



## **The Official Results are Consistent with Elections Observation Group's Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT)**

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### Background

The Elections Observation Group (ELOG) is a permanent national platform composed of civil society and faith-based organizations committed to promote citizen participation in the electoral processes, through non-partisan, impartial domestic observation and objective reporting of elections.

ELOG has been closely monitoring the pre election environment processes since June 2012 during which 542 long term observers were deployed to observe and report on the pre-election environment. Our primary goal in collecting this valuable information is to contribute to a peaceful election and to enhance the integrity of the election process.

We deployed 580 constituency supervisors and over 7000 observers in all the 290 constituencies. Out of these, approximately 1000 were deployed as Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT) observers in sampled polling stations to enable ELOG to confidently comment on electoral processes and also provide an independent verification of the results announced by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC). The PVT observers were deployed to a nationally representative sample of polling streams in all of the 290 constituencies.

PVT involves deploying highly trained, accredited observers to a representative random sample of polling streams to assess the conduct of the voting and counting process as well as to verify the official vote count. Unlike exit polls, PVT does not involve observers asking voters for whom they voted. PVT observers record the official figures as announced by the presiding officers at the sampled polling streams. The official vote counts from the representative random sample of polling streams are subjected to rigorous integrity checks and then analyzed to draw projections.

ELOG successfully conducted a PVT for the 2010 referendum on the Constitution. In the African elections, PVT has been applied successfully in countries such as Nigeria (2011& 2012), Ghana (2008& 2012), Uganda (2011) and Zambia (2008& 2012). In most of these exercises, the PVT helped to reduce mistrust in the tallying process by providing rapid independent verification of the voting process.

ELOG's 2013 PVT employed a nationally representative, random sample of 1000 polling streams drawn by experienced statisticians from the official list of polling streams provided by the IEBC. The sample contains polling streams in all 290 constituencies.

### Election Day Process

#### **Opening and Setup**

With a few cases of late opening of polling streams, ELOG was generally satisfied with opening and setup process. We were equally satisfied with the security measures in place and the availability of strategic materials.

#### **Voting**

Our findings noted that the voting process generally went well albeit with some challenges, namely; malfunctioning of the electronic poll books and a high number of assisted voters.

#### **Closing and Counting**

On the closing and counting process, our findings indicated as follows:

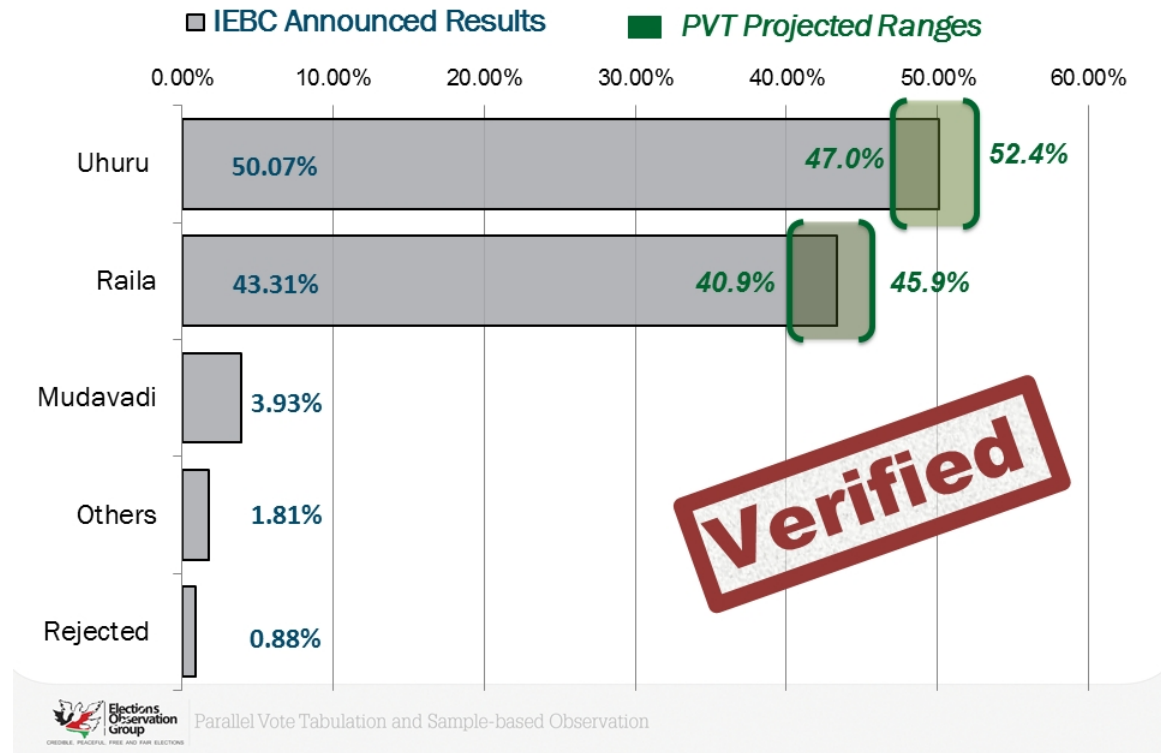
- An ODM/WIPER party agent (representing the CORD coalition) was present in 87.9% of all the polling streams. Where they were present, the ODM/WIPER agent signed the declaration of results for the presidential elections in 94.9% of these polling streams.
- A TNA/URP party agent (Representing the Jubilee Coalition) was present in 90.0% of all the polling streams. Where they were present, the TNA/URP agent signed the declaration of results for the presidential elections in 95.6% of these polling streams.
- A UDF party agent was present in 60.8% of all the polling streams. Where they were present, the UDF agent signed the declaration of results for the presidential elections in 87.6% of these polling streams.
- Agents from other parties were present in 88.5% of all the polling streams. Where they were present, they signed the declaration of results for the presidential elections in 88.3% of these polling streams.
- A copy of the presidential results form (Form 34) was affixed publicly outside of many polling streams (89.1%).

### ELOG 2013 PVT Results and Final Turnout

IEBC's official results are consistent with ELOG's PVT projections. ELOG wishes to note and to remind all Kenyans that it is the IEBC which is constitutionally mandated to declare and announce the *final, official* results of the elections. Based on the PVT, ELOG has verified that the IEBC results fall within our projected range for all the eight presidential candidates.

Below are the ranges projected by the ELOG PVT for each of the candidates. These ranges are determined by the PVT estimates and the margins of error. Please note that the official result announced by the IEBC for each candidate falls within the range projected by the PVT. Thus, the PVT can confidently verify that the official result for each candidate is accurate.

## IEBC Official Results are within PVT Projections



### Comparison of PVT Projections with Official IEBC Results

Candidate	PVT Projection	Margin of Error	Range		Official IEBC Result
			Lower Limit	Upper Limit	
Kenyatta Uhuru	49.7%	2.7%	47.0%	52.4%	50.07%
Odinga Raila	43.4%	2.5%	40.9%	45.9%	43.31%
Mudavadi Musalia	4.2%	0.8%	3.4%	5.0%	3.93%
Peter Kenneth	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.59%
Dida Mohamed	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%	0.6%	0.43%
Karua Martha Wangari	0.4%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.36%
Kiyiapi James	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.33%
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Muite Paul Kibugi	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.10%
Rejected	0.9%	0.1%	0.8%	0.9%	0.88%

#### Turnout

The PVT projection for final turnout is 85.6% with a margin of error of +/- 1.7% is consistent with the IEBC's results of 85.9%.

#### In Conclusion:

ELOG is confident that the Election Day process has been generally credible. We call on the IEBC to immediately make public any information relevant and material to the results as announced. **More specifically, we call on the IEBC to make public the individual results (Form 34) from all polling streams.**

We urge any party or person who may feel aggrieved by the outcome of the elections to seek redress through the courts of law. We call upon the courts to act expeditiously on any complaints that may be filed, and apply fairness which is essential to ensure equal protection of the law and the guarantee of effective peaceful redress. ELOG will continue to observe the process as it unfolds.

We congratulate Kenyans for making history by turning out in large numbers to exercise their right to vote. We want to acknowledge the peaceful manner with which Kenyans have conducted themselves and urge that peace continues to prevail.

**May we dwell in unity, peace and liberty.**

**God Bless Kenya**

**Thank You**

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