



### **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.

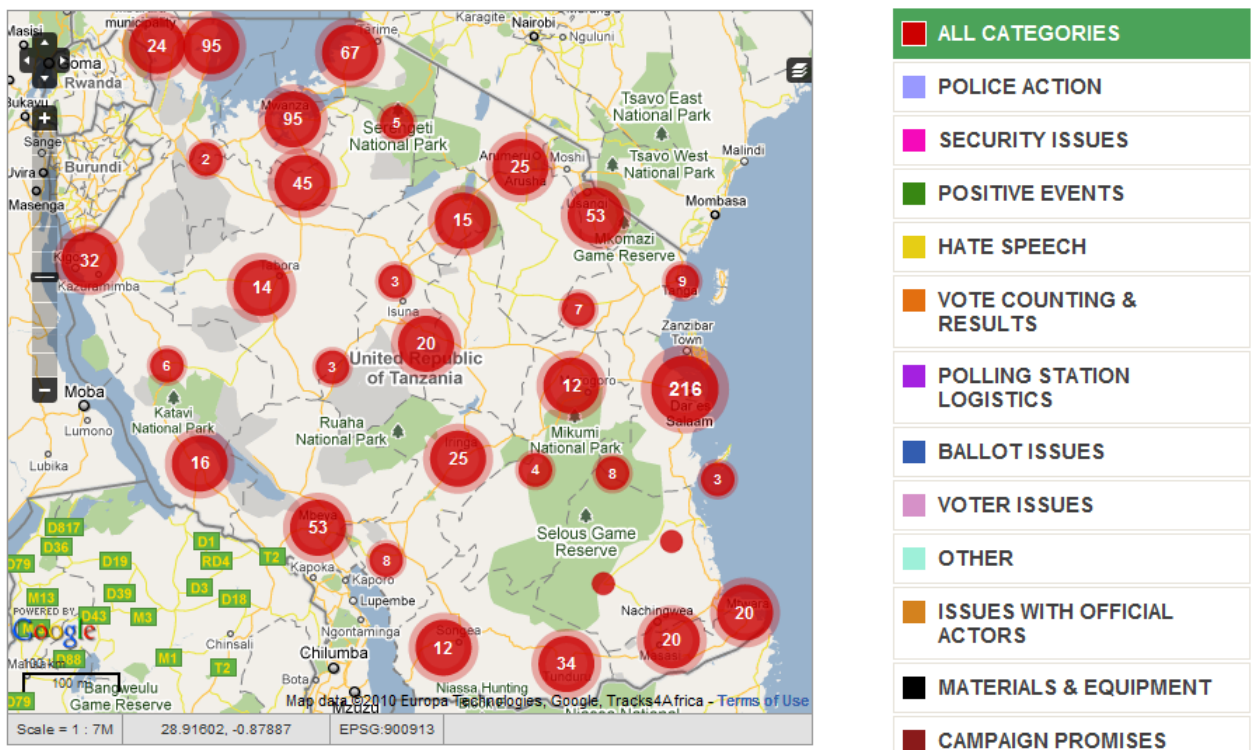
This year's general election monitoring has used mobile and web based technology in observation and reporting. The use of these tools has also enabled Tanzanian citizens to amplify their concerns, observations and issues mainly through an SMS short code 15540, twitter hashtag #uchaguzitz and email: uchaguzitz@gmail.com.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

So far two state of the nation reports have been distributed by Uchaguzi: one on the Eve of Elections, Oct 30, 2010 at 6.30 p.m. and another at Mid-day today.

As at the close of polling stations today, the following are UCHAGUZI findings.

**Sunday, October 31, 2010**  
**5.30 p.m.**

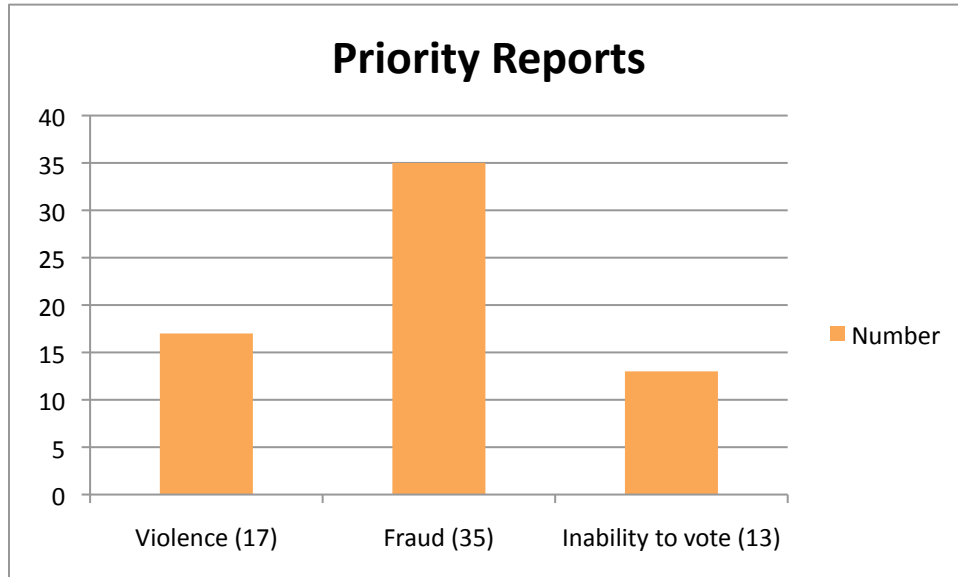
Total Reports	Avg Reports Per Day	Verified
1068	64.5	74.52%



A total of over **4,833** reports have been received on the Uchaguzi Platform. **1,068** reports have been processed and mapped in **2,471** locations across Tanzania on [www.uchaguzi.or.tz](http://www.uchaguzi.or.tz) with 74.5% 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 process is generally smooth and peaceful in all parts of the country.

So far, over **65** reports from the priority categories (violence, Fraud and Inability to vote) have been amplified to the National Electoral Commission.



The Postponement of Elections by the NEC and ZEC have however caused unrest in Zanzibar and the Mainland. Observer reports sent to UCHAGUZI confirm incidences of violence as a result of this decision that seems to have been based on insufficient ballot papers. Though the decision was made at NEC yesterday, the information was only communicated today.

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

