



Afghanistan

2018 Wolesi Jirga elections Independent Election Commission

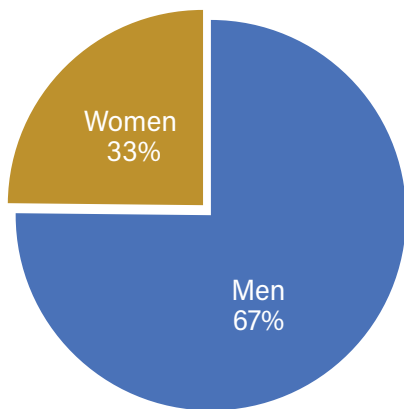
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Voters Turnout

Preliminary field reports indicated that more than 4 million votes were cast on 20-21 & 27 October, which represents 45% of registered voters.

WJ Elections Gender Participation Breakdown



IEC Decisions

IEC approved decision n. 66-1397 Regulation on Audit, Recount and Invalidation of Votes of WJ and Districts Councils Elections 1397. The main provisions are included in article 2:

1. The National Tally Center's Management Team shall present to the Commission the condition of the TEBs, results forms (RF), voters list of the relevant polling station (PS) and presence of reports. Once decided by the Commission, an audit and/or recount shall take place in accordance with the criteria stipulated in Regulation on Tallying, Announcement and Publication of the Results of Elections.

2. The Commission shall share with the ECC the list of boxes that will be audited and/or recounted at least 24 hours prior to the implementation of the audit and re-count.

And article 9:

1. The recount of votes is a process during which all or some ballot boxes for which the counting process has been objected (...) are recounted by the Commission upon request of ECC or IEC. Votes of each candidate and other information are recorded in new results forms.

2. If audit operations show that invalids, spoiled votes and blank ballots have been counted in favor of a candidate, all ballots of the box should be recounted.

3. The NTC management team indicate which PC and PC needs to be recounted and assigns specific IEC teams to carry out the process of audit and/or recount of votes according to applicable procedures.

The IEC Decision n. 66-1397 is available on IEC website:

www.iec.org.af

IEC Call Centre



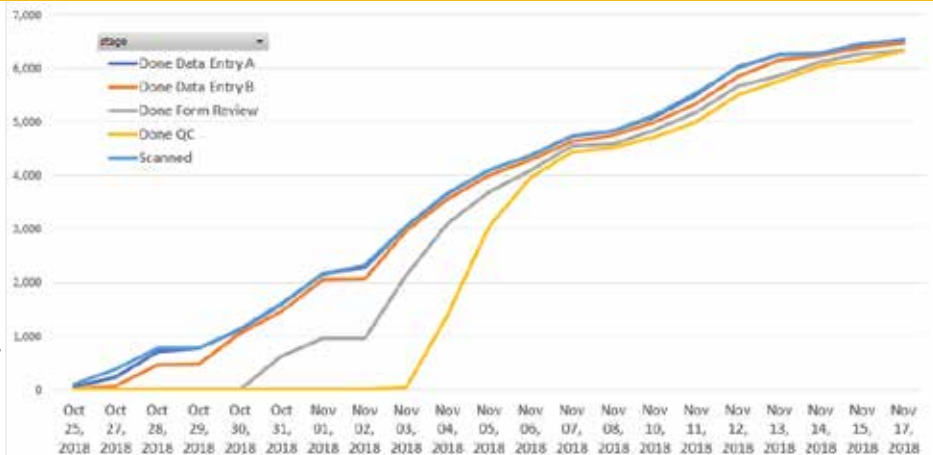
IEC is committed to keep public and electoral stakeholders informed on the process and in particular on the ongoing tallying. In support of IEC outreach, the call center is operational to provide information on ongoing phases.

In view of the upcoming elections, IEC has strengthened capacities of the call centre with the recruitment of 30 new operators. On 10 & 11 November operators were trained on the electoral process and its phases, citizen' rights and public outreach.

National Tally Centre (NTC)

Over 4.000 TEB intaken at NTC from which over 9.000 results forms (RF) have been processed. Data from some 9.000 BVV devices from 25 provinces have been transferred to the server, which represents more than 1.600.000 biometric records downloaded.

The number of results sheets entered in the tallying system has progressively increased over the days.



Recount procedures main phases

1. Ballot box specifications (constituency, district, PC & PS) are recorded on the results forms (RF);
2. Seal numbers are read aloud and recorded on RF;
3. Votes of each candidate, invalid votes, spoiled votes and unused ballot papers are counted and recorded on RF;
4. Four new seals are allocated and recorded on the back of RF;
5. RF is signed by the audit team leader, ECC representative, monitors and observers;
6. The original copy of RF is archived at IEC HQ, one copy is placed in the box and one is given to ECC representative.

Audit & recounting of votes

Based on request of the Electoral Complaints Commission (ECC), IEC decided to recount votes of all Kabul province and partially some other provinces. The audit and recount of votes takes place at IEC Provincial Offices for all provinces except Kabul which will take place at IEC HQ. The recount process of Kabul province is conducted by teams composed of 2 persons each, identified by IEC among polling staff which performance was assessed good. The recount process is taking place at IEC every day from 13 November to 5 December. Observers and monitors will be presents during the entire process.

TALLY PROCEDURE

