

FIRST REPORT ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION MOE ELECTIONS TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC. SECOND ROUND.

- *MOE regrets the murder of an electoral witness of Pacto Histórico that occurred this morning in the municipality of Guapi, Cauca, and of a military man near the polling station of Campo Hermoso, San Vicente del Caguán, Caquetá. We express our sense of solidarity to their families and friends.*
- *Citizens have reported problems with the printing of the cards indicating that they contain marks in the blank vote box. MOE reminds jurors and electoral witnesses that the conditions relating to the quality of the printing of electoral material do not affect the express intention of the citizen who checks the box of his preference.*

Bogotá, June 19, 2022. The Electoral Observation Mission - MOE of the civil society of Colombia, delivers to the authorities, media, organizations and interested citizens, **the first observation report**, corresponding to the opening of the electoral day of the elections to the Presidency of the Republic, Second Round 2022. This report includes what was reported by the **2,381 electoral observers deployed in 1 of 3 municipalities in Colombia, as well as in 39 consulates in 24 countries.**

It is important to remember that, for the third time, MOE includes specific approaches in the deployment of observation, one of them around the vote of trans people and the second around the population in a situation of disability.

MOE reminds the public and the media that the **only spokespersons authorized to make public statements are the regional coordinators and the national MOE team.**

This balance collects what was observed from 7:00 am to 11:00 am. The following points are highlighted:

1. ON THE ELECTORAL OBSERVATION

The Electoral Observation Mission deployed an observation team in **33 Regionals located in 31 departments of Colombia, 39 consulates of 24 countries. Until 11 am the following information has been collected:**

- The entry of observers to the voting stations was carried out according to plan, only some difficulties of entry in Bogotá were presented.
- In **64% of the polling stations with the presence of MOE, it was identified that biometric machines were NOT installed** at the entrance to identify the voter.
- In 8% of the polling stations observed, voting jurors were identified wearing a campaign badge.
- In **23% of the tables observed, it was identified that the 6 jurors** established in the norm **were not present** at the opening time.
- Despite the importance of having electoral witnesses throughout the day, at the time of the installation of the polling stations it could be observed that **in 29% of the polling stations observed, they were not present.**
- In 69 percent of the polling stations observed, the presidency of the polling station is held by a woman.
- In 68% of the polling stations, no informative or pedagogical pieces were observed on the guarantees of trans people when voting.
- In 43% of the voting stations observed, no special voting material, which is easy to read and accessible to people with disabilities, was identified.
- In 70% the presence of public servants was observed providing guidance or help to people with visual and hearing disabilities, physical or intellectual.

2. ELECTORAL IRREGULARITIES

The Electoral Observation Mission – MOE has made available to citizens the platform www.pilasconelvoto.com and the WhatsApp line 315 266 19 69 to report any type of irregularity or electoral crime.

Through these channels **MOE has received between 12:01 am on June 18 and 10:00 am on June 19, a total of 104 reports** on possible irregularities and electoral crimes in **45 municipalities, corresponding to 22 departments and Bogotá.** The main types of electoral irregularities reported are:

- **Problems with electoral material**

Problems were reported with the printing of election cards. They have found dots or stripes in the blank vote box, generating multiple suspicions about the impact that may be had on the vote count, for when the validity or nullity of this is determined. These reports come from Bogotá, Cali, Chía, Soacha and Santa Marta.

- **Constraints on the voter**

MOE has received **19 reports related to possible restrictions on voters.** According to the information received, these have mostly been presented in **private companies in which their employees are obliged and / or invited to vote for a specific campaign.** This situation has been recorded in Bogotá and Valle del Cauca.

3. OBSERVATION WITH DIFFERENTIAL APPROACHES

For the second time in a presidential election, MOE is conducting an observation with differential approaches focused on trans people (39 observers in nine departments and one consulate) and people with disabilities (42 observers), in six municipalities in the departments of Antioquia, Bogotá and Valle del Cauca.

In the process of observing people's individual voting experience **trans observers reported that:**

- At the **voting station in El Edén, in Bogotá, a delegate from the Attorney General's Office's Justice Board said that the Trans Voting Protocol should not exist.** MOE rejects this comment and calls on the institutions that are present at the Justice Table to sensitize their delegations so that they know the Trans Voting Protocol and the importance of protecting the right to vote of the trans population.
- **All trans observers were allowed into the polling stations.** However, in Bogotá, a case was reported in which the observer was denied the choice of entry line; jurors did not address the observer by their surnames, nor correct pronouns.
- The six observers who went through biometrics at their polling stations faced no problems because of possible differences between the information they were in.

reported the biometrics machine and its gender expression or identity. This included two people who had already updated their identity documents.

- **MOE congratulates the Registry (RNEC) for complying with the inclusion of pedagogical material on the Trans Voting Protocol for all polling stations.** However, MOE invites that this material be relocated, in the remainder of the election day, in a visible place within the polling stations.

4. AFFECTATIONS BY PUBLIC ORDER

As for affecting public order, an exchange of gunfire between the **40th Front** of the FARC dissidents and the Army was recorded in the vicinity of the polling stations of **Campo Hermoso, San Vicente del Caguan, Caquetá, MOE regrets the death of a soldier.** Finally, the area was controlled, and the opening of the polling stations was guaranteed.

MOE also regrets the murder of an electoral witness of the Pacto Histórico that occurred in the morning hours, in the municipality of Guapi, Cauca.

5. TRANSFERS OF POLLING STATIONS DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE WINTER WAVE

As a result of the winter wave due to the La Niña phenomenon, **9 polling stations were moved in 7 departments.**

Today, June 19:

- In corregimiento of Báchira in the municipality of Guicán, Boyacá the polling station is moved to the municipal capital, due to the rising of the river that affected the original polling stations.

On previous days:

- **In Magangué, Bolívar,** the polling station Colegio Comunal Versailles SD Sur was moved to Buenos Aires school due to environmental pollution problems.
- **In the municipality of Caucasia, Antioquia,** the voting station of El Divino Niño moved to San José Headquarters. In corregimiento of Margento the polling station was moved to La Capilla Nueva Jerusalem.
- El Llanete voting station in the **Municipality of Hispania, Antioquia** was moved to the I.E. Aura María Valencia Primary Headquarters.
- Alfonso López's voting station in **Ayapel, Córdoba** was moved to the public square of the populated center by flooding.

- I.E. Policarpa Salavarrieta voting station in **Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca** was transferred to the I.E. Republic of Venezuela due to deterioration of infrastructure.
- La Brillantina polling station in **Chimichagua, Cesar** was moved to Pueblito.
- In **San José de Guaviare, Guaviare**, I.E. Edén polling station was moved to I.E. Agua Bonita.

6. NON-OPENING AND DELAYS IN THE VOTING STATIONS INSTALLATIONS DUE TO WINTER WAVE

At 10:30 in the morning, **6 polling stations in two departments have not been able to start the election day in:**

Tolima

- **Four voting stations in Chaparral, Tolima**, due to delay in the arrival of the material and the voting jurors. (Corregimiento Vegas de los Padres, Vereda San José de la Hermosas, La Virginia, Santa Bárbara and Puesto Cárcel).
- The polling stations of Santa Rosa de Tetuán, **in the municipality of San Antonio, Tolima.**

Bolívar

- The polling stations of **Villanueva, San Pablo**, for delay in the arrival of electoral material.

Additionally, there are **delays in opening** due to the winter wave **in 10 polling stations in 6 departments:**

Tolima

- At Santa Barbara polling station, Chaparral, Tolima, opened with delays at 10:00 a.m.

Cauca

- Mosoco polling stations **in Páez, Cauca**, was also delayed in its opening due to the closure of the road due to the landslide that left eight people dead. The day began around 9:50 a.m.

Bolívar

- In **Bodega Central** polling station, **in Morales**, it had delays in its opening due to heavy rains, at 9:30 the day began.
- In corregimiento **San Joaquín** polling station, **Simití**. The day began around 10:00 a.m.

Meta

- Nueva Colombia polling station in **Vistahermosa, Meta**, had delays in the arrival of electoral material due to the winter wave, but opened two hours later.

Antioquia

- In corregimiento **Liberia** polling station, **Anorí**. Voting day began around 8:45 a.m.
- Polling station corregimiento **Güintar, Anzá**.
- Polling station **La Gulunga, Salgar**. The day began around 8:30 in the morning.
- Polling station **El Pato, Zaragoza**. Voting began around 9:15 a.m.

Cundinamarca

- At Valparaíso polling station in **Pulí**, Cundinamarca, the arrival of the electoral material was delayed due to the poor state of the roads due to the winter wave.

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