As counting for this year’s landmark Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council elections continued across Afghanistan, the Joint Election Management Body (JEMB) announced the first partial results for three provinces, Uruzgan, Farah and Nimroz.

With the ballots papers from 19 per cent of all polling stations across Afghanistan now counted, the JEMB said September 25 that counting was on track to announce the provisional results in early October.

Bissmillah Bissmil, Chairman of the Joint Electoral Management Body said: “Counting for this year’s elections is going well and is now gathering momentum. We remain on track to announce the provisional results in early October.

“Once we receive results from our count centres we have rigorous regime in place to check and double check all results to assure the accuracy of the count.

“The guiding principle of our count operation is transparency and that is why we will continue to publish the results of each batch of ballot papers counted locally at each and every count centre. We ask people to have patience with us as we work hard to complete the count and publish provisional results.”

Partial results will be published on the JEMB website (www.jemb.org) three times a day once raw data from count centres across Afghanistan has been fully audited.

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