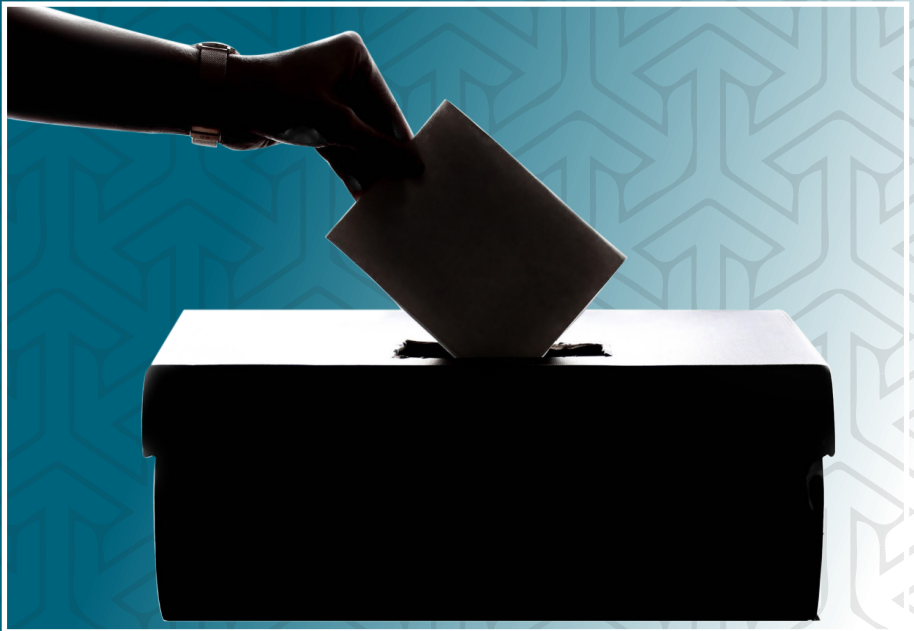


# QUEERING

## THE BALLOT 2022

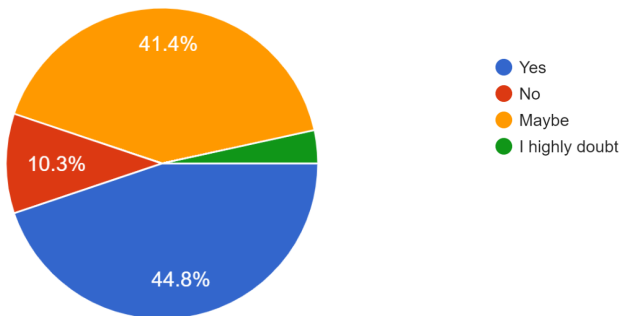


## THE WHY?

Sexual and Gender Minorities have always been at the front-line of protests and marches demanding for better living conditions and dignity but they feel there are barriers to them participating in public and political forums. While talking about why they had little interest, the Queer people were anxious of the potential homo-bi-transphobia in the participation process. They mentioned the existing fears of being outed, experiencing physical, verbal and digital Violence.

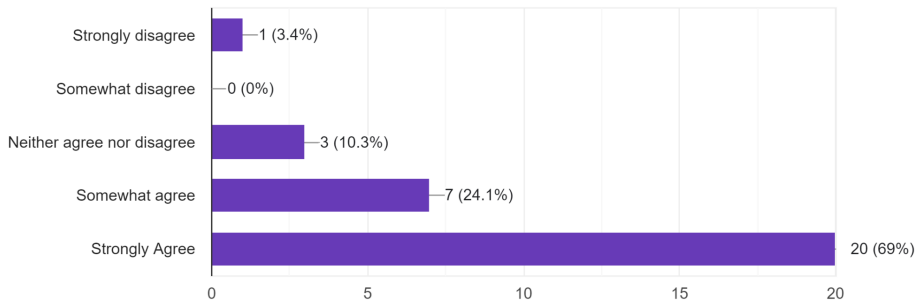
### Will you vote in 2022?

29 responses



How strongly do you agree with the following statement? "There are barriers to public and political participation for Queer People"

29 responses



## THE HOW?

It is from these basis that we chose to engage with queer persons on matters voting. We strategically chose to engage LBQ women and GNC persons as minorities within minorities to take part in the general elections to be held in August 2022 by

1. Registering to vote
2. Showing up to vote
3. Monitoring & observing the elections in their individual citizen capacities
4. Having conversations on leadership and governance.

## #QueeringTheBallot: Elections Situation Room (QBESR)

The QBESR is a creation of the efforts of the four organisations outlined herein in a bid to ensure participation of LBQ women and GNC persons in the pre, during and post stages of the upcoming general elections in August 2022.

The QBESR has deployed a total of 46 observers spread across six Counties as follows:-

Nairobi	<b>12</b>	Mombasa	<b>10</b>
Kisumu	<b>10</b>	Kwale	<b>2</b>
Busia	<b>10</b>	Kilifi	<b>2</b>

The monitors further underwent intense security training to also be able to respond to any emerging situations as a result of the general elections.

### The need for QBESR

1. Creating a platform for timely sharing of information and recommendations among key partners in the LGBTQ community and GNC persons and other CSOs engaged in Election observation/ monitoring
2. Provide credible, real time analysis of the 2022 general electoral process with a focus on the participation of the LBQ women and GNC persons in the electioneering period

3. Provide rapid response to incidents such as violence affecting SGMs in the electoral process including voter education, campaigns, election day processes and post-election processes
4. Create a platform for engaging with state and non-state actors.

## **Structure of the QBESR**

### 1. The Coordinating Committee



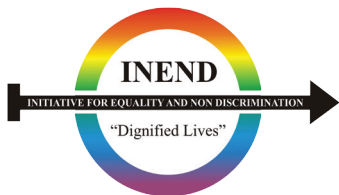
### 2. The Technical team

- ➔ Communication Coordinator (s)
- ➔ Election Monitoring Coordinator (s)
- ➔ Legal Coordinator



### 3. The Election Observers

## Partnership in the QESBR



### INEND

The Initiative for Equality and Non-Discrimination (INEND) is a Coast based organisation which was established in 2015 to offer public education on the human rights of sexual and gender minorities by

targeting known perpetrators of violence through online and offline platforms. INEND also carries out capacity building for other LBQ women and GNC organisations. INEND partners with like minded organisations to work Country wide. Its mission is to foster an environment where Sexual and Gender Minorities are respected, treated with worth and co-exist peacefully within the society; through advocacy, knowledge generation, communication, and community engagement.



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### NGLHRC

The National Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (NGLHRC) is an independent human rights institution based in Nairobi working for legal and policy reforms towards equality and full inclusion of sexual and gender minorities in Kenya.



## ELITE


Empowered Ladies Initiative for Equality (ELITE) based in Busia that connects LGBTIQ+ youth through workshops that focus on empowerment and protection from discrimination. Its work centres around ensuring that LGBTIQ+ people know their rights and can document violence against them, devise prevention strategies, and respond to abuse in the community.



## WKLFF

The Western Kenya LBQ womxn and Trans\* Non-Binary

Persons Feminist Forum is an LBQ women led organisation formed in 2016 and located in Kisumu. WKLFF purposely works towards equality in political, social and economic resources.



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