



## CCEDU STATEMENT ON THE KAMULI LC V BY-ELECTION - 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012

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### Executive Summary

No.	Candidate	Party	Votes
1.	Salamu Musumba Proscovia	FDC	49,356
2.	Kategere Thomas	NRM	21,239
3.	Dhizaala Karoli	Independent	437
4.	Isanga Charles	Independent	210
5.	Bamutiire Fred	Independent	237
6.	Mbadhi Ibrahim	Independent	177
7.	Kifubangabo Micheal	Independent	346
8.	Kamanihiro Fred	Independent	87

- Total number of valid votes cast for candidates 72,989
- Total number of rejected votes (invalid), 1,593
- Total number of ballot papers counted, 74,582
- Total number of spoilt ballot papers, 99

The Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) would like to congratulate Ms. Salamu Musumba Proscovia of the Forum for Democratic Change (FDC) on winning the Kamuli LC V by-election held on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

CCEDU also wishes to commend the rest of the candidates for their spirited performance, the Electoral Commission (EC) for successfully conducting the election and most of all the voters of Kamuli district for their vigilance and exemplary behavior during the entire process.

## **CCEDU Observer Mission**

The Citizens' Coalition for Electoral Democracy in Uganda (CCEDU) deployed 20 election observers to monitor the Kamuli Local Council V by-election of 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. Kamuli district has a total 13 sub counties. CCEDU purposefully sampled a number of polling stations in all the sub-counties of Kamuli including: Kamuli Town Council, Balawoli, Butansi, Mbulamuti, Nabaigulu, Namwendwa, Bulopa, Wankole, Nawanyago, Kisozi, Namasagali, Bugulumbya, and Kitayundwa.

### **Cause of by-election**

The seat fell vacant after court nullified the election of NRM's Hajji Kawugu Kawoya Mugayino due to lack of academic qualifications and other election irregularities. The race attracted eight (8) contestants including: Bamutiire Fred, Dhizaala Kaloli, Isanga Charles, Kamaniro Fred, Kifuba Ngaba Micheal, Mbadhi Ibrahim (independent candidates), Kategere Thomas (NRM), and Salamu Musumba Proscovia (FDC).

### **Opening time of polling stations**

CCEDU observers witnessed the opening of most polling stations. Generally, polling stations opened between 7:00am and 8:00am and the minimal delay was majorly attributed to the heavy downpour that disrupted timely set-up of the polling stations. The electoral laws of Uganda however require that polling stations open at 7:00am. In Bupadengo Polling Station, Nawanyago sub-county, the delay in the opening of the station was occasioned by the lack of five (5) mandatory voters to witness the opening.

### **Political party agents**

Whereas NRM and FDC deployed party agents at almost all polling stations, the rest of the candidates had very scanty representation.

### **Electoral Commission**

CCEDU noted that EC officials at polling stations exhibited professionalism in administering polling day processes.

Unlike in other areas where bye-elections have been conducted, the EC adequately selected Kamuli Youth Centre as a Tally Centre which was accessible to those who were keen on following through the tallying process.

### **Voting process**

- **Namwenda Sub-county polling station**

At Namwenda sub-county, Namwenda Trading Centre A-L and M-Z polling stations, a few irregularities were identified by CCEDU observers including a mismatch in the number of

registered voters that appeared on the cover page and those inside the actual register. Polling station A-L cover page indicated 548 registered voters whereas the register had 538 voters; in the same way, polling station M-Z had similar irregularities.

- **Nawanyago Sub - County**

At Mwigo's polling station, police arrested and detained two voters who were allegedly bribing fellow voters. At St. Mary's School polling station, supporters did not respect the 200m demarcation.

### **Election Observation**

In conclusion, the proceedings reflected a peaceful and stable atmosphere conducive for all to cast their ballots in a timely and efficient manner.

### **CCEDU Election Observer Mission - Kamuli By-Election**

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