



PRESS STATEMENT FROM RWENZORI CONSORTIUM FOR CIVIC COMPETENCE-RWECO TO THE PEOPLE OF RWENZORI REGION AFTER THE NRM PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

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Fellow Citizens,

Rwenzori Consortium for Civic Competence-RWECO would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the people of the Rwenzori region, especially the people of Kasese District, for the successful completion of the recent NRM primary elections for Members of Parliament and the directly elected Woman Member of Parliament.

We have witnessed a process that, despite some challenges, was largely peaceful and orderly. We commend the candidates, their supporters, political party agents, security forces, and most importantly, the electorate for their patience, maturity, and commitment to peaceful politics. Your conduct has shown that democracy can thrive even in difficult environments.

We are aware that there were a few isolated cases of violence and tension in some areas. While these incidents were not widespread, they remind us that we must remain vigilant and united in our pursuit of peaceful elections. Additionally, there were delays at the Kasese District tally center, which caused some anxiety among candidates and their supporters. This led to some tense moments and unpleasant exchanges. However, we are grateful that calm was quickly restored through dialogue and understanding.

RWECO is also concerned about the responsibility of every citizen as a parent or guardian and therefore we would like to reiterate that during this election period, all parents/guardians should remain mindful of their important roles as parents and partners. While civic engagement is vital, we must not neglect our responsibilities to our families. Our children and spouses still need our support and presence. Let us also respect the freedom of our partners to choose or participate according to their will and judgment.

Going forward, we urge all stakeholders to ensure that election processes are handled in a timely and transparent manner. Delays, while sometimes unavoidable, can create unnecessary tension. We encourage all political actors and organizers to plan better and communicate clearly so that everyone understands what to expect.

As you prepare for the upcoming District LC5 primary elections and the elections for district councilors and other lower local government positions, we call on everyone, candidates, supporters, and voters alike to continue upholding peace, law, and order. Let us not allow

politics to divide us. Our shared future in this beautiful region is more important than any one position or party.

To those candidates who did not make it through this stage, we say: this is not the end of the road. Your contribution to the democratic process is valued, and your role in the development of our communities remains vital. Continue to serve the people with dedication and hope in your hearts.

RWECO will continue to advocate for free, fair, and peaceful elections. We believe that only through peace can we build a better future for all of us in the Rwenzori region.

Finally, as we look ahead to the general elections in early 2026, let us move forward together with unity, respect, and hope. Let us continue enjoying peaceful and harmonious living, not just during elections, but always.

Thank you once again to all of you for your commitment to peace and democracy.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Baluku Yosia', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Baluku Yosia

COORDINATOR RWECO