

Past Period

Achievements and Issues

1. Monitoring of presidential elections

On 3rd 4th August Rwanda held presidential elections respectively in diaspora and inside the country. As reported lastly members of RIG were among the observers.

Elections were preceded by the campaigns for the candidates accredited by National electoral Commission (NEC) Those are H.E KAGAME Paul from RPF , Frank HABINEZA from Green Party and Philippe MPAYIMANA the independent candidate. During two weeks of intensive work, each of candidates reached every district to explain his political agenda in seven coming years once elected.

On 4th August the elections took place in peaceful and goods conditions. Non incident were highlighted. His Excellence Paul KAGAME won the elections with 98.79 while other candidates had 0.48% for Frank HABINEZA and 0.73% for Philippe MPAYIMANA

The elections were monitored by observers both national and internationals. The following organisations were represented:

1. African Union
2. East African Community
3. COMESA
4. Civil Society
5. Political parties
6. National Human Right Commission

During the campaign and elections some imperfections serve to be mentioned :

- The independent candidate Philippe MPAYIMANA and this of opposition party Frank HABINEZA went through obstacles. In some districts they were disturbed by local authorities who were stopping to attend their meetings.
- Due to those misconduct two leaders a mayor and Executive Secretary of sector were arrested because they were violating the elections instructions.
- In some polling stations some polling paper were missing
- There is a small number of citizens who expressed towards neighbours the ethnic hatred and divisionism but they were arrested

General observations

-The presidential elections of August 2017 in Rwanda held in peaceful and transparency conditions

-The candidates were treated equally in terms of campaign opportunities (media, meetings locations, instructions)

-There was high participation of citizens (98.15%,)

-During campaigns candidates were prohibited to offer any kind of bribe: *offer or accept gifts or bribes*

-Non complaint have been appeared after result announcement

2 .Projected activities

During the last period of this year we are planning the following activities:

1. conduct anticorruption trainings in school in Kamonyi districts , South Province
2. Carry out a survey on service delivery at cells level in one sector of Nyarugenge district, City of Kigali.

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