



Solidarity Message with the People of Mozambique in Light of Post-Election Violence Following the October 9, 2024, Elections

The African Election Observers Network (AfeONet) stands firmly with the people of **Mozambique** in the aftermath of the **October 9, 2024 elections**, and condemns the violence that has erupted.

This unrest has **led to loss of life, threatens regional stability, and poses serious risks to democratic values** in Mozambique. We express our deepest compassion and sympathy to all affected Mozambicans, whose lives and communities have been severely impacted by these tragic events.

AfeONet strongly reaffirms its commitment to **defending the rights of the Mozambican people** and supporting the democratic principles that uphold their voice and choices. We advocate for a **peaceful and just resolution to the current electoral crisis**, one that respects the rule of law and strengthens the foundations of good governance.

We urge all stakeholders, including political leaders, security forces, and civil society, to **adhere to established electoral dispute resolution mechanisms** to address any contested issues. Resorting to violence risks further division and instability, with far-reaching consequences for the political and economic health of Mozambique.

In this critical moment, AfeONet calls on the people of Mozambique to seek **nonviolent avenues** to express their grievances and to work together in restoring calm. We emphasize that **peace is essential** for the protection of democratic values and the preservation of human rights.

Furthermore, we call upon the **Southern African Development Community (SADC)** to respond swiftly and decisively. As a regional body committed to peace, democracy, and stability, **SADC has a vital role to play** in mediating this crisis and supporting Mozambique toward a peaceful resolution.

AfeONet also calls upon the **Mozambican government** to honour its commitment to the **African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance (ACDEG)**, ratified in 2009. Particularly, **Article 25(1) of ACDEG** mandates states to guarantee a smooth and peaceful transfer of power.

AfeONet reiterates that **peace, stability, and respect for the democratic process are non-negotiable pillars of a thriving society**. We urge the government of Mozambique, political leaders, and all citizens to prioritize these values and work towards a just and lasting peace.

In Solidarity,

The African Election Observers Network (AfeONet), November 8, 2024

