

30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **UPDATE OF THE VOTERS REGISTRATION EXERCISE**

The Voters Registration Exercise took off today Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

The Electoral Commission is pleased with the events of the first day. The Commission has noted a few teething issues with the process. The Commission is taking steps to address them.

All in all reports reaching the Commission depict a positive turnout at all the Registration Centres. The Commission is aware that some Centres recorded high numbers leading to some overcrowding. We are taking steps to work with the Security Agencies to address possible overcrowding at our Registration Centres.

Our attention has also been drawn to a photograph making rounds on social media purporting to be a scene at a Registration Centre. The photograph does not show the usual Registration Centre set up that characterises all EC's Registration Centres. It just shows a large crowd gathered together in an area.

Again, the originator of the photograph does not indicate the Registration Centre where the photograph was taken.

This is not a Registration Centre of the EC and we call on the public to disregard it.

Our attention has also been drawn to an audio circulating on social media to the effect that Guarantors who guarantee for up to ten (10) people will be disenfranchised. This is not true.

C.I. 126 expressly states that Guarantors can guarantee for up to ten (10) people. They will not be disenfranchised.

However, any individual who guarantees for more than ten (10) persons will be picked up by our system and prosecuted.

We call on the general public to be circumspect and disregard false information which is not rooted in our Laws and C.I.'s.

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