



State of the Nation Report

Uchaguzi Tanzania

About Uchaguzi

www.uchaguzi.or.tz is a platform that leverages on [USHAHIDI](#)'s web and mobile-based software, enabling unprecedented collaboration between election observers and citizen's to monitor elections in near-real time. UCHAGUZI is a collaborative initiative between [TACCEO](#), Tanzania; [HIVOS](#) , Netherlands; [Haki Elimu](#) , Tanzania; [Jamii Forums](#), Tanzania; [TWaweza](#) , [CRECO](#), Kenya in association with [USHAHIDI](#) and [SODNET](#), Kenya as technology & strategy partners.

The **UCHAGUZI** platform provides simple technology tools to extend the role and responsibility of citizen's to actively engage in the protection of democracy while ensuring that government as the provider of electoral services actively responds to their demands.

UCHAGUZI works to extend the common practice of election observation in seeking to engage citizens or [crowd](#) in election monitoring as a valuable source of information for election observers to [verify](#) and [amplify](#) to the respective electoral authorities or security personnel in case of violence in near real time. By engaging the authorities and making visible their responses, **UCHAGUZI** increases transparency and accountability in the electoral process by making these interactions open to public scrutiny.

The Tanzania election to be held in October 31, 2010 is deemed as one of the most closely contested Elections in the Country's history. Civil society organizations from Tanzania under TACCEO (Tanzania Civil Society Consortium for Election Observation) together with partners from Kenya through the support of development partners have been monitoring this year electoral process.

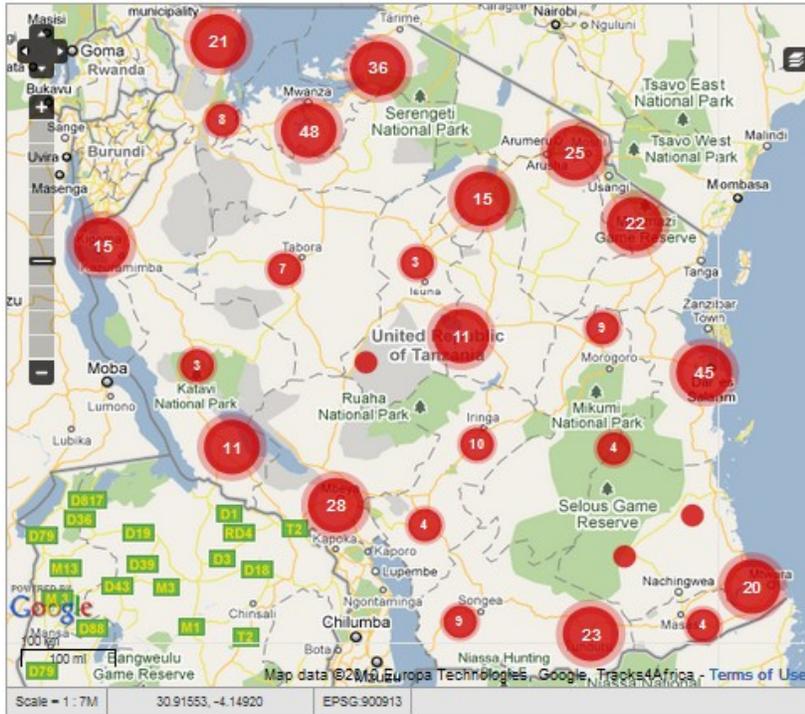
This year's general election monitoring has used mobile and web based technology in observation and reporting. The use of these tools has also enabled Tanzanian citizens to amplify their concerns, observations and issues mainly through an SMS short code 15540, twitter hashtag #uchaguzitz and email: uchaguzitz@gmail.com. The use of technology has also enabled observers to direct these concerns to the respective authorities responsible for election and security in near real time.

The state of the nation report highlights key findings as reported by citizens this electioneering period.

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Total Reports	Avg Reports Per Day%	Verified
385	27.43	99.48%



■	ALL CATEGORIES
■	POLICE ACTION
■	SECURITY ISSUES
■	POSITIVE EVENTS
■	HATE SPEECH
■	VOTE COUNTING & RESULTS
■	POLLING STATION LOGISTICS
■	BALLOT ISSUES
■	VOTER ISSUES
■	OTHER
■	ISSUES WITH OFFICIAL ACTORS
■	MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT
■	CAMPAIGN PROMISES

A total of 385 reports have been received on www.uchaguzi.or.tz with 99% verified by TACCEO. The verification process involved actual phone calls to citizens amplifying the specific concerns for clarity or for greater detail in case of reports that require appropriate authority action. The reports were aggregated into 63 categories ranging from hate speech, civic education, intimidation, violence etc. So far, uchaguzi.or.tz has received reports in 39 categories.

The following is a representation of the Top Ten categories with the largest number of reports.

Majority of reports **(67)** received are concerns by citizens having difficulties finding their names in the official electoral register. This is followed by hate speech **(66)** used by the various political parties during this campaign period, then violence **(45)** and voter intimidation **(45)**. Part of these reports on violence include threats of eviction should a said party not win.

These concerns have been amplified by TACCEO to the electoral authorities and security personnel.

The state of the nation also suggests, based on citizen's concerns that the Electoral Body clarifies the time Poll Stations are required to open for voting. The allocated time for voting should also be specified as citizen's continually seek clarity on this issue.



TACCEO - Tanzania Civil Society Consortium on Election Observation

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