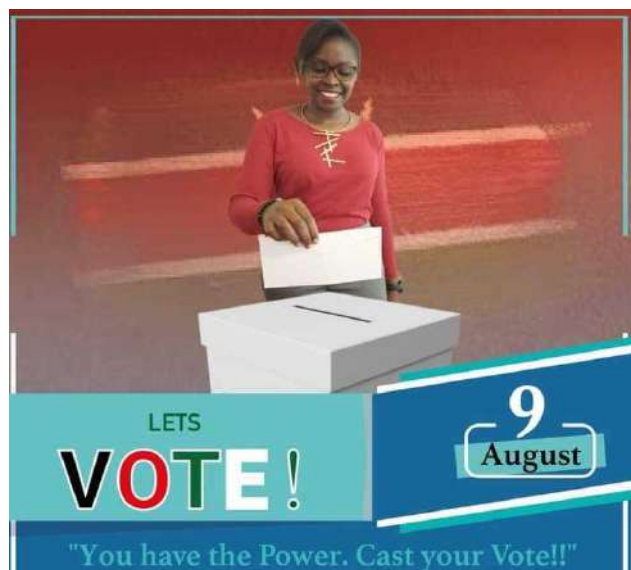


Factsheet of Women’s Performance in 2022 Elections

The August 9th 2022 general election witnessed a positive shift in political participation and representation of women with a record seven women being elected into gubernatorial positions, signaling a significant improvement in women’s participation in leadership. Despite social, cultural and economic barriers hindering women’s participation in political processes, the 2022 election recorded an increment in the number of women vying for various elective posts. In spite of an increase in the number of women elected and the progress made in women’s political representation, Kenya still fails to live up to a constitutional gender principle which guarantees one-third of the seats in elective bodies for women.



One of KAS staff (Francisca Nzilani) demonstrating how to cast a vote during general elections.

Elective Office	Elected in 2017	Nominated 2017	Elected in 2022	Nominated in 2022
President	0	0	0	0
Deputy President	0	0	0	3
Governor	3	N/A	7	N/A
Senate	3	18	4	17
National Assembly	23	6	29	6
Member of County Assembly	96	-	115	-
Total	125	24	153	27

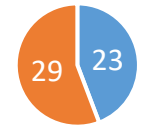
Summary of Elected and Nominated Women Leaders: a comparison of the 2017, and 2022 General Elections

Women’s performance at the National level

2022 general elections witnessed a surge in numbers among various electoral positions. 29 female MPs were elected in the National Assembly up from 23 in 2017, 7 female governors elected up from 3 in 2017, and 3 female senators were elected up from 3 in 2017. Following the August 2022 election, 6 out of 12 nominees to the National Assembly are women against 18 nominees to the senate with one nominated to represent the youth and one representing Persons with Disabilities.

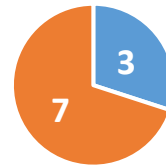
Following the nominations, the total number of women in the National Assembly currently stands at 82 out of 349 that equates to 29 MPs, 47 women representatives and 6 nominated. However, despite this being an achievement, the number falls below the threshold of 117 women members needed to meet the two-thirds gender rule.

Member of the National Assembly(MP)



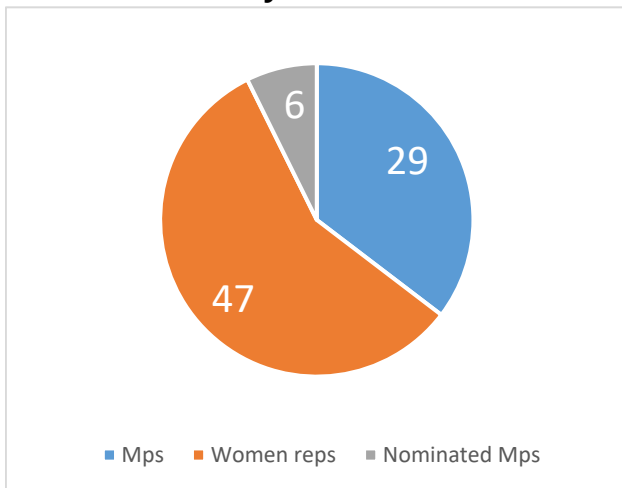
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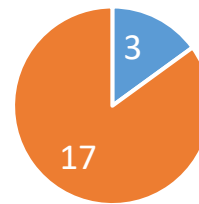


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Summary representation of women in the National Assembly



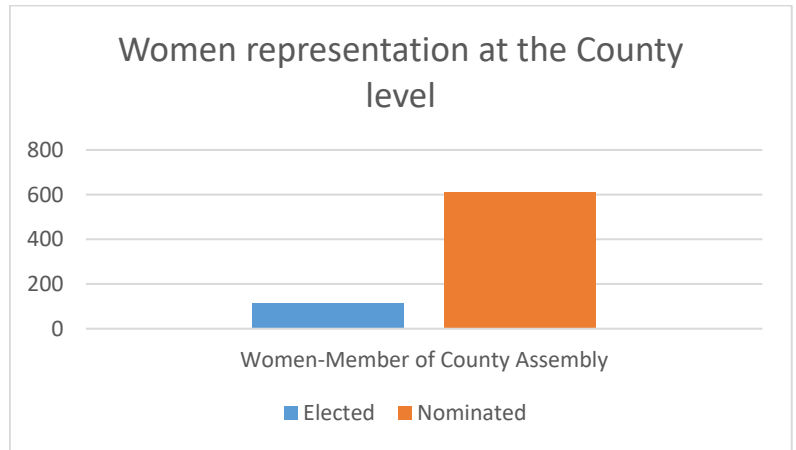
Women representation in the Senate



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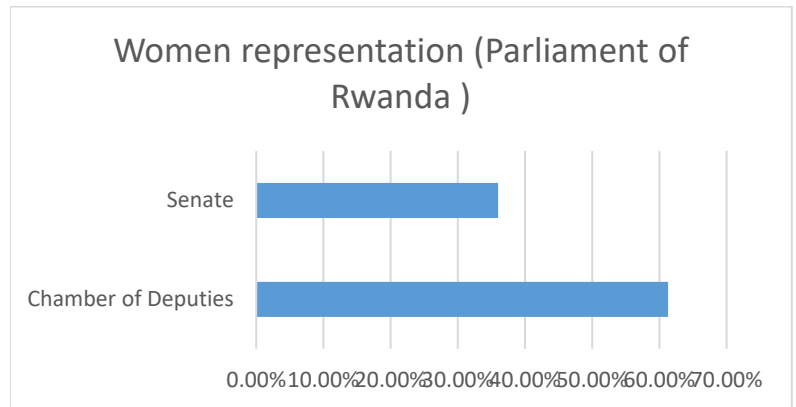
Women’s Performance at the County Level

The total number of women MCAs following the August 2022 election now stands at 727 which comprises of 115 elected and 612 nominated.



Women representation in Africa-Rwanda

Data from Parliament of Rwanda signify Rwanda as the first country with female majority in parliament with 61.3% in the Chamber of Deputies and 36% in the Senate.



Source: [The Parliament of the Republic of Rwanda](#)

Women representation in Europe

The percentage of female Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) rose continuously after each election, reaching 41 % following the 2019 election. This figure now stands at 39.4 %1 – above the world average for national parliaments (26.5% at the beginning of 2023) and above the European average for national parliaments (31.0 %).



Source: [European Parliamentary Research Service](#).

KAS Position on Women Representation

KAS Kenya is cognizant of the fact that women play a crucial role in the legislation and representation process in the Country. In order to amplify gender responsiveness, KAS partners with women leagues affiliated to political parties, elected women from both national and county level, women-led civil society organizations, women caucuses, gender activists among many others by strengthening their capacity with the necessary knowledge, skills and strategies for effective gender representation and fulfillment of two-thirds gender rule.

Our call to action as KAS aims to rally support and drive efforts towards achieving meaningful women's political representation in Kenya, recognizing the valuable contributions that women have led in the governance spaces and the need for their voices to be heard. However, more needs to be done in advocating for women's active participation and representation for a thriving democracy and equitable society. As KAS we recommend:

- Awareness creation by educating communities, policymakers and the public about the importance of women's political representation for a balanced and inclusive democracy.
- Political parties to actively promote and support women candidates, including fair nomination processes and the allocation of leadership roles.
- Legislation on Not More Than Two-Third Gender Rule by the 13th parliament by rallying multi-stakeholder consultations and borrowing lessons from well represented countries such as Rwanda.
- Dispel of Gender-based stereotypes and biases that hinder women's participation in politics.
- Use of media and communication channels to amplify the stories, achievements and challenges of women leaders showcasing their impact on society.
- Partnerships with civil society organizations and other women-led groups to coordinate efforts, and strengthen advocacy campaigns.

“Whatever title or office we may be privileged to hold, it is what we do that defines who we are, what kind of legacy we want to pass on”

*Queen Rania AL Abdullah of
Jordan*