELEASE

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MEC HEAD OFFICE DUE TO PREVAILING COVID-19 CASES

Due to the prevalence of Covid-19 positive cases among the Malawi Electoral Commission Staff, the Commission hereby announces temporary closure of its head office in Blantyre for ten (10) working days, from Monday, January 25, to Friday, February 5, 2021. Currently, 23 members of staff have tested positive to Covid-19. This closure is, therefore, meant to prevent further spread of the Corona Virus among the staff.

Take notice that, in view of this development, all staff will be working from home during this period. Mandatory Covid-19 tests will be arranged on February 3 and 4, 2021 to enable all staff to check their status before returning to work on February 8, 2021.

The general public is advised to contact the following numbers for any assistance:

- General enquiries: 0999274304, 0888898075 or email <u>ceo@mec.org.mw</u>
- Administration and Human Resources: 0888 87 21 97 email
 krudi@mec.ora.mw
- Procurement: 0999 312 409, 0991 68 88 20 email
 echilapondwa@mec.org.mw, mnyanda@mec.org.mw
- Warehouse and Stores: 0999950386 email samsitolo@mec.org.mw
- Legal Services: 0888595939 email <u>dmbanda@mec.org.mw</u>

Despite this temporary closure, sale of bid documents will continue and payments should be made to the following MEC account:

Malawi Electoral Commission

FDH Operations account

1040000098847

Blantyre branch

The proof of payment should be emailed to the procurement email addresses

listed above and a bid document will be emailed. The closing date for the

purchase and submission of tender documents remain the same as advertised

before.

The general public is further advised that MEC regional and district offices across

the country will remain open for business as normal.

The Commission is reminding all its stakeholders to take personal responsibility in

preventing the spread of the Corona Virus by observing all preventive measures.

Always remember, we are not safe until each one of us is safe! STAY SAFE!

Signed the 25th day of January, 2021 at Blantyre

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