

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MDB's POST WARD DELIMITATION DRIVE IN FULL SWING

The Municipal Demarcation Board (MDB) finalised the ward delimitation process in December 2020 and handed over the wards to the IEC to begin with the preparation for the LG election. However, it has received queries and complaints from members of the public and communities who are dissatisfied with the outcomes of their final wards. In this regards, the MDB has been responding accordingly and giving due attention to these matters.

To this end, the MDB continues to provide answers and clarity to questions which communities might still have regarding the ward delimitation process and their wards; to provide an account regarding the Board's decisions on final wards, and to continue to educate and create awareness about its work.

In December 2020, 4468 wards were determined and handed over to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). During the ward delimitation process, a total of 1465 objections were received. On average for all 4468 wards published, 469 (10, 5%) wards were re-configured and were accordingly varied as a result of objections received, whilst 3999 (89, 5%) wards were confirmed as published.

"MDB is an independent institution and therefore its processes should not be politicised. Given the nature of the process, we saw it proper to go back to our communities to clarify how the MDB came to the decisions to determine the final

wards. We therefore encourage communities to work with the IEC and see whether their voting districts have not been affected and where they have, to accordingly update their registration processes.” said Manyoni, Chairperson of the Board.

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