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## CODEO DEPLOYS 195 OBSERVERS TO OBSERVE THE LIMITED BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Coalition of Domestic Election Observers (CODEO) has trained and deployed 195 observers to observe the registration exercise in 146 randomly selected districts in the upcoming Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) Exercise scheduled to commence on May 7 and run till May 27, 2024. The observers comprise 25 Regional Coordinators, 84 stationary observers and 86 mobile observers.

Ahead of their deployment, CODEO trained all the 195 observers to enable them to conduct themselves professionally at the registration centers and send quality reports to CODEO's data center, throughout the registration period.

CODEO's observation of the 2024 BVR is in line with its objective to promote transparency, public confidence and trust in the electoral process. The observation of the BVR exercise is the first of the Coalition's elections support activities planned towards the 2024 general elections.

CODEO entreats all eligible voters, particularly first-time voters, to take advantage of the exercise to register to enable them vote in the 2024 general elections. The Coalition appeals to all stakeholders involved in the electoral process, with a special emphasis on political party leaders and supporters, to abide by the rules and stated procedures governing the conduct of the registration exercise and avoid any acts and expressions that may undermine the peacefulness and credibility of the registration exercise.

The Coalition also entreats all stakeholders to employ lawful and non-violent avenues to seek resolution for any complaints that may arise during the exercise.

CODEO will share its observation reports with the public at periodic intervals over the course of the exercise. The observation of the 2024 Biometric Voter Registration exercise is jointly supported by the Embassy of the Netherlands and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) through funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Consortium for Elections and Political Processes Strengthening (CEPPS) mechanism.

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