

Survey Outline

<p>You have been invited to take part in a research study exploring which organizations should be present at a polling station to monitor voting.</p> <p>Topic: Evaluating election integrity at polling stations.</p> <p>Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at any time without penalty. Privacy of your research records will be strictly maintained by assigning you a numeric code that will be tied to your responses. No one will be able to trace your individual identity from the number code.</p> <p>Participation in this study will involve 15 minutes of your time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>If you agree to be in this study, you will first be asked to provide a some background information. After this, you will be shown vote tally sheets, also called election forms. During elections, these tally sheets /election forms are used to summarize the votes at an individual polling station. You will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be shown two vote tally sheets from different polling stations. 2. Between the two vote tally sheets, pick the (one) tally sheet that you believe is most reliable. 3. Afterwards you'll answer some questions about the two tally sheets on why you think there may be a problem with the results. 4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for three pairs of vote tally sheets. <p>I consent to participating in the research study as described above:</p>	YES/NO
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The below outline is from the Malawian version of the survey, with edits from the Kenya version added for comparison.

Question Text	Answer Options
What age are you	Dropdown of numbers 18 – 70+
What is your highest level of education?	No formal schooling Some primary school Primary school complete Some secondary school Post-secondary training but not university Some university University Complete
What is your gender	Male Female Prefer not to say
What is your ethnic community, cultural group or tribe?	Drop-down list of region-specific ethnic categories taken from AfroBarometer.
Have you ever been registered to vote	Yes

	No Don't Remember Prefer not to say
Did you vote in the 2019 general elections (Malawi)? Did you vote in the 2017 general elections (Kenya)?	Yes No Don't Remember Prefer not to say
Do you feel close to any particular political party?	Yes No
Which party is that?	Drop-down list of region-specific political parties taken from AfroBarometer.
How much do you trust the Malawi Electoral Commission? (Malawi) How much do you trust the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission? (Kenya)	I do not trust them I somewhat trust them I trust them a lot Not sure Rather not say
Political knowledge question (<i>Malawi</i>): Who was the chairperson of MEC after Judge Jane Ansah stepped down?	Martha Chizuma Gospel Kazako Patricia Kaliati Chifundo Kachale Saulos Chilima
Political knowledge question (<i>Kenya</i>): Who was the Chief Justice of Kenya in 2017?	Charles Rubia David Maraga Halakhe Waqo Willy Mutunga
Which of these civic organizations monitors elections in Malawi? Or Which of these civic organizations monitors elections in Kenya?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Malawi Human Rights Defenders Coalition (HRDC) 2. National Democratic Institute of Malawi (NDI-M) 3. National Initiative for Civic Education (NICE) 4. Centre for Democracy and Economic Development. 5. Malawi Electoral Support Network (MESN)
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Democratic Institute Kenya 2. Elections Observation Group (ELOG) 3. East African Institute 4. Centre for Economic Governance
For each role please pick the group (between MEC/IEBC, party agents, domestic monitors) that you think is most responsible for carrying it out.	
Record mishaps that occurred at the polling station.	MEC/IEBC

Direct voters and supervise polling stations.	Political Parties Domestic Observers
Counts votes and records vote totals.	
Protects the interests of a candidate or party.	

I will now briefly discuss election forms (also called vote tally sheets). These sheets tell you:

- (1) how many people voted for each candidate
- (2) the names and signatures of the people authorised to be at the station to oversee voting including: a polling station manager from MEC/IEBC (called the Presiding officer), agents from political parties and local/international election observers.


The picture below is of an actual vote tally sheet.

STATION TOTAL	S1	S2	STATION TOTAL IN WORDS
7 9 0 0	700	700	One thousand four hundred
0 3 0 5	152	152	Three hundred and five
0 0 0 2	1	1	Two
0 1 0 4	2	2	Four
1 0 8 9	545	545	One thousand and eighty nine
1 1 9 1	547	547	One thousand and ninety three
0 0 2 3	7	14	Twenty three
0 0 4 9	29	20	Forty nine
0 0 0 1	0	1	One
0 0 0 0	0	0	Zero
0 0 0 3	2	1	Three
0 0 2 1	8	13	Twenty one
0 9 9 2	447	445	Nine hundred and ninety two

- The number of votes for each candidate is highlighted in yellow.
- The details of political party agents and civic observers are highlighted in blue.
- The presiding officer (the election official from MEC/IEBC) is circled in red.

These important details help to provide a proper record of the witnesses present during the vote counting and the final vote count at a given polling station.

In this survey you will examine vote tally sheets which look like the one above, but with a simpler design. The simplified vote tally sheets that you will see look like the one below. They contain similar details to an actual sheet, which I have also highlighted using the same colors:


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MZUZU CITY POST OFFICE POLLING STATION

	<i>Total</i>	<i>SI</i>	<i>Total in Words</i>
Chakwera (MCP)	97	97	NINETY SEVEN
Chilima (UTM)	40	40	FORTY
Mutharika (DPP)	88	88	EIGHT EIGHT
Muluzi (UDF)	12	12	TWELVE
Kaliya (IND)	5	5	FIVE
Kuwani (MMD)	7	7	SEVEN

Monitors

<i>Name of party representative</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Gracious Phiri	DPP	Phiri
Anness Chirwa	MCP	Chirwa
Peter Kaunda	NICE	Kaunda

Presiding Officer
John Banda


Date
 21 /05 /19

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- The details of party agents and civic observers are highlighted in blue.
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In the next part of this survey you will see **3 pairs** of tally sheets. After every pair there will be 5 simple follow up questions on the tally sheets that you saw.

****start forced choice****

FORM A


PRE06C201904

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Monitors

<i>Name of party representative</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Signature</i>
Anness Chirwa	MCP	Chirwa

Presiding Officer
 John Banda


Date
 21 /05 /19

FORM B

 <small>PRE06C201904</small>	MZUZU CITY POST OFFICE POLLING STATION		
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Kaliya (IND)	5	5	FIVE
Kuwani (MMD)	7	7	SEVEN
Monitors			
<i>Name of party representative</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Signature</i>	
Presiding Officer			Date 21 /05 /19

Between these two vote tally sheets, click on the one that you believe has more reliable information about the vote outcomes at its polling station?

Form A
Form B


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Monitors			
<i>Name of party representative</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Signature</i>	
Arness Chirwa	MCP	Chirwa	
Presiding Officer	<i>John Banda</i>		Date 21 /05 /19

This is top tally sheet (**Form A**) from the comparison question

In your opinion, what is the likelihood that electoral misconduct occurred at this polling station?

Very unlikely
Somewhat unlikely
Neither likely nor unlikely
Somewhat likely
Very likely

Looking at the form, to what extent do you agree with the following statements:	
The vote tallies may have been changed in favour of a specific candidate.	Strongly disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly Agree
The interests of political parties were not protected at this station	
It is very possible that a political party had too much influence at this polling station.	
The presiding officer may have been put under pressure from other groups in the polling station.	



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MZUZU CITY POST OFFICE POLLING STATION

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Chakwera (MCP)	97	97	NINETY SEVEN
Chilima (UTM)	40	40	FORTY
Mutharika (DPP)	88	88	EIGHT EIGHT
Muhuzi (UDF)	12	12	TWELVE
Kaliya (IND)	5	5	FIVE
Kuwani (MMD)	7	7	SEVEN

Monitors

<i>Name of party representative</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Signature</i>

Presiding Officer

Date

21 /05 /19

This is bottom tally sheet (**Form B**) from the comparison question

In your opinion, what is the likelihood that electoral misconduct occurred at this polling station?	Very unlikely Somewhat unlikely Neither likely nor unlikely Somewhat likely Very likely
Looking at the form, to what extent do you agree with the following statements:	
The vote tallies may have been changed in favour of a specific candidate.	Strongly disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Strongly Agree
The interests of political parties were not protected at this station.	
It is very possible that a political party had too much influence at this polling station.	
The presiding officer may have been put under pressure from other groups in the polling station.	

Click the arrow to see the next comparison pictures. [moves onto next force choice task]

To submit the survey please click on the arrow.