

PRESS STATEMENT

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MCK Establishes Six Media Centres, Deploys 150 Press Freedom Monitors for the Election

NAIROBI- The Media Council of Kenya (MCK) has established six media centres across the country ahead of the 2022 General Election to accord MCK-accredited journalists a conducive environment to report on the polls. This is in line with the Council's strategic efforts to strengthen the work of journalists towards a free, fair and credible General Election.

At the centres, which will begin operations from 7th to 10th August 2022, journalists will have access to technical and logistical support and information on elections-related matters. They will be provided with workstations and fast and reliable Internet to enable seamless flow of information.

For any assistance or more inquiries on the media centres, we advise journalists and media practitioners to reach out to the Council's Regional Coordinators in their respective locations listed below:

| County | Location | Contact person |
|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| Nakuru | Hotel Kunste | Jackson Karanja- 0733 209 672 |
| Uasin Gishu | Starbucks Hotel, Eldoret | |
| Mombasa | Kenya School of Government | Maureen Mudi - 0728 489 367/ 0733 467 390 |
| Kisumu | Chizoba Place | Evans Teddy – 0700 196 041 |
| Meru | Elsa Hotel | Joseph Mecha - 0714 929 102 |
| Nyeri | White Rhino Hotel | |

The Council calls upon journalists who have been accredited by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to utilise the facilities to ensure high-quality reporting and adherence to professionalism when relaying election-related information.

The Council has at the same time deployed 150 Press Freedom Monitors to observe adherence to provision of and access to information for journalists. They will also monitor cases of violation of journalists' rights while covering the polls and respond to distress calls. We advise media workers to reach out to us via our 24 -hour hotline **0702 222 111** and email safety@mediacouncil.or.ke in case of any violations. The Council will undertake its Media Monitoring function during this period to ensure professional conduct of journalists, media practitioners and media enterprises on elections reporting.



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