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Training of electoral officials on Counting of votes & results completion

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Learning Outcomes

- 1 Understand different roles of stakeholders**
- 2 Understand Counting process**
- 3 Know how to complete a result form**
- 4 Understand counting principles**



'Vote Counting is one of the most crucial stages in the election process. Failure to complete the count and transmit result in a quick, transparent, and accurate manner can jeopardize public confidence in the elections and will directly affect whether candidates and political parties accept the results'



CONCEPTS

- ❖ ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES(EMB'S)
- ❖ COUNTING/STATION MANAGER(in charge of the station)
- ❖ PARTY AGENTS(representing political parties)
- ❖ POLLING/VOTING STATION
- ❖ COUNTING/RESULT FORMS
- ❖ POLLING/VOTING MATERIAL



GROUP ACTIVITY



Group1

- **Who are the stakeholders during counting and what are their different roles**
- **Group 2 :Take us through a counting process**





Group 3 : Share with us examples of
Rejected ballots(spoilt ballots) and Valid
Ballots (accepted ballots)

Group 4 : What are the counting principles
that electoral staff need to observe during
counting of votes



BRAINTEASER

Bob is illiterate, his father owns a farm and Bob looks after a lot of cows in the farm and is responsible for taking them out to graze and bring them back in the evening. In order for him to be sure that all the cows have returned home, the cow in the front will be followed by two cows, the cow that is right at the back will be walking behind the two cows. How many cows are in the farm?



Counting stages

Verification	Check if ballot boxes used during voting are sealed properly, and available for counting
Unfolding	Break the security seals, open ballot boxes and unfold all ballot papers face down on the table
Sorting	Check that all ballots have official stamps, sort the ballots according to election types if running more than one election
Reconciliation	Number of used ballots and the number of unused ballots must equal to the total number received
Counting	Turn the ballots face up and sort them per party, scrutinize each ballot and determine its status, place counted ballots into packs of ten and clip them, bundle them into batches of 100 using a rubber band

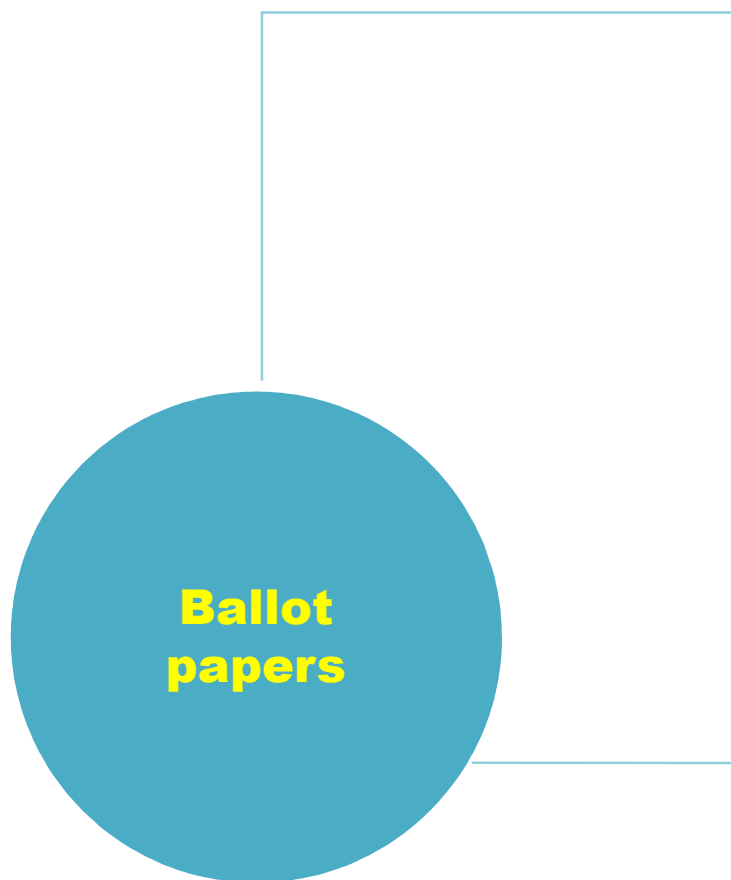


COUNTING PRINCIPLES

- ❖ TRANSPARENCY
- ❖ SECURITY
- ❖ PROFESSIONALISM
- ❖ ACCURACY
- ❖ SECRECY
- ❖ TIMELINESS
- ❖ ACCOUNTABILITY
- ❖ EQUITY



RECONCILIATION



Ballot papers received 5000

Received minus unused equals to used ballots

Ballot papers used(issued)____?

Used plus unused equals to ballots received

Ballot papers unused 437



ROLE-PLAY

Group 1
counting staff

Group 2
Agents of
political parties
& candidates

Group 3
Domestic &
International
Observers

Group 4
Evaluation
committee of the
role-play



RESULT FORM COMPLETION



CONCLUSION

- ❖ In elections every vote counts, it is our duty to put in place secured systems to ensure the votes are counted correctly and honestly.
- ❖ Our democracy depends on the confidence that people have on election results.
- ❖ Counting of votes does not need you to understand rocket science nor does it need you to be a mathematician.
- ❖ It simply needs you to understand the difference between a valid and invalid vote, the number of used ballots which is always a difference between received and unused ballots.



CONCLUSION

- Continuous training of all key stakeholders on the counting process and validity of votes is one of the biggest steps in building a good foundation for electoral democracy.
- All EMB's seek to have a clean, accurate, transparent and timely count that is accepted by all with out any doubt.
- This can be achieved by applying appropriate,relavant and practical training methodologies that will equip electoral officials with necessary skills and knowledge to perform their tasks without fear favour or prejudice.

EVALUATION FORMS



Thank You

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