



The Findings of NEC Pilot Test on Voter Registration and Recommendations on 2016 Voter Registration



COMFREL in cooperation with Elections Reform Alliance (ERA) held a roundtable discussion on “the Findings of NEC Pilot Test on Voter Registration and Recommendations for 2016 Voter Registration” on December 03, 2015 at Sunway hotel. This was attended by 64 participants (14 female) including representatives of the Office of UNHCHR, NEC, Ministry of Interior, political parties, ambassadors, domestic and international CSOs, journalists and relevant stakeholders. The main objective was to present the report on findings of National Election Committee (NEC) pilot test on 2015 voter registration and discuss recommendations for 2016 voter registration. Overall COMFREL appreciated this voter registration system for the following reasons:

- ✓ Creation of the new voter registration system following existing law on Election of Member of the National Assembly
- ✓ Computerized system with biometrics and online data transmission that was tested in November 2015
- ✓ Establishment and distribution of draft procedures and regulations for voter registration

Though the voter registration system has been generally found to be positive, COMFREL and Electoral Reform Alliance (ERA) would like to offer some significant recommendations listed below to ensure quality and efficiency:

- NEC should open up information and discuss work plan, budget plan for a new voter registration and its draft procedures and regulations.
- NEC should consult on the NEC’s draft Voter Registration Procedure and Regulation through discussions with election stakeholders.
- Improvement to Data Verification by all stakeholders
- Reduce the writing tasks of vice Chief of Voter Registration
- Issue Registered Voter Note
- NEC should set a goal to ensure the accuracy of voter list
- Provide clear instructions or procedures for making two thumbprints and taking photo of applicant

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- Information about physical disability of applicant should be derived by voter registration team
Additional Materials and Devices
- strengthen the transparency and extend the period of time by at least two months for voter registration team recruitment and its announcement, and improve training methodology

Representative of NEC welcomed the recommendations and feedback from CSOs and stakeholders and would take these into account with his Excellency. This discussion ran smoothly as expected.