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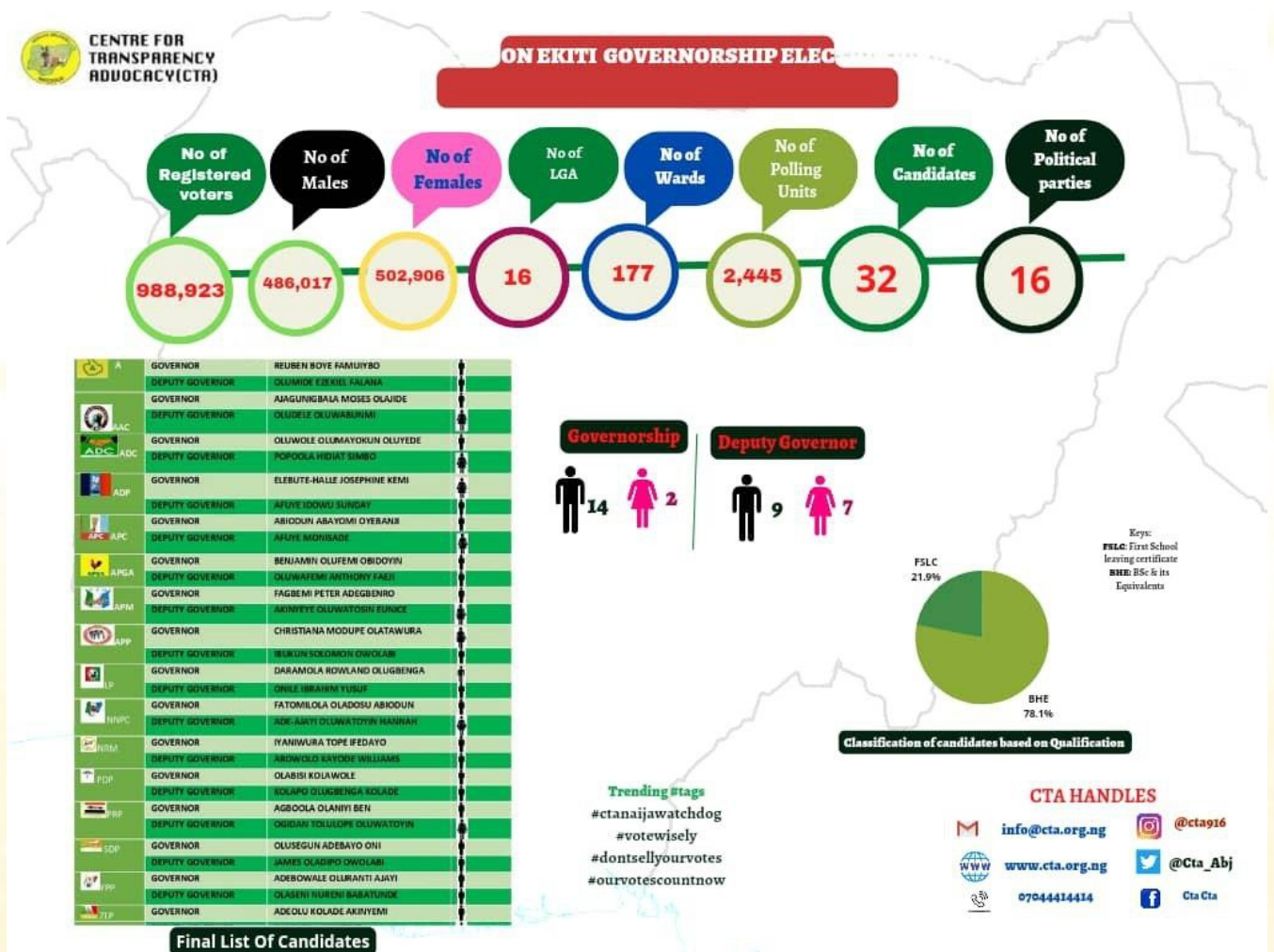
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INTRODUCTION

The Ekiti governorship election held on Saturday 18/6/2022. It is on record that this election of 18th June 2022, was the sixth for the governorship of Ekiti State. According to INEC records, sixteen political parties contested for votes from eligible voters in 2,445 polling units (including 250 newly established polling units) in 177 Wards to determine the next governor of the state.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) records show that there were 988,923 registered voters in Ekiti State (79,338 more than 2018). These numbers include 502,906 females (51 %) and 486 017 males (49 %). Before the election, 749,065 PVCs were collected accounting for 76 per cent, while 239,865 PVCs remained uncollected. Interestingly, over 74 per cent of women registered voters collected their PVCs. A total of 483 journalists from 91 media houses and 79 domestic observer groups were accredited for the election.





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The activities were carried out as part of the organization's mandate towards the preparation for the Ekiti State June 18, 2022, Governorship Election.

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy duly observed the Ekiti state Gubernatorial election, one of the off-season elections in Nigeria's electoral calendar held on June 18TH 2022.

Ekiti State has 988,923 registered voters out of which 749,065 collected their PVCs before the election of 18/6/2022 leaving 239,865 PVCs uncollected. There are 2,445 polling units and 177 wards across the sixteen Local Government Areas of Ekiti State.

As part of its mandate and contribution towards strengthening the democratic process as a committed organization, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) trained and deployed 50 observers to the field covering the 15 LGAs of Ekiti state. There were media events that chiefly focused on the need to maintain peace and orderliness before, during and after the elections. The CTA team led by its Executive Director, Ms. Faith Nwaidishi, featured on radio and TV sessions. The media stations visited include Our People's FM, Ekiti state Television and Ekiti FM.

The CTA team visited some Organisations in the state to discuss how best to have a free, fair, peaceful, and credible election on June 18, 2022, in Ekiti State. The organisations visited include the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Broadcasting Service of Ekiti State (BSES) Nigeria Security and Civil Defense (NSCDC), OUR PEOPLE'S FM, and Department of State Service (DSS). The leadership of the various organizations pledged to support and promised to contribute towards a credible and peaceful election.

The stakeholder's roundtable which was the focal point of the pre-election activities, had participants from different sectors and fields as it relates to their roles in the election. The meeting was engaging and an eye-opener as the participants were charged with what is expected of them before, during and after the election.

A total number of 363,438 potential voters were accredited out of these, 360,753 accredited voters cast their votes of which 351,865 was adjudged valid. In the early hours of Sunday 19/2/2022 having collated results from the 16 LGAs, the Returning Officer, Professor Kayode Adebawale of the University of Ibadan declared Biodun Oyebanji of APC winner having polled 187,057 votes. The candidate of the SDP, Segun Oni came second with 82,211 votes while the PDP candidate Bisi Kolawole polled 67,457 votes to come third.



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History of Ekiti State

The modern Ekiti state was **formed from part of Ondo in 1996**. Prior to this, it was part of the Ondo Province in the Western Region of Nigeria. While the non-Ekiti part of the region largely dominated geographically, Akure which was then regarded as an Ekiti town was the headquarters of Ondo province. Ekiti State is a state in southwest Nigeria, created on October 1, 1996, alongside five other new states by General Sani Abacha. Ekiti is known as the Land of Honor and Integrity with 15LGAs. Ekiti is one of the 9 states making up the Niger Delta because of the oil exploration in the state. The state is equally rich in other natural resources and known to have produced a large number of professors. Ekiti State is, bordered to the north by Kwara State, to the northeast by Kogi State, to the south and southeast by Ondo State, and to the west by Osun State. [Wikipedia](#)

Preparation towards the election

PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES

The following activities were carried out as part of the organisation's mandate and goal of monitoring a free, fair and smooth electoral process in Nigeria. The pre-election activities were in different phases:



Pre-election Press Conference by CTA

1. Media Appearances: In a bid to create more awareness of the stakeholder's meeting and to enlighten the citizens on why they need to actively participate in the election and to maintain peace and orderliness before, during and after the elections the CTA team led by its Executive Director, Ms Faith Nwadishi, had some radio and TV sessions. The media stations visited include Our People's FM, Ekiti Television and Ekiti FM respectively both in English and Yoruba Languages. The programs were interactive as they were phone-in programs which allowed the citizens to ask relevant questions from the CTA team. The sessions were indeed enlightening. A major outcome of the media sessions and visits was the commitment by the media heads to invite Madam Faith Nwadishi as a major discussant on events leading to the election day and also as a Resource person/discussant on the election day.



The Executive Director of CTA at NTA Ado Ekiti.

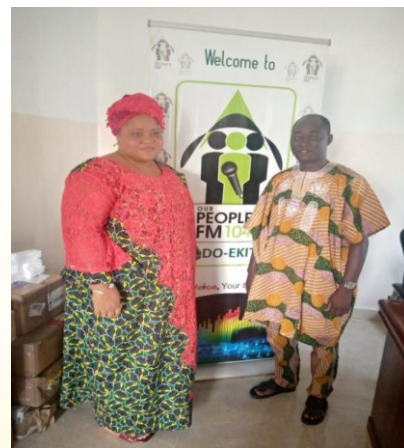


CTA Executive Director & the Programme/Comms Manager at People's FM Ado Ekiti

2. Courtesy Visits to Relevant Organisations: The CTA team led by its Executive Director, Ms Faith Nwadishi and consisting of Mr McDonald, Mr Peter Nwadishi and Funmi Adaralode- Falae visited some Organisations in the state to discuss how best to have a free, fair and smooth election and also to invite them for the stakeholders meeting. The organisations visited include; the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Broadcasting Service of Ekiti State (BSES) NSCDC, OUR PEOPLE'S FM, and Department of State Security Services (DSS).



Courtesy visit to Broadcasting Service of Ekiti State (BSES)



CTA's Executive Director with the General Manager of People's FM

3. **Stakeholders Meeting:** the meeting, which was the focal point of the pre-election activities, commenced by 11 am on 31st May 2022, the meeting had participants from different sectors and fields as it relates to their roles in the election. The meeting was engaging and an eye-opener as the participants were charged with what is expected of them before, during and after the election. The participants were drawn from the following groups and organisations: Traditional rulers, Police, FRSC, NSCDC, Immigration, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Nigerian Youth Parliament Ekiti State Chapter, National Orientation Agency (NOA), Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC), Market women's Association (Iyalojas), Religious bodies, NUJ, Rattawu. The accredited Election Observers with CTA, People living with disabilities, and Media. The Chairman of Ekiti Council of Traditional Rulers, Oba Gabriel Ayodele Adejunwon, the Onisan of Isan, and other Traditional rulers attended the stakeholder's meeting.



CTA organized Stakeholders Meeting



Representatives of Security Agents at the Stakeholders meeting



Cross-section of participants at the high table.



A glimpse of participants at the Stakeholders meeting



The Chairman of the Ekiti State council of traditional rulers, the Onisan of Isan with other traditional rulers at the stakeholders meeting.

4. THE ACTIVITIES OF INEC: The CTA commends the Election Management Body so far in its preparedness and readiness to conduct the election. The distribution of sensitive and non-sensitive materials by INEC was hitch-free. We commend INEC for asserting its independence by keeping sensitive materials in the INEC offices instead of the Central Bank as was the tradition in the past. We hope this will be sustained. We were also impressed by the energy the INEC Chairman exuded having paid working visits to Ekiti State to ensure that the election holds seamlessly and rancour-free. The CTA through its press statements reminded INEC that the Ekiti election should be taken seriously just because its failure or success would count towards the credibility of the EMB being the first election to be conducted under the Electoral Act 2022 and the new INEC Guidelines on Elections. The deployment of three National Commissioners and eight Resident Electoral Commissioners to complement the staff on the ground by INEC was commendable.

5. SITUATION /SECURITY REPORT: We noted that there was better coordination amongst the security agencies and the police as the lead of the security team through the Inspector General of Police who assured of adequate security and coordination across the polling units. The police and NSCDC promised to deploy 17,317 and over

8,000 respectively across the state. Furthermore, the NSCDC informed that it will be introducing the N-Alert App, a technology to assist with on-the-spot reporting of events in the field. The App will enable observers and citizens to report security breaches in real-time from the field.

Despite the relative peace, there were reported security breaches, especially between the Road Transport Workers union and some political thugs in the state capital prior to the election.



The Ekiti State PRO of NSCDC demonstrating the N-Alert

6: POLITICIANS/CAMPAIGNS. Initially, political campaigns were low key as we observed. However, it intensified into a frenzy in the last four days before the election with mega rallies and pockets of campaigns across LGAs. As stated earlier, there were no breaches of the peace except the infraction between the NURTW members and some thugs.

7. SIGNING OF PEACE ACCORD: The signing of the peace accord by political parties and their candidates was a significant milestone towards the election tomorrow. We commend the Kuka Centre as they continue to play this significant role towards peaceful elections in Nigeria.



Participants at the signing of the Peace Accord

8. Training of Election Observers: The training with the theme 'The Role of Observers' held on Thursday 16/6/2022. In her address, Madam Faith Nwadishi welcomed everyone saying the history of the Ekiti State election will not be complete if the CTA meeting is not counted.

She said that election observers are globally recognized during the electoral process with high esteem. CTA is an accredited Domestic Observer Group and has trained and deployed observers on Election Day.

She charged the observers to discharge their duties credibly just as it was done in the 2018 governorship election and the 2019 general election. All observers are to be transparent as this should be the hallmark of every observer.

The trainees were exposed to security tips and the INEC Guidelines for election, code of conduct for observers and other relevant tips for election observation. It was emphasized that observers and INEC should serve the interest of the people while paying keen attention to the development of improved technology.

Observers were equally asked to pay attention to the treatment of vulnerable groups such as visibly pregnant women, the elderly and people living with disability as well as to monitor the conduct of the electoral staff, security agents and other observers during the election.

Observers were reminded to ensure that their reports are factual, to be conscious of the fact that they are observers and that their neutrality should not be in doubt, observers are to be a good ambassador of CTA as well as their families.

(Please find full reports of the pre-election activities in the Annex)



The Executive Director and the expert team members at the training of Observers.



Participants at the observers training

SUMMARY OF ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES

The CTA observers were mostly at the various polling units at about 7.30 am to be able to witness in real time the arrival of materials and personnel and to observe the opening of polls.

The roving team visited the Mango area, ward 10, where the election commenced at exactly 8:30 am, a corps member addressed the voters on the election process and special consideration was given to pregnant, elderly and nursing mothers. There was the presence of security agents at the polling unit seeing to the orderliness of the voters.

At farm settlement, ward 13, as of 9:30 am there was no presence of INEC officials, Adhoc Staff, election materials and security agents. The electorates were agitated due to the absence leading to their inability to exercise their franchise. At about 10 am while in another polling unit, the materials for the election process were seen being taken to their which the executive director and her team followed to confirm, and the election started at about 10:10 am with the Adhoc staff addressing the electorates. In the same vein, consideration was given to pregnant, elderly and nursing mothers.

At CAC Grammar school, ward 11, an NYSC official was seen asking for the identity card of the Adhoc staff who were corp members to ensure that fake corp members are not working as Adhoc staff. The Executive Director interviewed the official who said other NYSC officials are also movinaroundnd to see that there are no fake corp members participating in the electoral process.

Aside from these two units, other polling centres were visited, and it was observed that vote buying by party agents was observed.



Election day Activities

CTA noted that the election process was peaceful compared to past elections in the state and that the electronic device, the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) worked perfectly in most polling units.

CTA noted that the act of vote buying by all major political parties.

Other observers in different Local Governments in the state were also sending in their reports to CTA Situation Room.

The election came to an end by 2:30 pm and counting and collation of results started immediately.

At 5 pm the executive director addressed a press conference where she told pressmen of the CTA observation in the electoral process and said the election was peaceful, free, and fair compared to the previous election that have been observed in the state.

CTA commended INEC for making BVAS work and expressed satisfaction with the presence of security agents who were deployed and assigned to various polling units across the state.

CTA equally appreciated the effort of the NYSC officials for going around to ensure that NYSC Adhoc staff were authentic serving corps members appointed to the various polling units for the election.



Briefing on how to cast your vote correctly

Time of arrival of INEC Officials and materials

There is no significant change from our earlier position as our field observers reported that polling officials arrived early in most of the polling units, with many of the polling units opening around 8.30 am. This is an indication of improvement with regards to election logistics arrangement on the part of INEC and the cooperation of the Nigerian Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) that delivered on their mandate. We hope this improvement will be consolidated upon and carried into the July 16th, 2022, Osun state governorship election and 2023 general elections.

Time of commencement of accreditation and voting

We commend the timely opening of polls, as voter accreditation and voting started on time in most of the polling units observed. While there were hitches in a few polling units, we noted that about 80% of polling units opened on time.



The Executive Director at one of the polling units

BVAS Performance

During this election, the BVAS performed very well with voter accreditation taking between 2 to 3 minutes on average. This is recorded as a significant improvement judging from previous experiences. We encourage INEC to deploy more BVAS machines where there are more voters in subsequent elections.

Performance/Conduct of INEC Officials CTA notes with satisfaction the performance of INEC officials during the election. In most of the polling units covered by our observers, polling officials exhibited professionalism and knowledge of their duties. There was no case of substitution of Adhoc staff on election day. Those trained were deployed.

Time of arrival and Conduct of Security Agents

There was a synergy between security agencies devoid of inter-agency rivalry. There was proper coordination and generally, security agents arrived promptly at the polling units and were professional in their conduct, especially in the maintenance of law and order. There were pockets of complaints about the welfare of the deployed security agents, and we call on the authorities concerned to make the welfare of security personnel deployed for election duty a top priority. We commend the NSCDC for the deployment of the N-Alert App, an app with the capacity to report real-time and pinpoint locations to check electoral crimes including violence.

Voter turnout

We noted that voter turnout was not impressive compared to the number of people that collected their PVCs prior to the election. only 36.5 per cent of eligible voters less than average turned out to cast their votes on election day. We call on political parties to constantly engage and mobilize the people on the need to vote during elections hence, politicians are the beneficiaries of votes cast on election days. We noted that some polling units still had many voters while some had few especially, the newly created polling units. There should be a massive campaign by concerned stakeholders CSOs, INEC, political parties, and the National Orientation Agency for people to transfer their voting points to the new polling units nearest to them.



Voters at their polling unit

Conduct of Political Party Agent/Voters (Vote buying and vote selling)

Regrettably, the phenomenon of vote buying which is fast becoming a major feature of our democracy was manifest during this election. Our observers also reported parties paying as much as N7000 for votes while in some instances packs of Spaghetti and Semovita were shared with voters at Agboyi Ward 07 PU 05. This dangerous trend was noticeable across all political parties. INEC, the Security Agencies, and other stakeholders need to work out measures to effectively address this ugly phenomenon.

Violence

The report from the field indicated that the voting process was generally peaceful except for pockets of violence witnessed in some polling units where voting was disrupted for a while like Ilawe. The INEC official had to remove the ballot box and other voting materials to safety and returned to conclude the voting process when peace returned.

POST ELECTION ACTIVITIES

Collation and Announcement of the Result

After the collation of results from the 177 wards at the State headquarters of INEC, The INEC Returning Officer, Prof Kayode Adebowale, who is the Vice-Chancellor, of the University of Ibadan announced Biodun Oyebanji of the All-Progressive Congress (APC) as the winner with a poll of 187,057 votes. The seamless transmission of results from the polling units to the INEC Result Viewing Portal accounted for the early announcement of results

Recommendations and Conclusion

1. INEC should continue to show transparency in the electoral process.
2. We still call on INEC to address challenges that were identified during the election in good time to achieve a credible, free, and fair election especially, the 2023 general elections.
3. INEC should devise means to decongest highly populated polling units for ease of voting to avoid encumbrances during Osun and the 2023 general elections.
4. The CTA equally recommends that INEC should deploy more BVAS machines where there are more voters in subsequent elections.
5. INEC, the Security Agencies, and other stakeholders need to work out measures to effectively address this ugly phenomenon of vote trading before it makes nonsense of the incremental successes recorded in the electoral process.
6. INEC should retain the logistical strategies that worked well during the Ekiti election especially, the movement and storage of sensitive materials in their office instead of the old use of facilities of the Central Bank of Nigeria



7. Citizens are enjoined to take advantage of the newly created polling units and transfer to vote in less congested polling units in future elections.
8. Security agencies should continue to be alert, and firm while exhibiting utmost professionalism as shown in this election in future and the 2023 general elections.
9. We recommend the deployment of the N-Alert device designed by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence corps (by safeguarding user identity) in future elections to capture in real-time election infractions and challenges.

In conclusion, the CTA commends the INEC, security agencies and the good people of Ekiti state for playing their part towards the growth and development of our democracy.

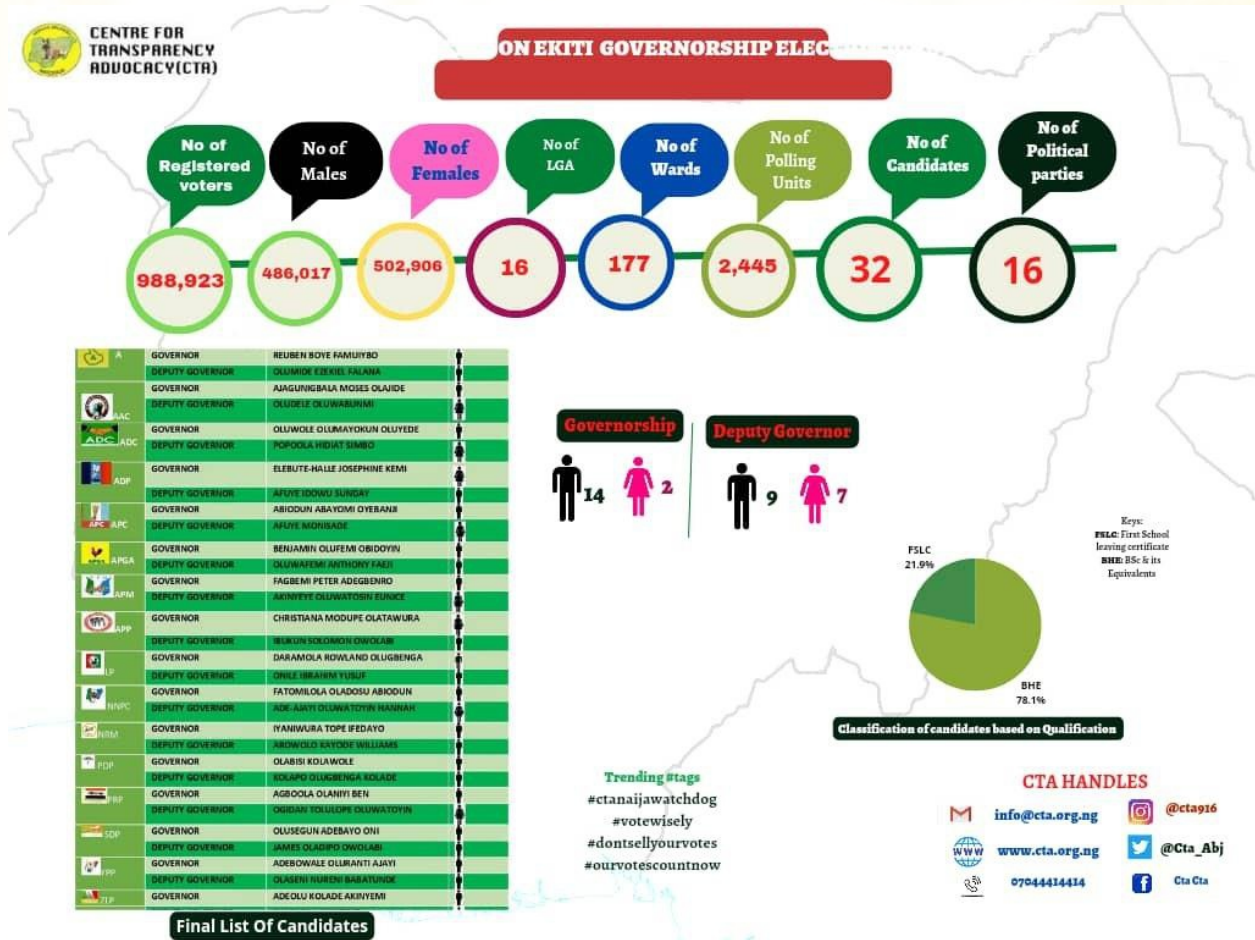
The election was peaceful, it was free and substantially, credible.

Faith Nwadishi

Executive Director
June 30, 2022

ANNEX

ANALYSIS ON EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS





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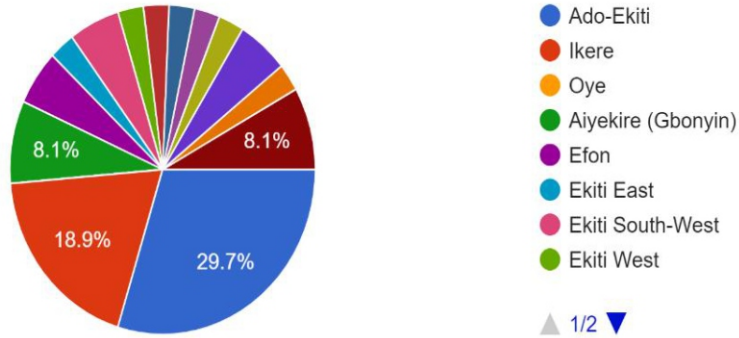
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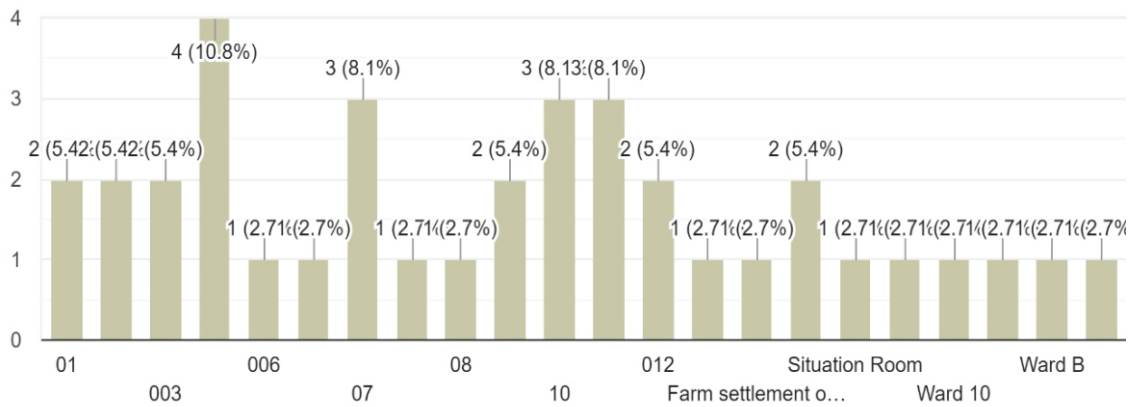
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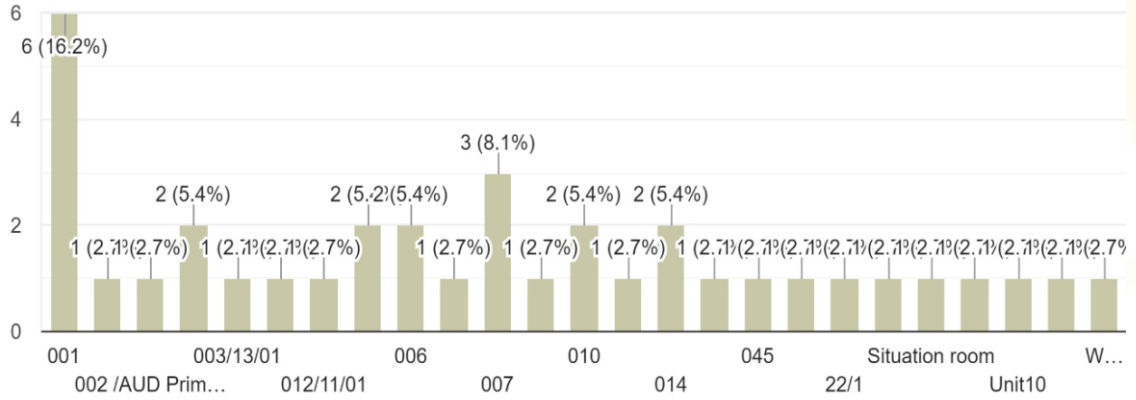
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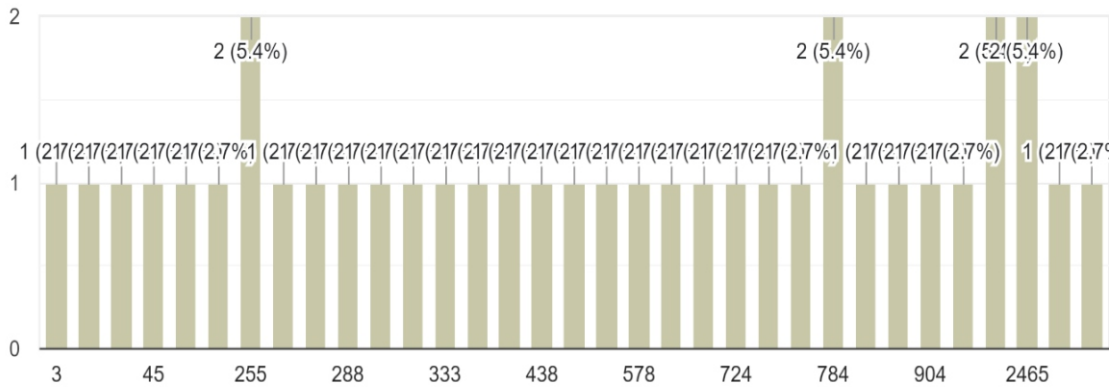
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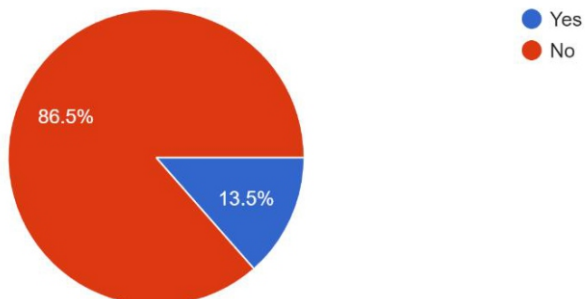
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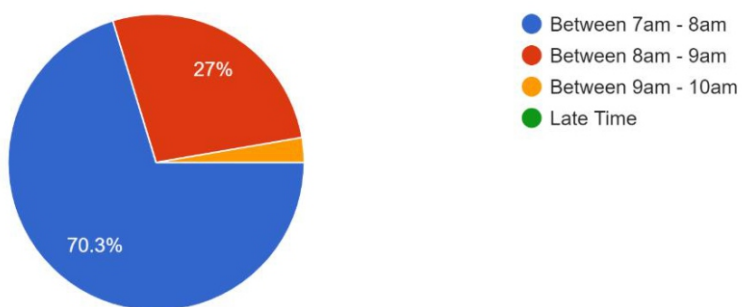
Is the polling unit a new polling unit?

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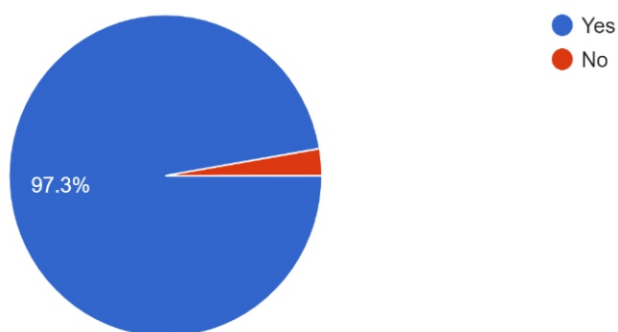
Time of Arrival of Observer at Polling Unit

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Polling Unit is within a Neutral Environment?

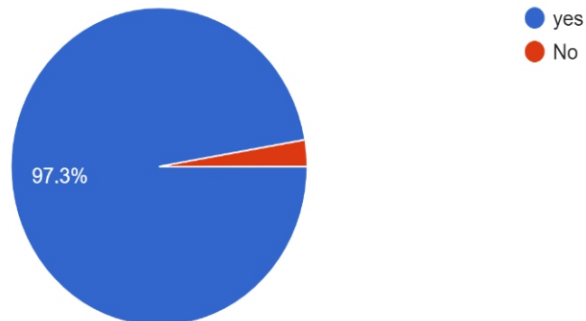
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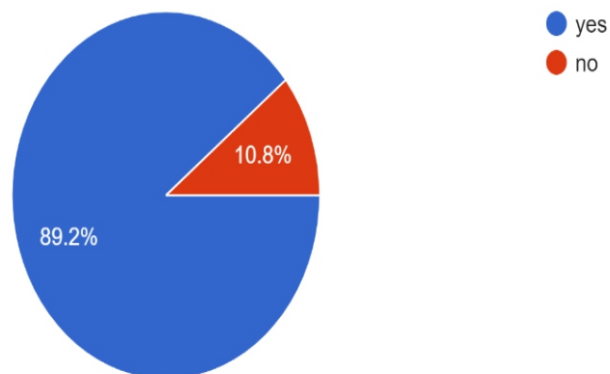
INEC Officials arrived between 7.00am and 8.30am

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Election materials arrived polling units between 7.00am and 8.30am

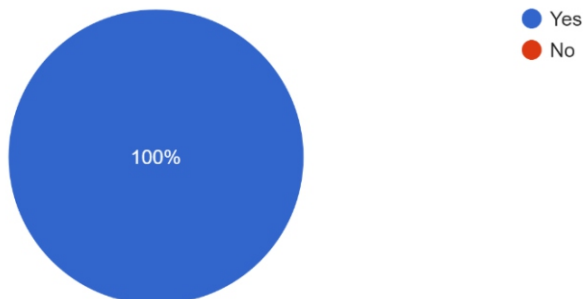
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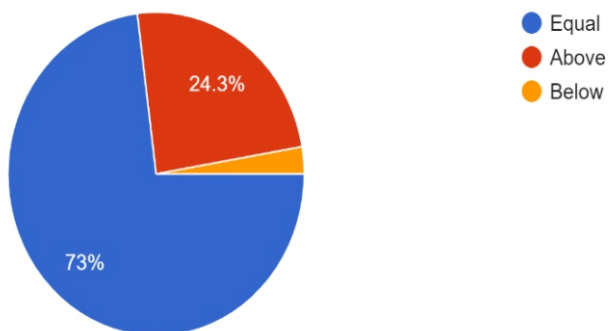
Election materials were properly packaged and intact?

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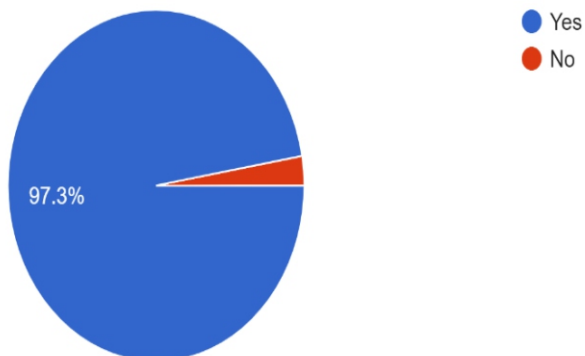
Election materials were equal or above the number of registered voters?

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INEC Officials were present before opening of Polls?

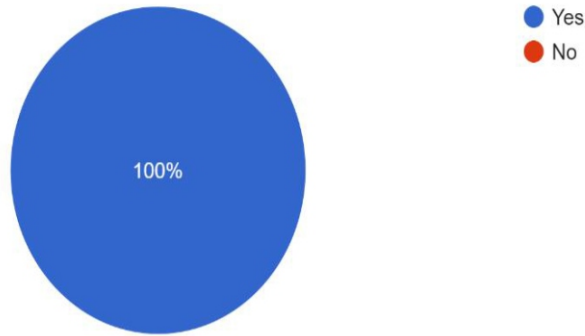
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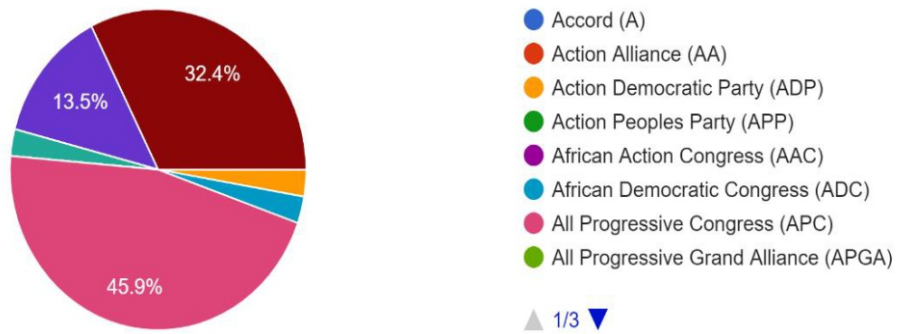
Political Party Agents were present at the Polling Unit?

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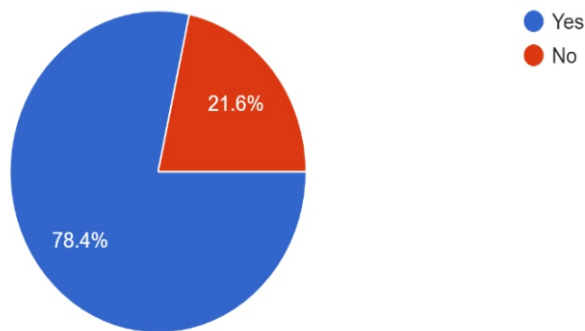
Please tick the political Party Agents Present

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Campaign materials were removed from the Polling Unit ?

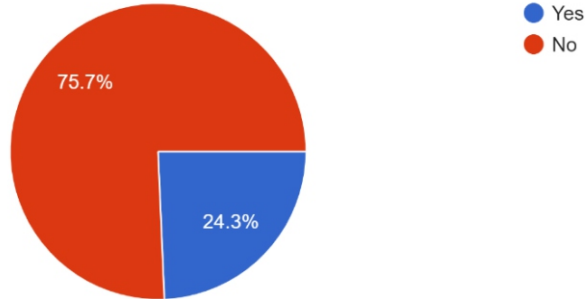
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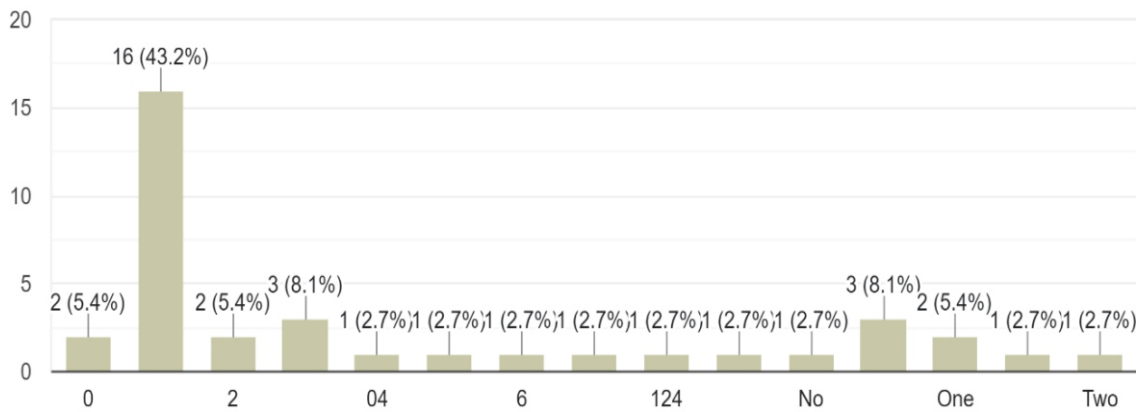
Polling Unit was divided into sub-units?

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Number of Voting Points within the Polling Unit

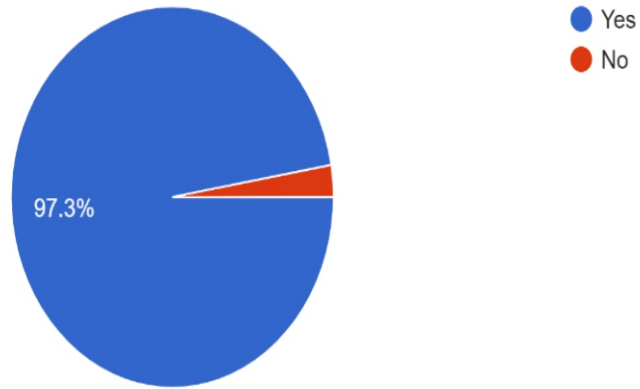
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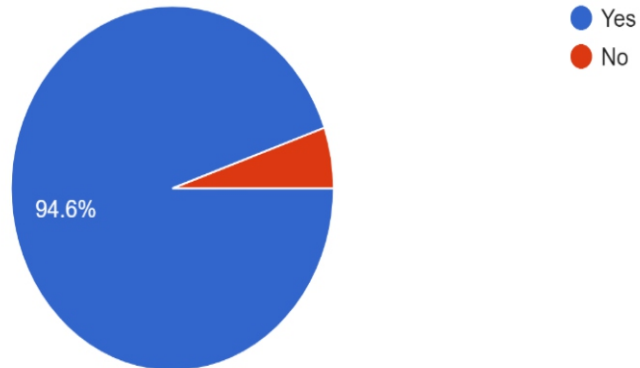
Ballot Boxes were located in full view of the public?

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Polling Booth was enclosed?

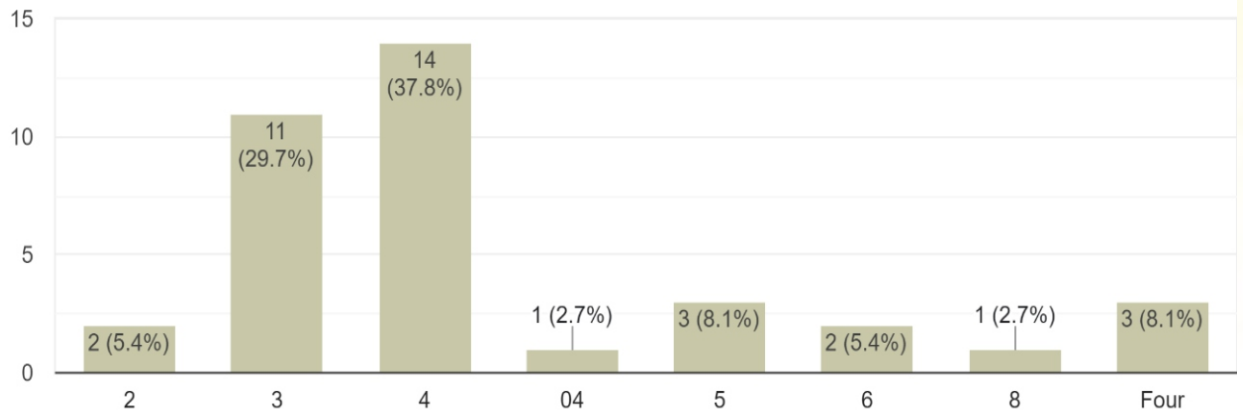
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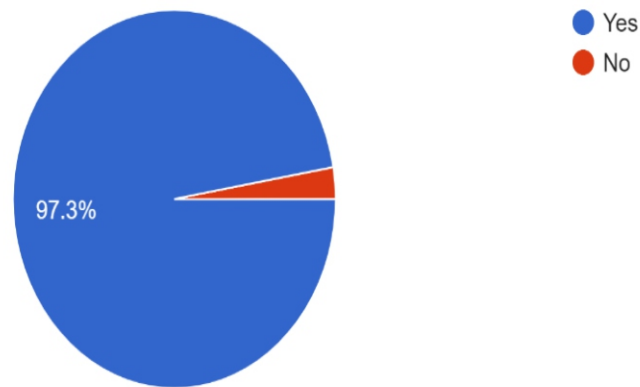
How many INEC Officials were present at the Polling Unit

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Security Personnel were present at the Polling Unit

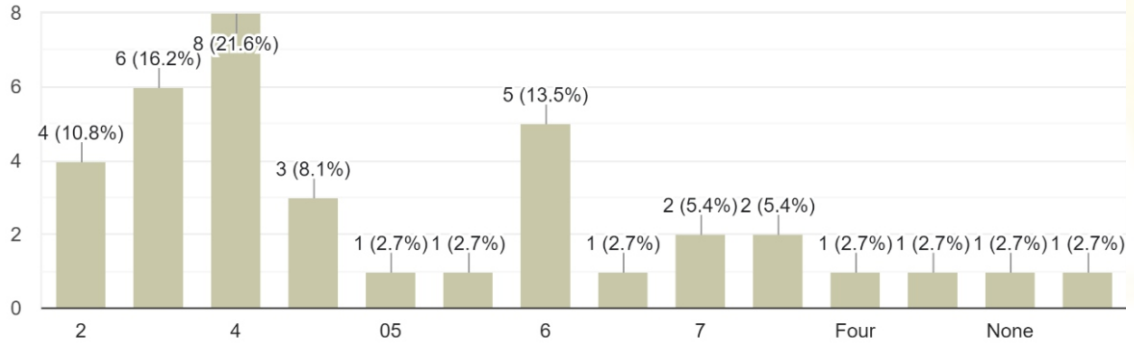
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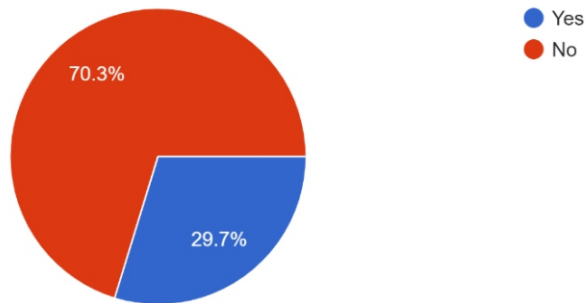
Please specify the number of security personnel's present at the polling unit

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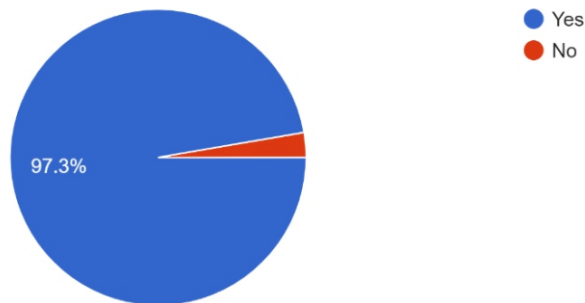
Did you notice any security agent with firearms within the polling unit?

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Polling Unit is easy to locate and accessible to all voters including People with Disability (PWDs?)

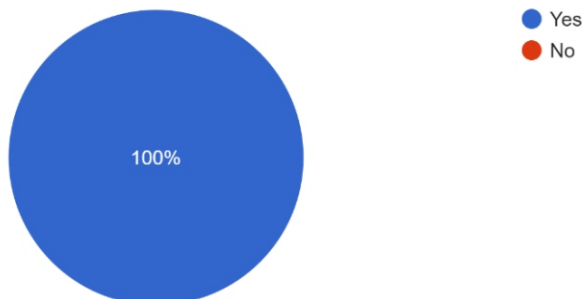
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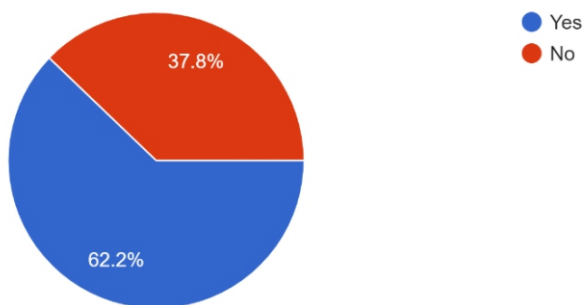
INEC Officials explained the voting process to the voters/electorate?

37 responses



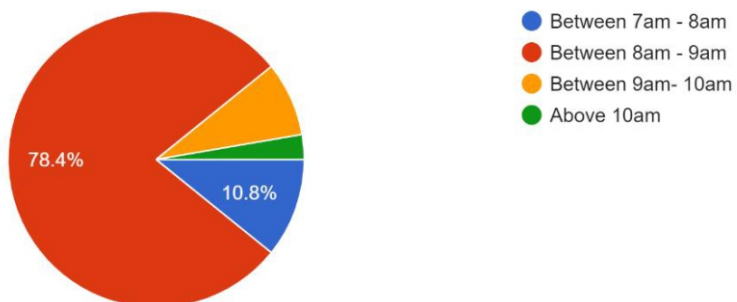
Was the polling unit set-up according to COVID19 guidelines?

37 responses



What time did the Accreditation of voters start?

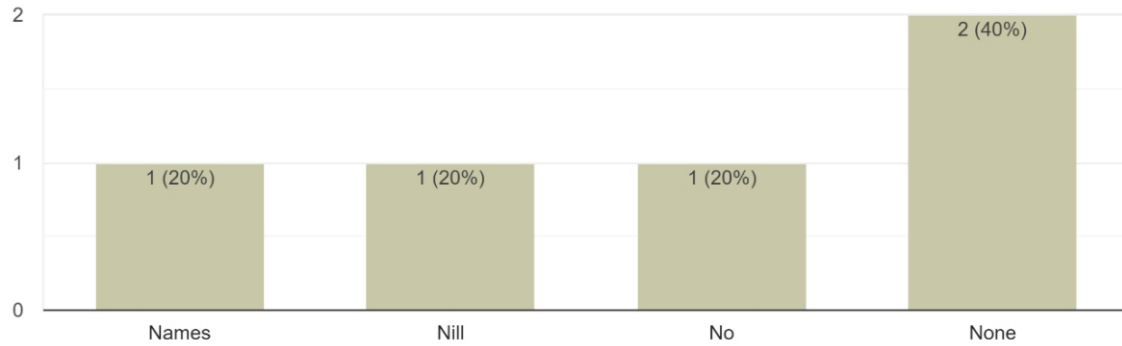
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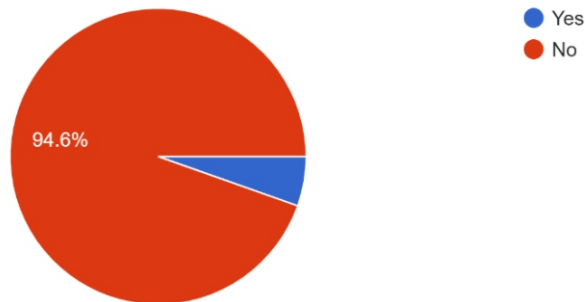
If answer to above is yes, please state the number of cases

5 responses



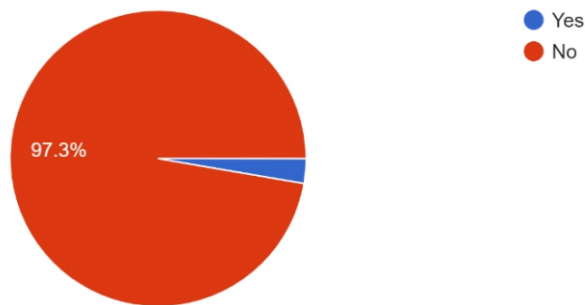
Were there cases of omission of any voter's name on the Register?

37 responses



Was any person accredited to vote who did not present a permanent Voter's card?

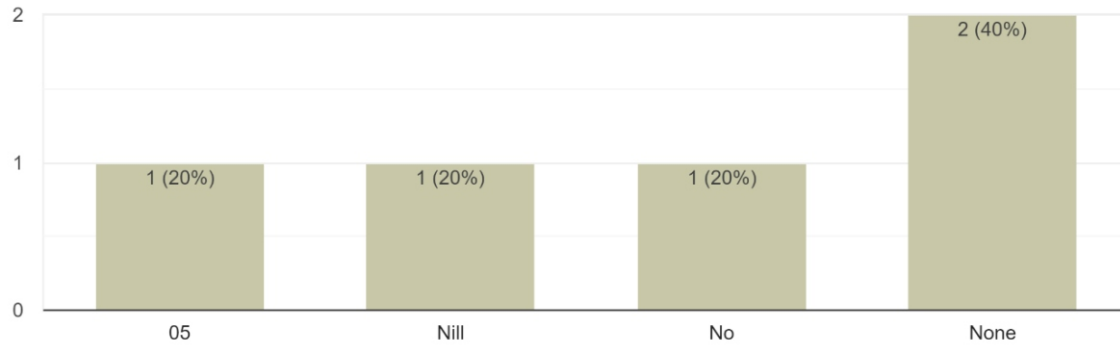
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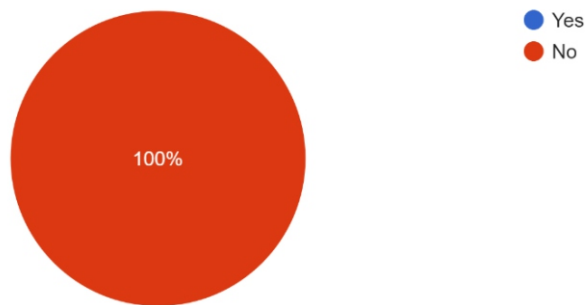
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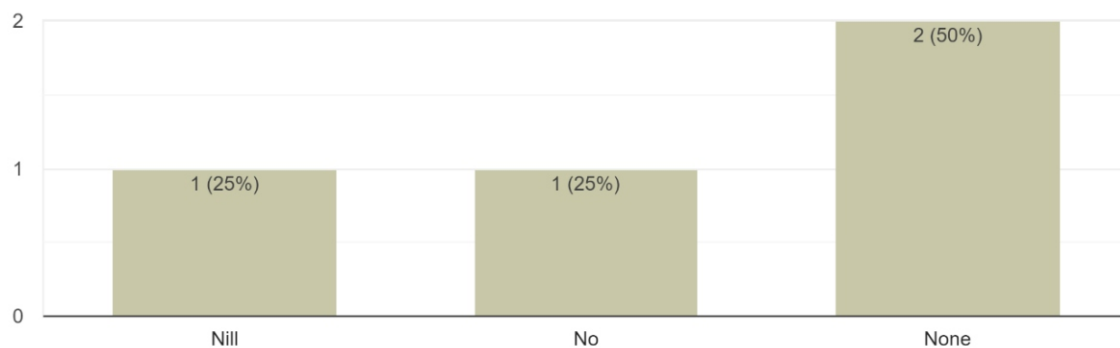
Were there issues of fake PVCs presented for accreditation?

37 responses



If answer above is yes, please state the number of cases

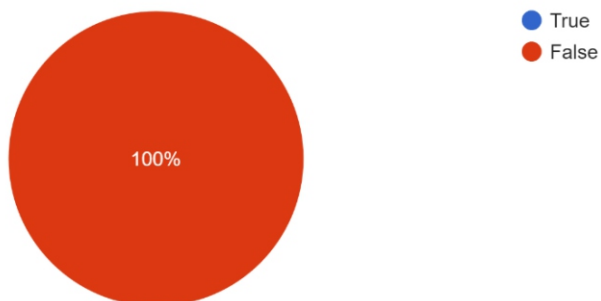
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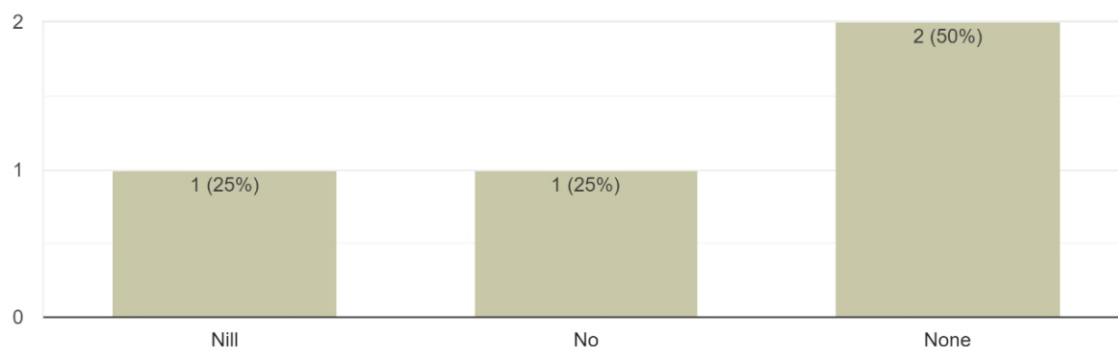
Were eligible voters with valid PVCs refused Accreditation because their names were not on the Voters' Register?

37 responses



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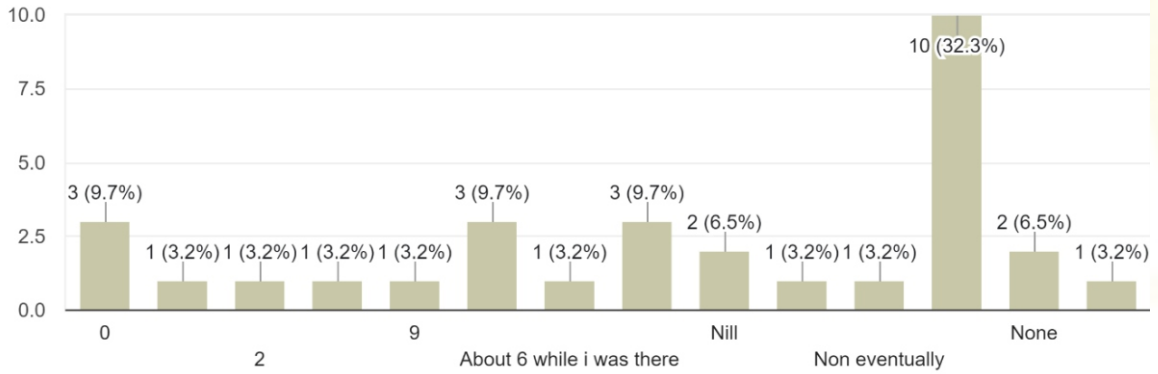
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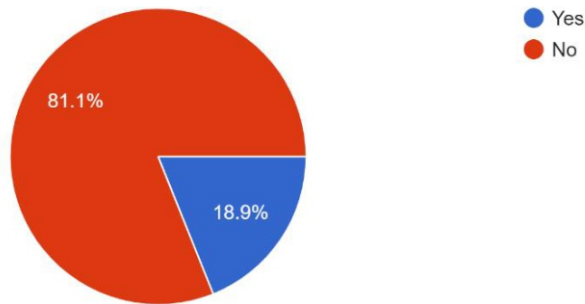
How many reports of failed fingerprints' authentication occurred at the polling Unit?

31 responses



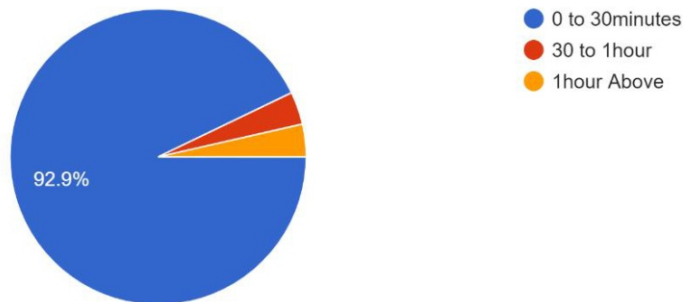
Were there any challenges with the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System(BVAS)?

37 responses



And how long did it take to fix the BVAS?

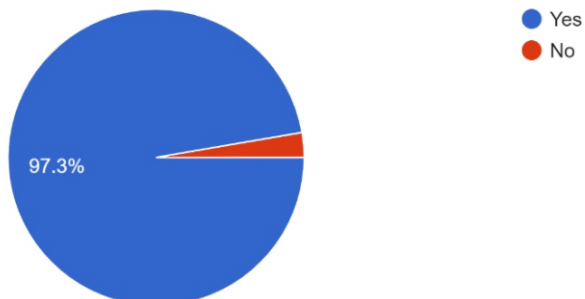
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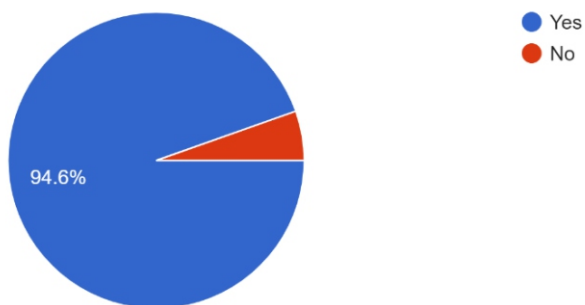
Did INEC Officials mark/tick next to the name of every accredited voter on the Voters' Registers?

37 responses



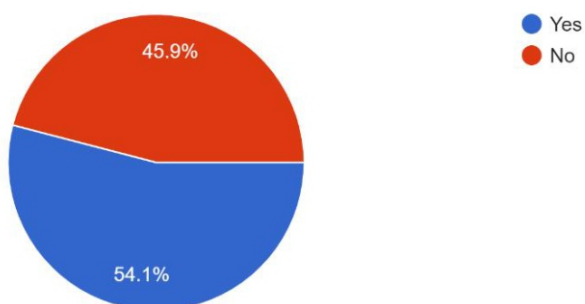
Were old persons, pregnant women, PWDs given priority to vote?

37 responses



Were voters with sight disability helped with braille guide?

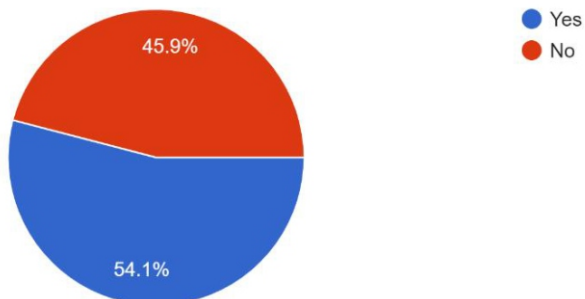
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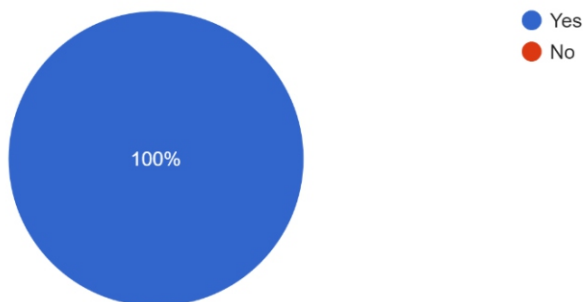
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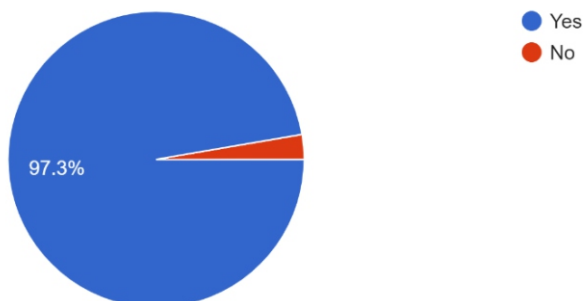
Did the INEC Officials display to the voters that the Ballot Box(es) was empty before the voting commenced?

37 responses



Were Ballot Papers stamped and signed before issue to accredited voters?

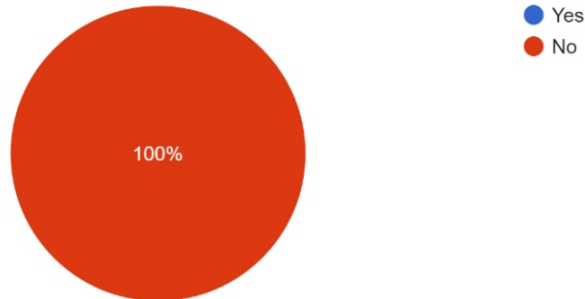
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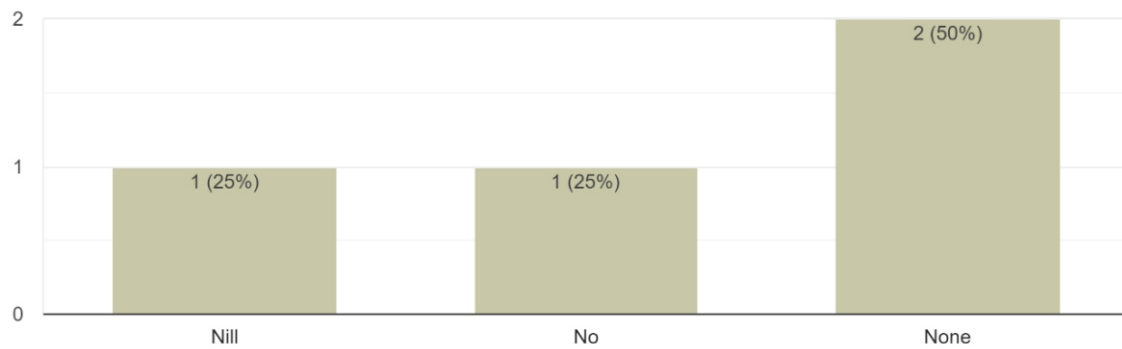
Was any person allowed to vote who did not present a Permanent Voter's Card (PVC)?

37 responses



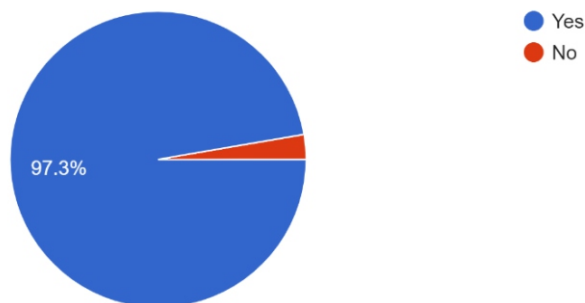
If the answer to above is Yes, please state the number of cases

4 responses



Were polling booths located in a way to enable voters mark their ballot papers in Secret?

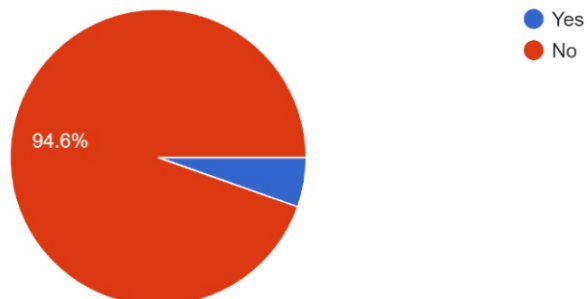
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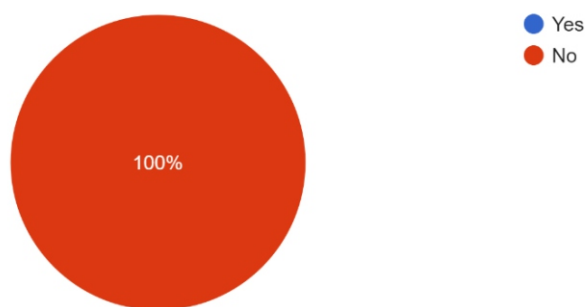
Did Voters cast votes illegally outside the polling booth?

37 responses



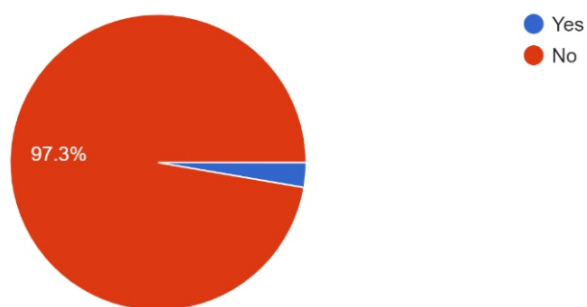
Were voters allowed to use telephones and other electronic devices in the polling booth?

37 responses



Did you witness any case of Group voting?

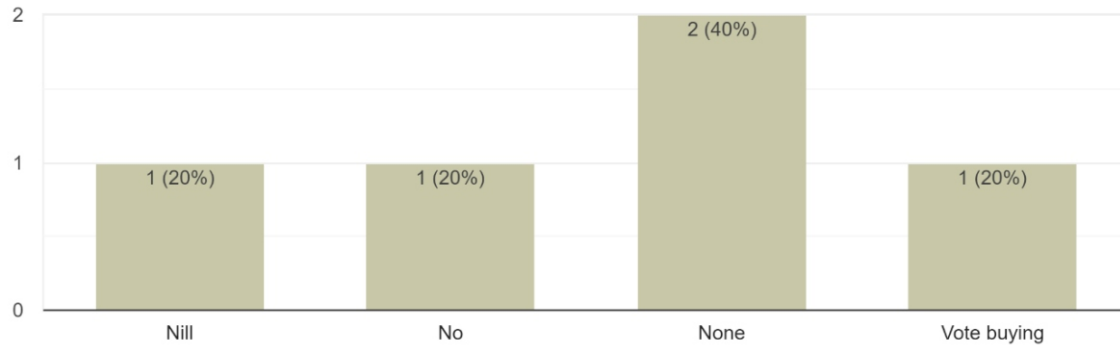
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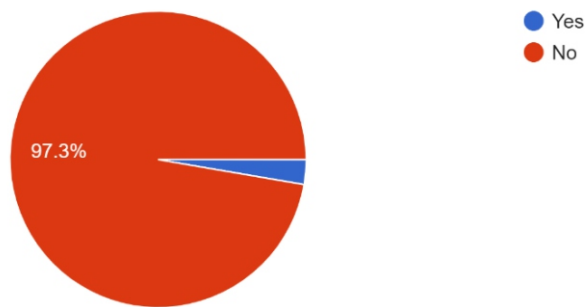
If answer to above is Yes, please give more particulars of the incidence here:

5 responses



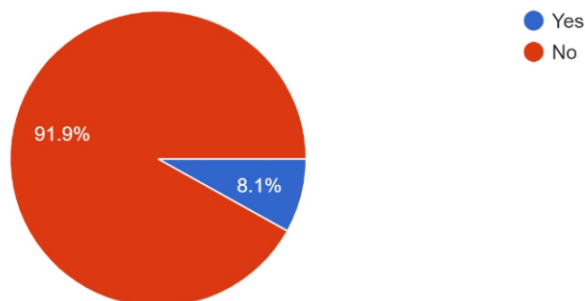
Did any person other than the Presiding Officer assist more than 3 voters?

37 responses



Was there any tension within or around the Polling Unit?

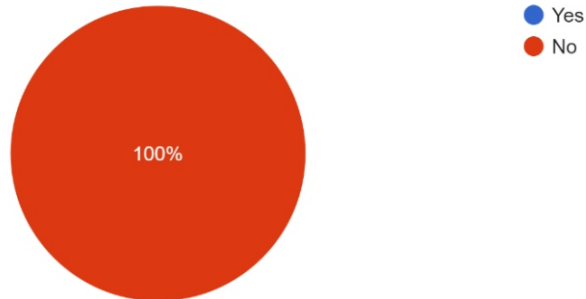
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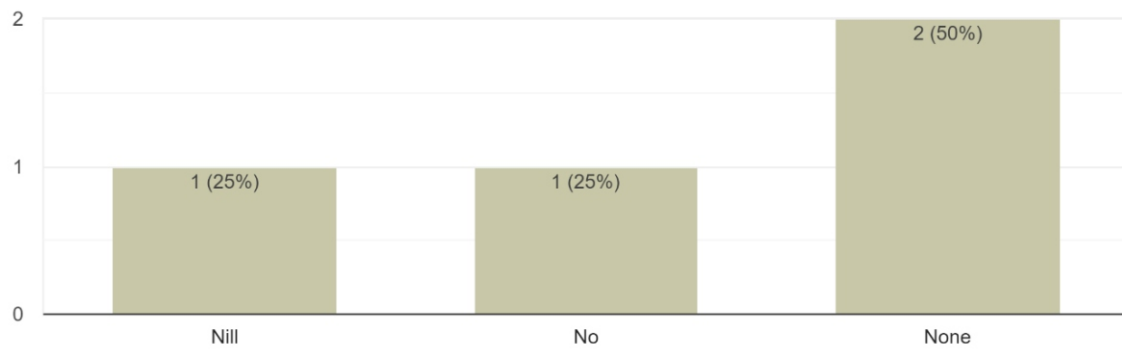
Did you observe unauthorized persons in the polling units /voting points?

37 responses



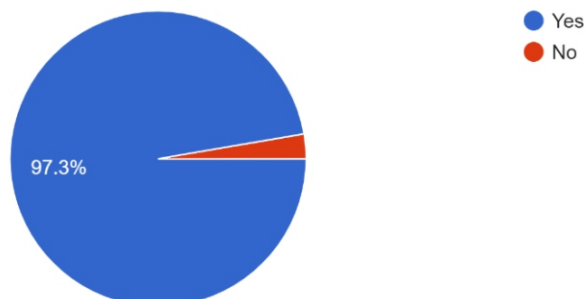
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4 responses



Were ballot papers sorted according to political parties picked by the voters?

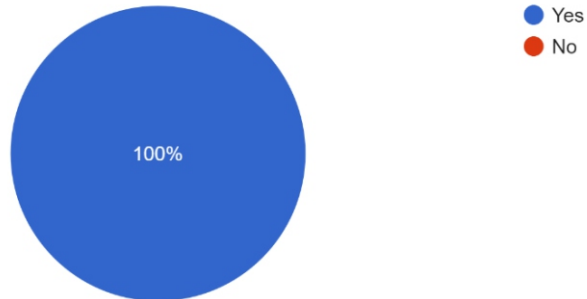
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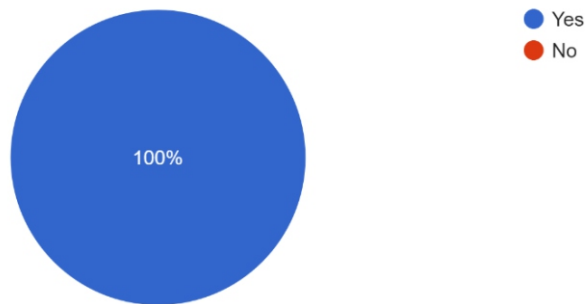
Did the Presiding Officer announce publicly the results of each of the parties/candidates?

37 responses



Did you observe the political party agent(s) append their signatures on the result sheets?

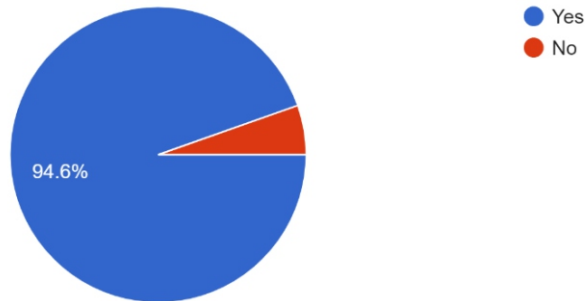
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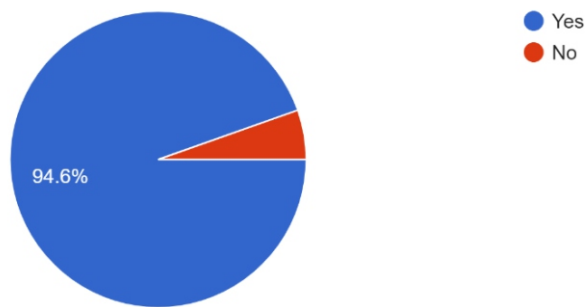
Did the Presiding Officer paste the Form EC60E at the polling Unit for the public to see? (Please add a picture if possible)

37 responses



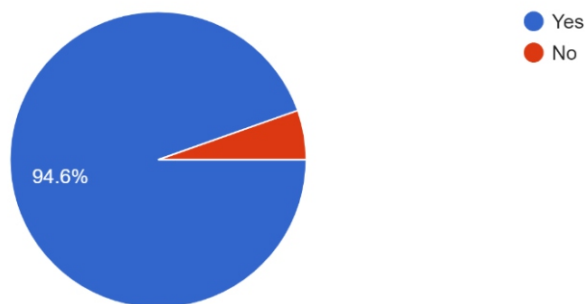
Did the pasted Form EC60E correspond/match with the results declared by the Presiding officer?

37 responses



Did the Presiding officer deliver a copy of the result sheet to the police officer present at the polling Unit?

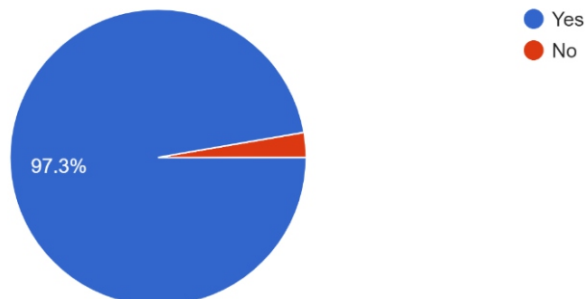
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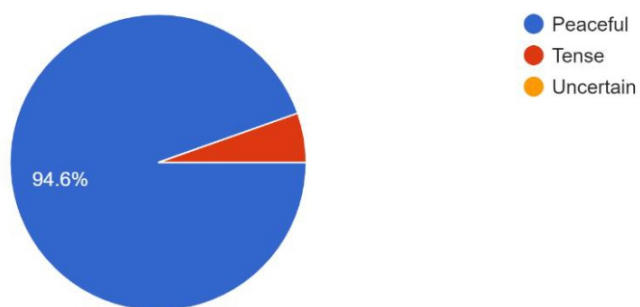
Did the Party Agents collect a copy of the signed result sheet?

37 responses



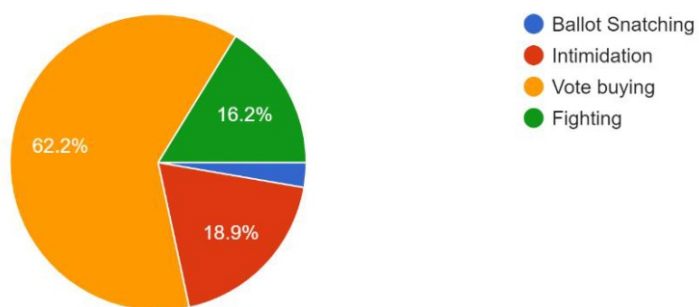
How was the Political Environment?

37 responses



What sort of incidences of Violence are prevalent?

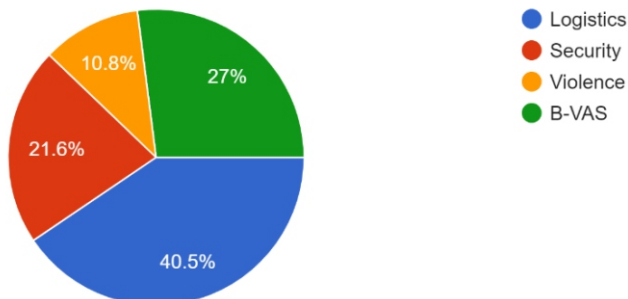
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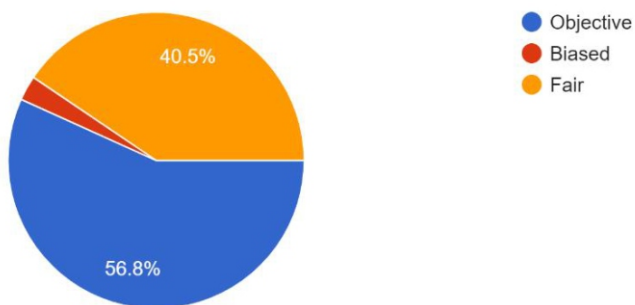
What were the challenges observed during the Elections?

37 responses



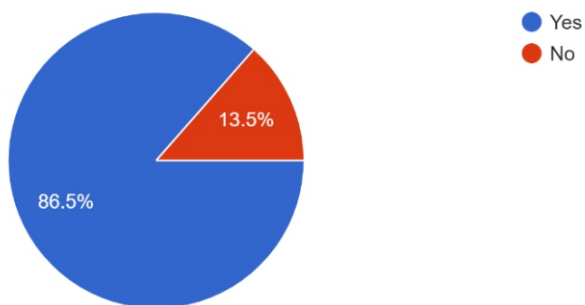
How objective is the media in their coverage of the Election

37 responses



Where sensitive materials sorted into Registration Area(RA)?

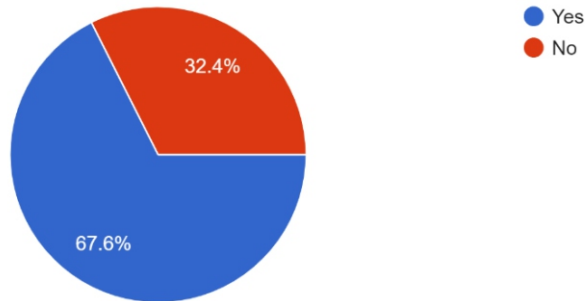
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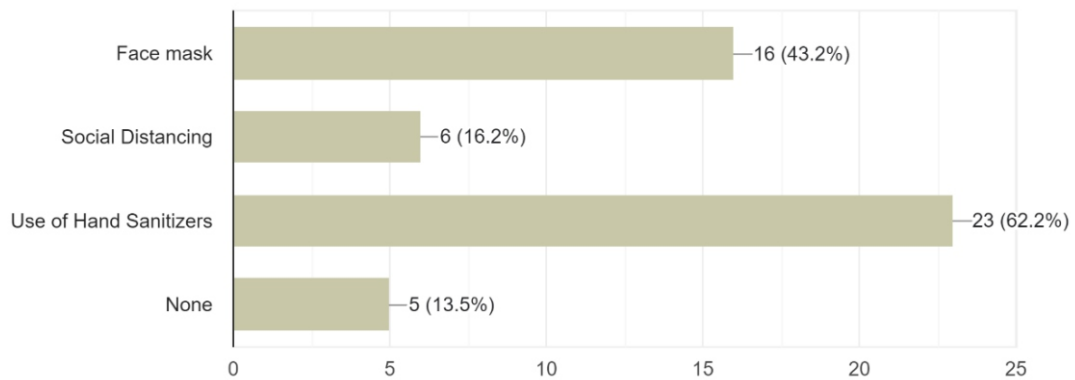
Was transportation of election staff consistent with COVID-19 containment protocols?(7-14for buses, and from 12 to 6 for boats)

37 responses



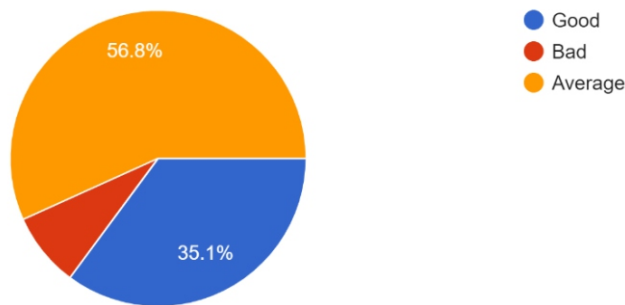
Please indicate the COVID-19 measures observed at the RAC(Ward)

37 responses



How do you rate the set-up of the RAC? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

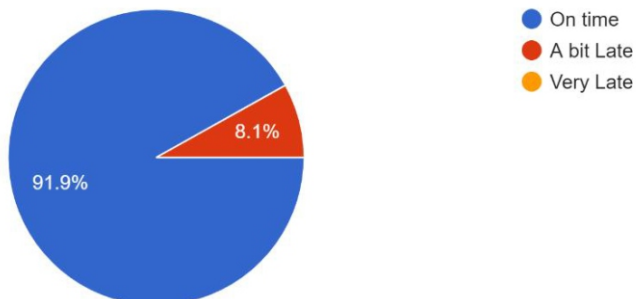
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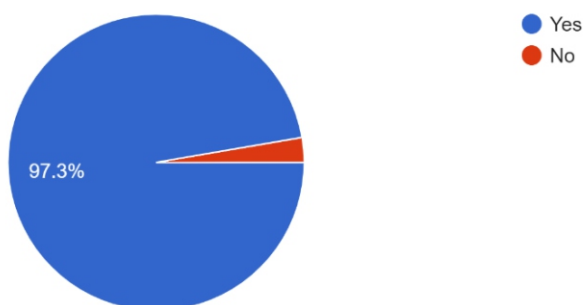
Opening Of Polling Units

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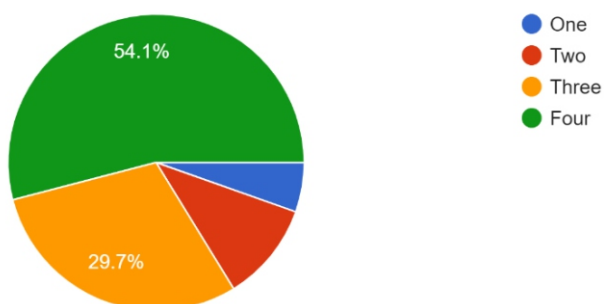
Where the polling units adequately secured (presence of security)?

37 responses



On the average, how many poll (INEC) officials present in most polling units?

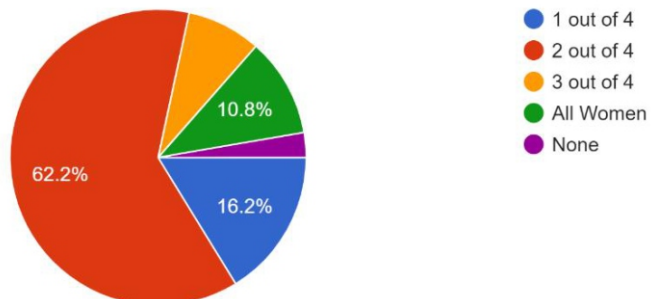
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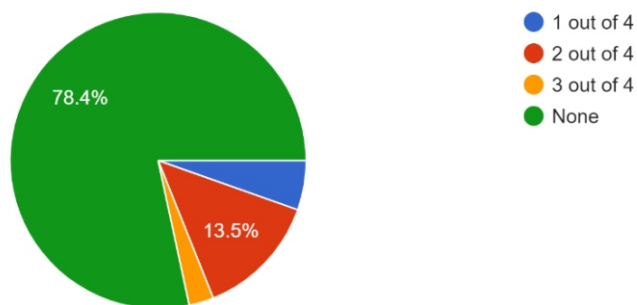
How many of the Polling unit staff (INEC) were women?

37 responses



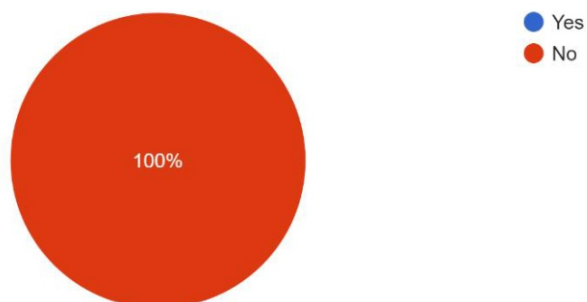
How many of the Polling unit staff were PWDs?

37 responses



Was there underage voting?

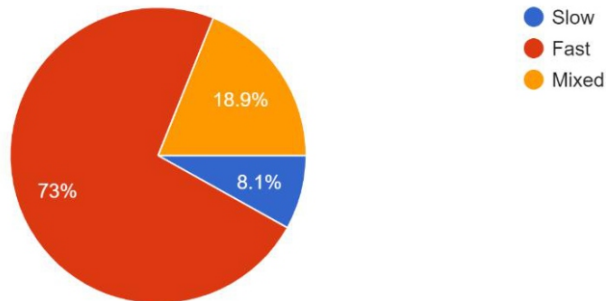
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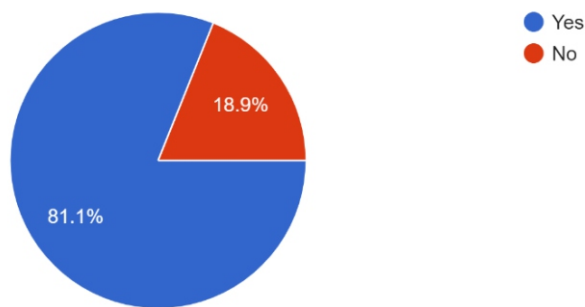
How effective were the B-VAS?

37 responses



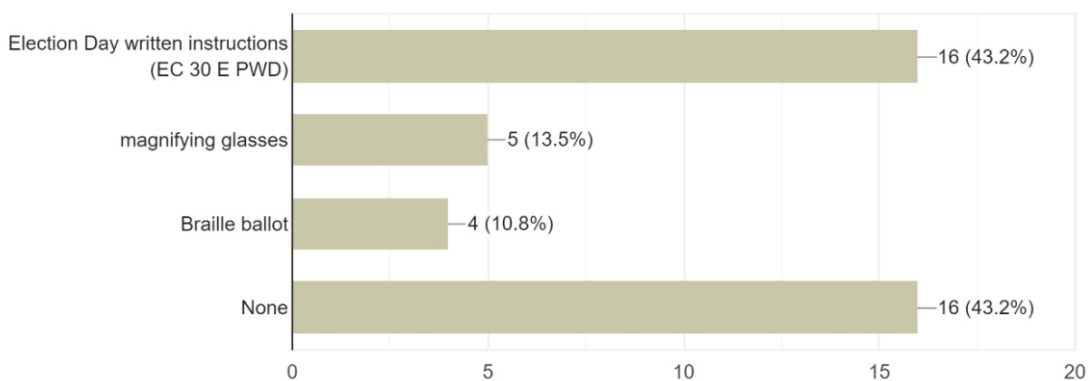
Any preference for PWDs, Nursing and aged voters at Polling Units visited?

37 responses



What type of assistive tools did you see at the polling units?

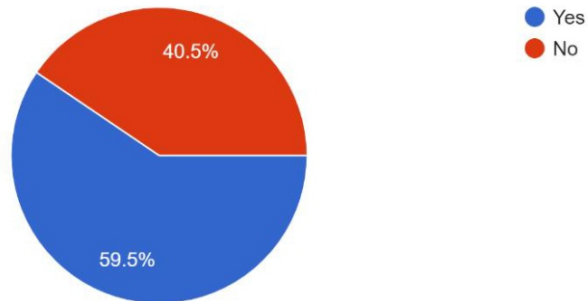
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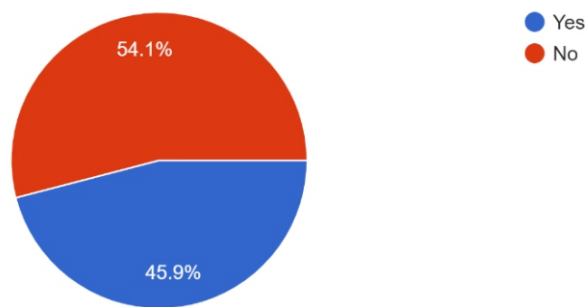
Were poll officials kitted with PPEs, gloves at the polling unit?

37 responses



Did voters adhere to physical distancing at the polling unit

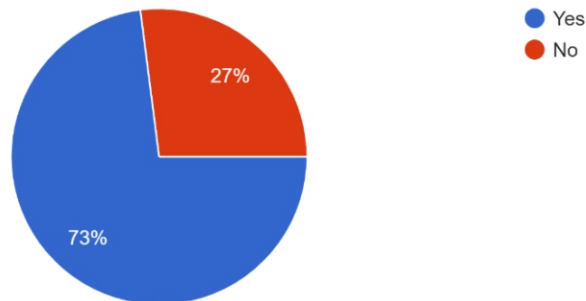
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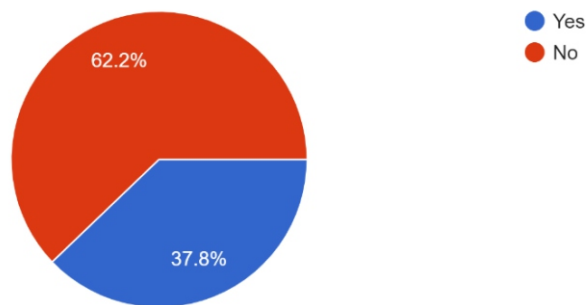
Did poll(INEC) officials implement the two-tier queuing system at the Polling Unit (one outside and the other in the voting area)

37 responses



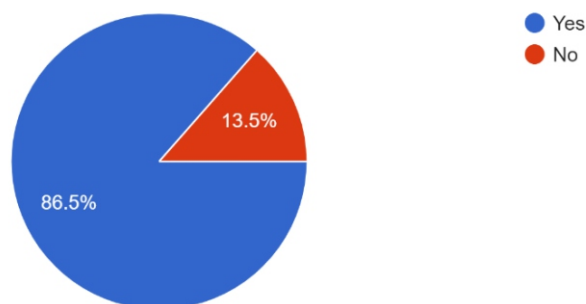
Did voters and staff wear face mask at polling units?

37 responses



Did poll officials read out the Voter Code of Conduct (VCC) to voters?

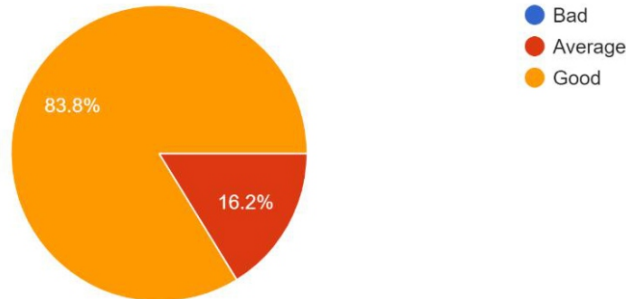
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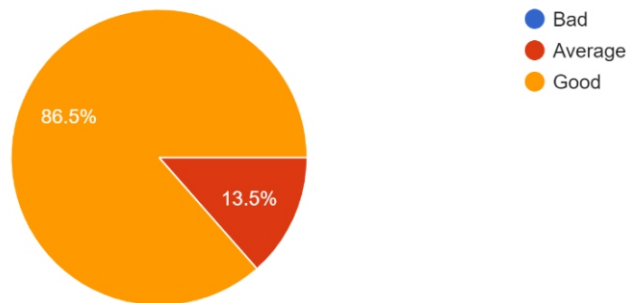
On an average, how do you rate INEC poll official performance?

37 responses



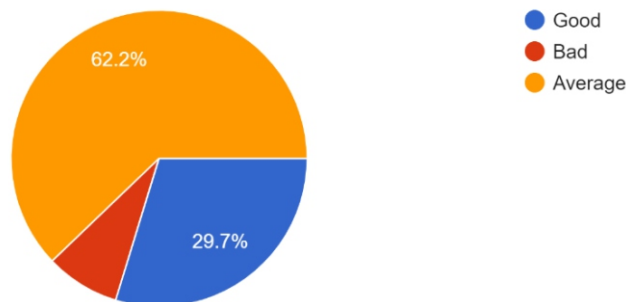
How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (accessibility)

37 responses



How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

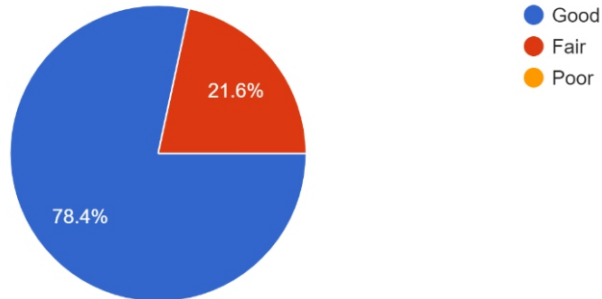
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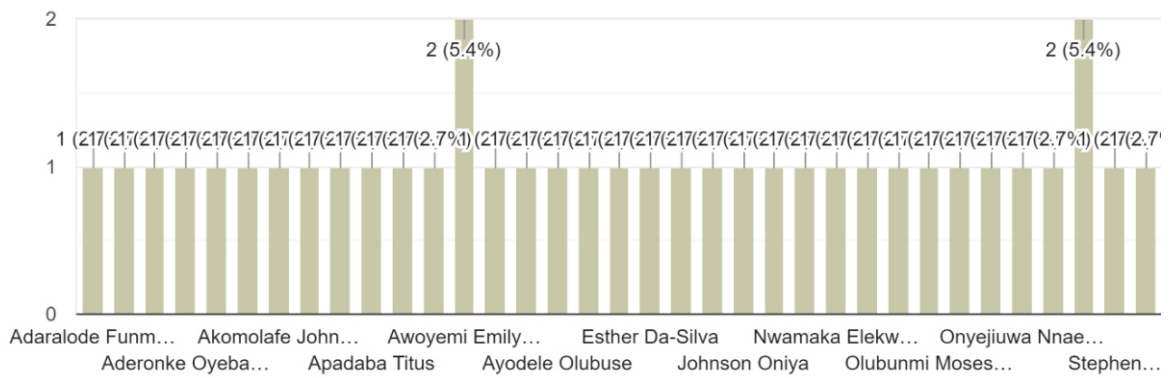
General Assessment of the entire process

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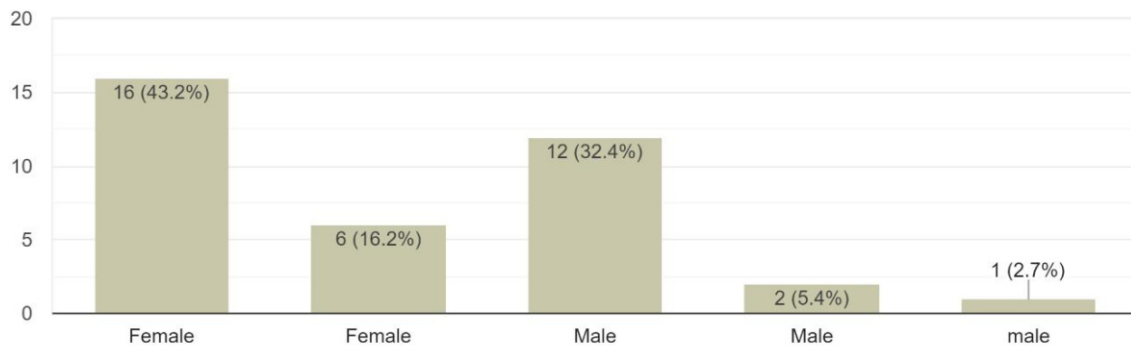
Observer's Name

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Gender

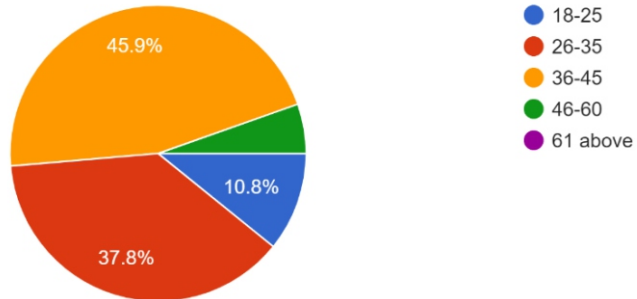
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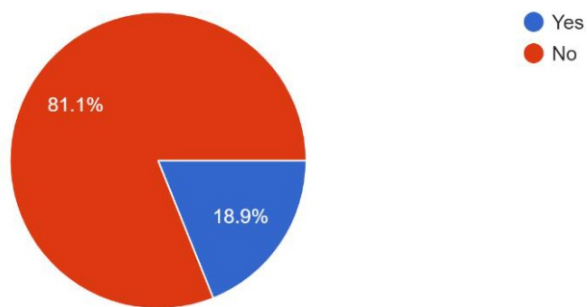
Age

37 responses



Persons with disabilities(PWDs)

37 responses





PRESS RELEASE

Ado-Ekiti- 13/06/22

Towards Ekiti June 18, 2022, Governorship Election

A few days remain until the Ekiti governor's race. The election scheduled for 18 June 2022 will be the sixth election for governor of Ekiti State. According to INEC statistics, sixteen political parties are competing for the votes of eligible voters in 2,445 polling units Wards to become the next governor of the state.

Ekiti State presently has 988,923 registered voters, according to INEC figures (79,338 more than 2018). There are 502,906 girls (51%) and 486 017 males included in these figures (49%).

Additionally, INEC has declared that it will provide 3,346 BVAS devices to the 10,269 polling workers throughout the election.

In preparation for the next governorship election, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), an accredited election observer, convened a stakeholder conference with participants from many sectors and fields in relation to their electoral roles. Participants were selected from the following groups and organizations: INEC, Traditional rulers, Police, FRSC, NSCDC, Immigration, Civil Society Organisations (CSO's), Nigerian Youth Parliament Ekiti State Chapter, National Orientation Agency (NOA), Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC), Market women's Association (Iyalojas), Religious bodies, NUJ, Rattawu and citizens.

The various participants discussed their roles in the election, and the security services reassured the public of their readiness.

Prior to the meeting, the CTA team made advocacy visits to security agencies and important government agencies, including the DSS, the NSCDC, and the National Orientation agency. CTA launched media sensitization programs to raise citizens' awareness of the need to vote en masse and to maintain peace and order before, during, and after elections.

CTA will deploy fifty (50) observers to the sixteen Local Government Areas of Ekiti State. These observers will receive training on the Electoral Act of 2022, election observation, and INEC Election Guidelines. CTA will also open a Situation Room from Friday 17th July 2022 in Ado-Ekiti to collect reports from field observers throughout the state.

We are concerned that the election is taking place in Nigeria amid a perilous security climate.

Participants were informed of what was expected of them before, during, and after the election, which made for a fascinating and enlightening discussion. The meeting produced the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. This political actor must guarantee that his or her acts and statements do not incite violence or unduly inflame the political climate.**
- 2. That security authorities should provide guarantees and make necessary measures for the protection of voters prior to and following elections.**
- 3. that voters must turn out in large numbers to exercise their democratic rights by voting for their preferred candidates and avoiding vote-buying.**
- 4. INEC should ensure that its workers are fully trained on the operation of the BVAS machines and the election guidelines to guarantee a free, fair, and credible governorship election.**
- 5. that parents must not allow their children to be used as political thugs to disrupt the peaceful conduct of elections**

Thank you.

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CTA'S PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT ON THE EKITI STATE JUNE 18, 2022, GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS DELIVERED BY FAITH NWADISHI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CTA AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2022 AT KOTOTEL PLAZA AND SUITES GRA, ADO-EKITI

Background:

The Ekiti governorship election will hold tomorrow Saturday 18/6/2022. It is on record that this election of 18th June 2022, will be the sixth for the governorship of Ekiti State. According to INEC records, sixteen political parties will be contesting for votes from eligible voters in 2,445 polling units (including 250 newly established polling units) in 177 Wards to determine the next governor of the state.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) records show that there are now 988,923 registered voters in Ekiti State (79,338 more than 2018). These numbers include 502,906 females (51 %) and 486 017 males (49 %). As at today, there are 749,065 collected PVCs accounting for 76 per cent, while 239,865 PVCs remain uncollected. Interestingly, over 74 per cent of women registered voters have collected their PVCs. A total of 483 journalists from 91 media houses and 79 domestic observer groups are accredited for the election. Equally, the Nigeria police will be deploying 17,317 police personnel while Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps will be deploying about 8,000 personnel. It is expected that other security agencies will deploy additional personnel to keep the peace. INEC has also announced that it will deploy 3,346 BVAS machines to the 2445 polling units and engage 10,269 officials for the election.

Before today, CTA, an accredited election observer group, organised a stakeholder meeting which had participants from different sectors and fields as it relates to their roles in the election. The meeting was engaging and enlightening.

In preparation for the forthcoming governorship election, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) carried out massive sensitization and campaigns in a bid to awakening the consciousness of the citizens on the need for them to come out enmasse to vote as well as the need to maintain peace and ensure orderliness before, during and after the elections. Fifty observers were trained in readiness for deployment to the field tomorrow.



This press conference will address our initial observations, preparations of the different stakeholders for the election and the opening of the CTA's situation room

Pre-Election Observation:

SITUATION /SECURITY REPORT:

We note that there is better coordination amongst the security agencies and the police as lead of the security team through the Inspector General of Police has assured of adequate security and coordination across the polling units. The police and NSCDC will be deploying 17,317 and over 8,000 respectively across the state. Furthermore, the NSCDC will be introducing the N-Alert App, a technology to assist on-the-spot reporting of events in the field. The App will enable observers and citizens to report security breaches in real time from the field.

There were reported security breaches especially between Road Transport Workers union and some political thugs. Some LGAs and communities are identified as flash points.

Ido/osi LGA

Itapaji (Oye LGA)

Oye (Oye LGA)

Ikole (Ikole LGA)

Ijigbo (Ado LGA)

Odo Ado (Ado LGA)

Okeiyinmi (Ado LGA)

Atikankan (Ado LGA)

Ajilosun (Ado LGA)

Old garage (Ado LGA)

Ikere (Ikere LGA)

Efon (EFON LGA)

The Nigeria Police has released hot lines for the election the police numbers are; 09021198809 and 07059119144. The NSCDC toll free number is 080046837467.

So far CTA commends the relatively peaceful situation prevailing in the state. Despite this seeming quietness, CTA urges security agencies to be at alert.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Security agencies should be alert, firm while exhibiting utmost professionalism
2. CTA urges security agencies especially the police not to let its guards down but to double efforts to nip any security breach in the bud especially as we approach election day tomorrow.

Security agencies must be neutral



THE ACTIVITIES OF INEC

The CTA commends the Election Management Body so far in its preparedness and readiness to conduct the election. The distribution of sensitive and non-sensitive materials by INEC has been smooth so far. We commend INEC for asserting its independence by keeping sensitive materials in the INEC offices instead of the Central Bank as was the tradition in the past. We hope this will be sustained. We are also impressed by the energy the INEC Chairman has exuded in the past weeks having paid working visits to Ekiti State to ensure that the election holds tomorrow seamlessly and rancour free. The CTA wishes to remind INEC that the Ekiti election should be taken seriously just because its failure or success counts towards the credibility of the EMB being the first election to be conducted under the Electoral Act 2022 and the new INEC Guidelines on Elections. The deployment of three National Commissioners and eight Resident Electoral Commissioners to complement the staff on ground.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. INEC should continue to show transparency in the electoral process.
2. We still call on INEC to address challenges that may arise during the election in good time to achieve a credible, free, and fair election tomorrow.

POLITICIANS/CAMPAIGNS.

Initially, political campaigns were low key as we observed. However, it intensified into a frenzy in the last four days with mega rallies and pockets of campaigns across LGAs. As stated earlier, there are no breach of the peace except the infraction between the NURTW members and some thugs. It is our belief that this peaceful situation will continue to prevail tomorrow during the election and after the election.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The CTA calls on political parties and supporters to shun rancour within and among themselves.
2. They should refrain from actions and activities that pose threat to public safety.

SIGNING OF THE PEACE ACCORD

The signing of the peace accord by political parties and their candidates was a significant milestone towards the election tomorrow. We commend the Kuka Centre as they continue to play this significant role towards peaceful elections in Nigeria.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We urge the politicians to match words with action. They should show commitment and abide by the spirit and contents of the document that they signed

**CITIZENS**

The CTA wishes to remind citizens that vote buying is an offence and attracts jail terms. If there are no sellers, there will be no buyers.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We call on citizens to turn up en masse tomorrow to cast their votes for candidates of their choice and to shun vote buying and trading as this diminishes their rights to make free choices
2. The media and citizens are hereby called upon to be vigilant and wary of fake news that will be inimical to the peaceful conduct of the Governorship election tomorrow. In this regard therefore, every information and news item should be scrutinized and verified by the media and citizens before publication both in the mainstream and social media.

The CTA's Preparation:**THE ACCREDITATION/MOBILIZATION OF OBSERVERS**

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy is accredited to observe the forthcoming election. To this effect, CTA has mobilized 50 field observers and will be deployed to various polling units across the 16 LGAs. The observers were trained yesterday the 16/06/2022 to acquaint them with the code of conduct and guidelines for election observation. They are expected to report factually in real time from the field. They are also expected to put into use the N-Alert App that was demonstrated yesterday by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps. The CTA is ready for the election tomorrow.

CTA's Situation Room:

The media and other stakeholders are welcome to the CTA's situation room which will be opened from this press conference and closed after results have been declared by INEC. There shall be roving observers and field observers stationed at polling units sending in reports to the Situation Room where these reports will be analyzed. At the close of polls tomorrow, CTA will be holding a press conference here to share its preliminary findings from field observations.

Our hotline:

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Let the will of the people prevail

Thank you.

Faith Nwadishi

Executive Director, CTA



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT ON OBSERVATION OF THE EKITI STATE
GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 18TH 2022 BY CENTRE FOR
TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY

Preamble:

The Ekiti state Gubernatorial election, one of the off-season elections in Nigeria's electoral calendar held on June 18TH 2022.

As part of its mandate and contribution towards strengthening the democratic process the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) trained and deployed 50 citizen observers to the field covering the entire state. This preliminary statement therefore represents our initial observations on the conduct of the election.

Time of arrival of INEC Officials and materials

Our field observers report indicated that polling officials arrived early in most of the polling units, with many of the polling units opening around 8.30am This is an indication of improvement with regards to election logistics arrangement on the part of INEC. We hope this improvement will be consolidated upon and carried into the 2023 general elections.

Time of commencement of accreditation and voting

Reports from our observers in the field indicate that voter accreditation and voting started on time in most of the polling units observed. While there were hitches in a few polling units, our observers report indicated that about 80% of polling units opened on time.

BVAS Performance

Compared to other states where BVAS was deployed, reports from the field indicate that the BVAS performed very well in the Ekiti elections with voter accreditation taking between 2 to 3 minutes on the average.

Performance/Conduct of INEC Officials CTA notes with satisfaction the performance of INEC officials during the election. In most of the polling units covered by our observers, polling officials exhibited professionalism and knowledge of their duties,

Time of arrival and Conduct of Security Agents

Our observers report indicate that security agents generally arrived promptly at the polling units and were professional in their conducts especially in the maintenance of law and order. We further observed that there was synergy and networking among the various security agencies. However, there were pockets of complaints about the welfare of the deployed security agents.

**Voter turnout**

From our observers' report, voter turnout was generally impressive. We therefore commend the Ekiti electorates for their enthusiastic turnout.

Conduct of Political Party Agent/Voters (Vote buying and vote selling)

Regrettably, our observers reported that the phenomenon of vote buying that is fast becoming a major feature of our democracy was manifest during this election. Our observers also reported parties paying as much as N7000 for votes while in some instances packs of Sphagetti and Semovita were shared to voters. It is heartwarming to observe that some culpable party agents were arrested by the agents of EFCC. INEC, the Security Agencies, and other stakeholders need to work out measures to effectively address this ugly phenomenon.

Violence

The report from the field indicates that the voting process was generally peaceful except for pockets of violence in some polling units.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the CTA commends the INEC, security agencies and the good people of Ekiti state for playing their part towards the growth and development of our democracy.

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FINAL STATEMENT ON OBSERVATION OF THE EKITI STATE GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION HELD ON JUNE 18TH 2022 BY CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY

RELEASED JUNE 21, 2022

Preamble:

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy duly observed the Ekiti state Gubernatorial election, one of the off-season elections in Nigeria's electoral calendar held on June 18TH 2022.

Ekiti State has 988,923 registered voters out of which 749,065 collected their PVCs before the election of 18/6/2022 leaving 239,865 PVCs uncollected. There are 2,445 polling units and 177 wards across the sixteen Local Government Areas of Ekiti State.

As part of its mandate and contribution towards strengthening the democratic process as a committed organization, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) trained and deployed 50 citizen observers to the field covering the entire state.

A total number of 363,438 potential voters were accredited out of these, 360,753 accredited voters cast their votes of which 351,865 was adjudged valid. In the early hours of Sunday 19/2/2022 having collated results from the 16 LGAs, the Returning Officer, Professor Kayode Adebawale of the University of Ibadan declared Biodun Oyebanji of APC winner having polled 187,057 votes. The candidate of the SDP, Segun Oni came second with 82,211 votes while the PDP candidate Bisi Kolawole polled 67,457 votes to come third.

This final statement therefore represents our observations on the conduct of the election.

Time of arrival of INEC Officials and materials

There is no significant change from our earlier position as our field observers reported that polling officials arrived early in most of the polling units, with many of the polling units opening around 8.30am This is an indication of improvement with regards to election logistics arrangement on the part of INEC and the cooperation of the Nigerian Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) that delivered on their mandate. We hope this improvement will be consolidated upon and carried into the July 16th 2022 Osun state governorship election and 2023 general elections.

Time of commencement of accreditation and voting

We commend the timely opening of polls, as voter accreditation and voting started on time in most of the polling units observed. While there were hitches in a few polling units, we noted that about 80% of polling units opened on time.

**BVAS Performance**

During this election, the BVAS performed very well with voter accreditation taking between 2 to 3 minutes on the average. This is recorded as a significant improvement judging from previous experiences. We encourage INEC to deploy more BVAS machines where there are more voters in subsequent elections.

Performance/Conduct of INEC Officials CTA notes with satisfaction the performance of INEC officials during the election. In most of the polling units covered by our observers, polling officials exhibited professionalism and knowledge of their duties. There was no case of substitution of Adhoc staff on election day. Those trained were deployed.

Time of arrival and Conduct of Security Agents

There was synergy between security agencies devoid of inter-agency rivalry. There was proper coordination and generally security agents arrived promptly at the polling units and were professional in their conducts especially in the maintenance of law and order. There were pockets of complaints about the welfare of the deployed security agents, and we call on the authorities concerned to make the welfare of security personnel deployed for election duty a top priority. We commend the NSCDC for the deployment of the N-Alert App, an app with the capacity to report real time and pinpoint location to check electoral crimes including violence.

Voter turnout

We noted that voter turnout was not impressive compared to the number of people that collected their PVCs prior to the election. only 36.5 per cent of eligible voters less than average turned out to cast their votes on election day. We call on political parties to constantly engage and mobilize the people on the need to vote during elections hence, politicians are the beneficiaries of votes cast on election days. We noted that some polling units still had many voters while some had few especially, the newly created polling units. There should be a massive campaign by concerned stakeholders CSOs, INEC, political parties, and the National Orientation Agency for people to transfer their voting points to the new polling units nearest to them.

Conduct of Political Party Agent/Voters (Vote buying and vote selling)

Regrettably, the phenomenon of vote buying that is fast becoming a major feature of our democracy was manifest during this election. Our observers also reported parties paying as much as N7000 for votes while in some instances packs of Sphagetti and Semovita were shared to voters at Agboyi Ward 07 PU 05. This dangerous trend was noticeable across all political parties. INEC, the Security Agencies, and other stakeholders need to work out measures to effectively address this ugly phenomenon.

Violence

The report from the field indicates that the voting process was generally peaceful except for pockets of violence in some polling units where voting was disrupted for a while like --- Ilawe . the INEC official had to remove the ballot box and other voting materials to a safety and returned to conclude the voting process when peace returned.

Collation and Announcement of Result

After the collation of results from the 177 wards at the State headquarters of INEC, The INEC Returning Officer, Prof Kayode Adebowale, who is the Vice Chancellor, the University of Ibadan announced Biodun Oyebanji of the All-Progressive Congress (APC) as the winner with a poll of 187,057 votes. The seamless transmission of results from the polling units to the INEC Result Viewing Portal accounted for the early announcement of results

Recommendations and Conclusion

1. INEC should continue to show transparency in the electoral process.
2. We still call on INEC to address challenges that were identified during the election in good time to achieve a credible, free, and fair election especially, the 2023 general elections.
3. INEC should devise means to decongest highly populated polling units for ease of voting to avoid encumbrances during Osun and the 2023 general elections.
4. The CTA equally recommends that INEC should deploy more BVAS machines where there are more voters in subsequent elections.
5. INEC, the Security Agencies, and other stakeholders need to work out measures to effectively address this ugly phenomenon of vote trading before it makes nonsense of the incremental successes recorded in the electoral process.
6. INEC should retain the logistical strategies that worked well during the Ekiti election especially, the movement and storage of sensitive materials in their office instead of the old use of facilities of the Central Bank of Nigeria
7. Citizens are enjoined to take advantage of the newly created polling units and transfer to vote in less congested polling units in future elections.
8. Security agencies should continue to be at alert, firm while exhibiting utmost professionalism as shown in this election in future and the 2023 general elections.
9. We recommend the deployment of the N-Alert device designed by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence corps (by safeguarding user identity) in future elections to capture in real time election infractions and challenges.

In conclusion, the CTA commends the INEC, security agencies and the good people of Ekiti state for playing their part towards the growth and development of our democracy.

The election was peaceful, it was free and substantially, credible.

Faith Nwadishi



Executive Director



AGENDA FOR TRAINING OF OBSERVERS FOR THE JUNE 18, 2022 EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION

SN	ACTIVITY/TOPIC	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Opening Prayer	All
2	Introduction and opening formalities	All
3	Opening Remarks by the ED	ED
4	Objectives of the training	MacDonald
5	Code of conduct for observers	Ezenwa
6	Overview of election observation and expectations from observers.	Babatunde Oluajo
7	Understanding INEC Guidelines for election observation	INEC rep
8	Security Flash points	NSCDC
9	Using the Checklist	ED
10	Observer's pledge	ED
11	Vote of thanks and closing	MacDonald
12	Departure	All

SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES AND SPEECHES

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

IPAC CHAIRMAN (Mr Ifedayo Iyaniwura)

- Ø Appreciated CTA for the great initiative and
- Ø He said every political party involved in June 18 2022 are fully prepared for the election.
- Ø He urged all observers to be up to the task ahead
- Ø He also mentioned some advantages of the new initiative by INEC such as BVAS
- Ø He discourages the act of vote buying.

State Director NOA (Mrs Olawumi Famuyiwa)

- Ø Appreciated the CTA team and commended them for a job well done in ensuring that a credible election takes place in Ekiti and Nigeria as a whole.
- Ø She listed some of NOA roles during the fourth coming Ekiti state June 18th Election such as Voters Education, Visit to market places, religious gathering, grass root visit etc
- Ø Radio programs
- Ø She also stressed that they are fully ready and will be fully involved in the coming election.
- Ø She sent her appeal to the representative of youth in the state to sensitize other youths to desist from any form of violence during the election.

**REPRESENTATIVE OF EKITI COUNCIL OF OBAS (OBA BABATOLA JP, THE OLUPOLE OF IPOLE ILORO).**

- Ø He sent the goodwill message of the Chairman Council of Obas Ekiti State who was unavoidable absent due to another important engagement towards the Forthcoming election
- Ø He reiterated that Ekiti State is a peaceful state and on no account should we allow anything that can disrupt the peaceful coexistence of the citizens of Ekiti State.
- Ø He urged all the candidates to accept the outcome of the election in good faith rather than resulting to violence and cooperate with the winner.
- Ø He called on Ekiti youths not to allow any politician to use them as thugs because no politician will allow his or her children to be thugs.
- Ø He showered Royal blessings on everyone that will be involved in the coming election

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY CORP.

- Ø He appreciated the Centre for Transparency Advocacy for the great initiative.
- Ø He emphasized that it is the duty of all stake holders to ensure successful election process in the coming week.
- Ø He encouraged all stakeholders to play their own role effectively so as to achieve a collective goal.
- Ø He enlightened the audience that it is part of the FRSC roles to be part of the election process by providing security apparatus logistics such as deployment of patrol vehicles which will be used in conveying sensitive materials and INEC officials.
- Ø He also noted all Road Safety vehicles are tracked and this makes it easier for every movement to be accounted for.
- Ø He said that more Road Safety personnel will be deployed from neighbouring states in order to meet up with the task ahead.
- Ø Road Safety will also ensure that the restriction of movement on the Election Day is adhered to.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIAN IMMIGRARIION SERVICE

- Ø He appreciated CTA for recognizing NIS in the electoral process.
- Ø NIS is more prepared to ensure an itch free process.
- Ø There are efforts put in place to prevent non-Nigerians from voting on Election Day.
- Ø He said there is training and retraining of officers going on in order to achieve success in the electoral process.
- Ø He noted that a lot of PVC and NIN has been ceased from non-Nigerians to prevent them from voting.
- Ø He said they have personnel in the 16 local Government area of Ekiti State to monitor those coming in and going out of the state.
- Ø He emphasized that the NIS are fully ready to synergize with other security agents in ensuring a successful election process.

**THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIAN POLICE FORCE**

- Ø Gave kudos to CTA for this great initiative and always been part of electoral process.
- Ø He assures all that the Nigerian police are working seriously to ensure the safety of citizen before, on and after the date of election.
- Ø He noted that many intelligence meetings are going on and will still be holding for the success of the election.
- Ø He said they have met with different stakeholders concerning the election.
- Ø He also said that personnel will be deployed to Ekiti for proper monitoring of the election.
- Ø He encouraged all citizens to come out and vote without fear because adequate provisions will be put in place to ensure their safety.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIAN SECURITY AND CIVIL DEFENCE CORP.

- Ø Thanked CTA for this great initiative and always been part of electoral process.
- Ø He assures all that NSCDC are working seriously to the citizen are safe before, on and after the date of election.
- Ø He noted that NSCDC are working on measures to ensure proper monitoring during elections and this will be effectively put to use
- Ø He said NSCDC will bring more expert personnel from other state to work together to achieve success of the election.
- Ø NSCDC assures CTA and every observer of adequate security and encourage them to always call-in case of any challenges.

After the keynote speakers speeches, questions and comments were entertained which gave room for clarification and recognition.

The meeting came to an end with closing prayer and refreshment.

The feedback from the activities were positive as everyone look forward to the main election.

THE ACCREDITATION/MOBILIZATION OF OBSERVERS

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy is accredited to observe the forthcoming election. To this effect, CTA has mobilized 50 field observers and will be deployed to various polling units across the 16 LGAs. The observers were trained yesterday the 16/06/2022 to acquaint them with the code of conduct and guidelines for election observation. They are expected to report factually in real time from the field. They are also expected to put into use the N-Alert App that was demonstrated yesterday by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps. The CTA is ready for the election tomorrow.

CTA's Situation Room:

The Situation Room was opened on Friday June 17 with the presence of observers and the media. This was immediately followed by the pre-election statement and press conference. The Situation Room was open till the close of polls and a press conference held to share its preliminary findings from field observations.

**Training of Election Observers:**

Venue: Koltotel Plaza and Suit, GRA Ado Ekiti.

Date: 16th June, 2022.

Time: 11am.

The meeting commenced immediately with opening prayer which is the second stanza of the national anthem.

The training with the theme 'The Role of Observers' was declared open by Mr Babatunde Oluajo.

The program was moderated by Mr. McDonald, the welcome address was given by the Executive Director Centre for Advocacy.

In her address, Madam Faith Nwadishi welcomed everyone saying the history of the Ekiti State election will not be complete if the CTA meeting is not counted.

She said that election observers are globally recognized during electoral process with high esteem. CTA is an accredited Domestic Observer Group and has trained and deployed observers on Election Day.

She charged the observers to discharge their duties credibly just as it was done in the 2018 governorship election and the 2019 general election. All observers are to be transparent as this should be the hallmark of every observer.

She said that part of what the trainees will be exposed to was the security tips and the INEC Guidelines for election, all observers including INEC should serve the interest of the people while paying keen attention to the development of improved technology.

She asked the observers to also pay attention to the treatment of vulnerable groups such as visibly pregnant women, the elderly and people living with disability.

She charged the observers to monitor the conduct of the electoral staff, security agents and other observers as well during the electoral process.

She reminded the observers to ensure that their reports are factual as this will gender better democratic practices.

She reminded the observers to be conscious of the fact that they are observers and that their neutrality should not be in doubt, observers are to be good ambassador of CTA as well as their families.



She concluded that observers should continue to build citizens capacity in the quest to achieve peaceful and credible election.

Mr MacDonald made known that as observers should know the dos and don'ts guiding the role they are called to perform.

He therefore handed over to the NSCDC officer to kick start the training.

Mr Deolu Oyebade, a liaison officer representing the corps PRO gave kudos to CTA for the great initiative and went straight to the training session.

He said that the Nigeria security and Civil Defense Corps on their part has security measures that have been put in place for a peaceful election.

He introduced an alert website named "N Alert" purposely designed for incidences such as insecurity, fire outbreak, etc, which may require an emergency. He further said the online alert was designed for safety reasons and majorly for the institutions under the ministry of interior. But for effective use during the election, the corps has deemed it fit to educate the observers on how make use of this platform to give notable and useful information with the location spotted.

He further instructs the observers on how to download the APP on their Android phone using the google play store by following all necessary instruction inscribed based on his directive during the training

He pleaded with the observers not to toil with the platform as all information sent in through the platform would be received at the corps control room and be treated as emergency. So therefore, no force alarm should be raised on the platform. While this was on going, he requested a practical to back up his teaching and make it more explanatory as this would guide our subsequent use during and after election. He made known the toll-free line of the ministry of information as 0800interior.

The CTA executive director madam Faith Nwadishi observed that in relations to privacy on the part of anyone giving information as the individual contact was seen displayed at the top of the conversation on the N Alert APP. She therefore urged NSCDC to use a kind of encryption to cover the complainant/caller's identity for safety and security reasons.

After the training session of NSDC representatives,

The INEC Representative, Mrs Rolake Odebunmi applauded the organisation for been a partner in progress with the INEC, She shared some useful information that every observers should take note and handed over the information kit as promised for convenience during the election.



She advised all observers not to touch anything, but only to observe and note down what they have observed.

Observers are not INEC officials nor returning officer, so they don't have power to announce result.

She said all observers should be in their proper kit, for easy identification to avoid embarrassment of any kind.

She concluded her section saying as observers we must be informed to avoid deformity.

TRAINING SESSION BY MR EZENWA NWAGWU

Mr Ezenwa Nwagwu standing on the existing protocol takes charge of the platform running through what is expected of observers. He began his section with the question tags "why are you here, who invited you?" with this he made known that finding out the core values of the organization as its Ambassador would be an armor that would guide every participant of the training.

He further spelt out the core values of CTA as Transparency and integrity with his emphasis on integrity as what an individual does behind close door, he therefore charges every observer on the need to distinguish themselves from others as an Ambassador of Centre for Transparency Advocacy.

He charges them in the need to be knowledgeable, to equip themselves with what would be given and put them all into practice as documentation is the key, reportage is of outmost important.

He also gave the following advice

- Ø Be at their polling unit on time
- Ø Take food and drinks along
- Ø Conduct themselves
- Ø Be security conscious
- Ø Be active and sensitive at the end of the exercise
- Ø Take picture at the venue
- Ø Fill the INEC observer's form

TRAINING SESSION BY MR BABATUNDE OLUAJO

Meanwhile Mr Babatunde Oluajo gave kudos to the participant for choosing the role and running through the code of conduct guiding observers He said observers are film makers and one of the essential workers. In view of this, he made known that as a nonpartisan person which we are called to be during election, the law does not permit observers to intervene but to give recommendations of how gaps discovered can be filled for subsequent elections as our observations are valuable tools for improvement as spelt out in Article 21 of Universal



declaration of the human right,"The will of the people shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections.....'

In submission, he said our work is to help build confidence in the electoral processes so to check and correct errors.

In conclusion, The Executive Director of the organization Ms Faith Nwadishi says we are watchdogs and if it requires that observers should not vote as advised for proper monitoring and to avoid been partisan and that means we have done our part in a more dignified way.

She further stressed that election in Nigeria is a volatile act, so if we don't know how to use the camera secretly then SMS would be the best to avoid a situation like "Take a snap to get a slap."

She further appreciated every observer for coming for the training and she expects practical exhibition of every knowledge acquired.

The meeting came to an end at 3.30pm.

WELCOME SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA) DURING THE TRAINING OF ELECTION OBSERVERS FOR THE JUNE 18, 2022, EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION HELD AT KOLTOTEL PLAZA AND SUITES ON JUNE 16, 2022.

Protocols

Dear colleagues, I sincerely welcome all here today as we get prepared to be part of history and be counted as democracy champions. The history of elections in Ekiti State will not be complete if what we are about to do today is not counted. We are here to deepen our knowledge through training and participating as election observers on Saturday June 18, 2022. This is an enormous task, please take it seriously.

Election observation is a globally recognized activity in the electoral process, and it is held in high esteem. The Centre for Transparency Advocacy as an accredited Domestic Observer Group has over the years trained and deployed observers on election day. Remarkably, our reports are credible. Our recommendations with other observer groups have over time contributed to the incremental success recorded by the Independent National Electoral Commission. It is important to give this background to buttress the importance that we attach to election observation, therefore, it is imperative to impart the right knowledge to observers before they are deployed to the field.

The election that will be held on June 18, 2022, will be the 6th Governorship Election in Ekiti State. CTA observed the 2018 Governorship Election in Ekiti State as well as the 2019 General Elections with the deployment of observers that discharged their duties credibly. We shall not expect less from you. As we know, according to INEC records, 16 political parties are in the race to produce the next governor of the state seeking votes from eligible voters in the 2,445



polling units (including the new additional 250 polling units) across 177 Wards. The number of registered voters in Ekiti State stands at about 988,923. Out of these numbers, 502,906 (51%) are females while 486,017 (49%) are males. As at today, there are 749,65 collected PVCs (76 per cent), while 239,865 PVCs are uncollected. Interestingly, over 74 per cent of women have collected their PVCs. 483 Journalists from 91 media houses and 80 observer groups are accredited for the election. Equally, the Nigeria police will be deploying about 17,317 police personnel to keep the security during the election.

All of us in this room today are carefully selected based on recommendations vouching for your steadfastness, integrity, and respect for the process. It is expected that by the end of the training today, participants would have acquired sufficient knowledge and skills to function effectively as election observers

As citizens and stakeholders, we all have equal stake in the political events in our state hence, transparency should be the hallmark of every observer that will be deployed to the field. You are expected to abide by the code of conduct as will be issued to you after this training. You will equally be exposed to security tips and the INEC Guidelines for election observers.

It is our belief that all of us represented here today including INEC will serve the interest of the people while paying keen attention to the deployment of improved technology such as the Bi-modal Voter Accreditation System (B-VAS) that replaced the Smart Card Reader to achieve transparency in the electoral process. Also pay attention to the treatment of vulnerable groups such as visibly pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disability at polling units by election officials. It is essential to observe the conduct of election staff, the security agents, and even other observers in the field.

It is important to remind us as observers to ensure that our reports must be factual as this will help to engender better democratic practices which in turn will help the Electoral Umpire to fashion a credible pathway to elections and the electoral process. The Covid-19 Protocols are still enforced, therefore, observe it and be safe.

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) will be deploying 50 observers including our expert team members to the 16 Local Government Areas of Ekiti State. You are expected to observe in the polling units nearest to your residence while most of the expert team will be deployed as roving observers. CTA will also be setting up a Situation Room here in Ado-Ekiti on election day to receive reports from you (the field observers) in real time from across the state. Remember, you are an observer and not a monitor. Note, your neutrality should not be in doubt, that is what is expected of you. You should be a good ambassador of CTA as well as our individual families.

In conclusion, we shall continue to build citizens' capacity in the quest for the achievement of a credible and peaceful election. I charge you to listen carefully to the presenters and



facilitators who are seasoned experts in the electoral process and veterans in election observation in Nigeria and globally. Once again, report only what you see, be neutral, be careful and watchful.

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CTA most kindly appreciates everyone that is in this training today.

Once again, I sincerely welcome everyone and wish for a fruitful training.

Thank you for coming.

Faith Nwadishi.

Executive Director

June 16, 2022

**AGENDA FOR TRAINING OF OBSERVERS FOR THE JUNE 18, 2022
EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION**

SN	ACTIVITY/TOPIC	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
1	Opening Prayer	All
2	Introduction and opening formalities	All
3	Opening Remarks by the ED	ED
4	Objectives of the training	MacDonald
5	Code of conduct for observers	Ezenwa
6	Overview of election observation and expectations from observers.	Babatunde Oluajo
7	Understanding INEC Guidelines for election observation	INEC rep
8	Security Flash points	NSCDC



9	Using the Checklist	ED
10	Observer's pledge	ED
11	Vote of thanks and closing	MacDonald
12	Departure	All

WELCOME SPEECH BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA) DURING THE STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING IN PREPARATION TOWARDS THE JUNE 18, 2022, EKITI STATE GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION HELD AT KOLTOTEL PLAZA AND SUITES ON MAY 31, 2022.

Protocols

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to this meeting. The last time we were here was in 2018, the last Governorship Election that was held on July 14, 2018. Once again, I am glad we are here, welcome.

We may all recall that Ekiti State fell into the category of states with off season election because of events of 2014 that saw an interruption and subsequent court actions leading to a shift in the normal national election schedule for Ekiti State. In the 2018 Governorship Election in Ekiti State, 35 political parties fielded candidates and dully participated in the election as recorded by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). The number of political parties have reduced due to the delisting of some political parties by INEC leaving 18 political parties in Nigeria as at today. All the political parties fielded all male for the governorship and ten female deputies. As of 2018, Ekiti State had 909'585 registered voters out of which 405, 861 were accredited to vote. Only 384,594 votes in that election were valid.

It is important to refer to these past events to see how best we can mobilize for a better election. The election that will be held on June 18, 2022, will be the 6th Governorship Election in Ekiti State. As at this date according to INEC records, 16 political parties are in the race to produce the next governor of the state seeking votes from eligible voters in the 2,441 polling units (including the new additional 250 polling units) across 177 Wards. The number of registered voters in Ekiti State stands at about 988,923. Out of these numbers, 502,906 (51%) are females while 486,017 (49%) are males. You can see from these figures that more women registered to vote than men. However, the paradox of it is that there are 15 male Governorship Candidates – as against just 1 female Governorship candidate and 7 female deputy Governorship candidates.

This is not a meeting for too many speeches in the strict sense of it but a conversation; an interaction between stakeholders working towards a free, fair, peaceful, and credible election with all ingredients of transparency. May I mention that the



participants are carefully selected to represent all critical areas of the citizenry who are the actual CEOs in the electoral process.

This Election has been scheduled by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) for Saturday, June 18, 2022. The Centre for Transparency Advocacy, an accredited Domestic Observer Group like many other stakeholders, is preparing for the election with the mandate to contribute its quota towards a free, fair, peaceful, and credible election in Ekiti State. This meeting is one in the series through which CTA has been engaging various stakeholders to gauge the pulse and preparations of the citizens and the Election Management Body towards the election.

As citizens and stakeholders, we all have equal stake in the political events in our state hence, transparency should be the hallmark of every group, agency, individuals, the media, security agencies, civil society and citizens that will be involved in the conduct of this election on June 18, 2022.

It is our belief that all of us represented here today including INEC will serve the interest of the people while building on the recent successes in the last Anambra State Governorship Election and the FCT Area Council Elections in November last year and February 2022 respectively by the deployment of improved technology such as the Bi-modal Voter Accreditation System (B-VAS) that replaced the Smart Card Reader to achieve transparency in the electoral process. We hope this success shall be replicated in the Ekiti State Governorship Election. This meeting is about what is new, what has changed from previous experiences and the New electoral Act. We shall be looking at all these and more.

It is important to remind us as stakeholders to ensure that all voices are heard, especially those of the vulnerable groups such as women, youth, and people with disability in the electoral process to engender better democratic practices which in turn will help the Electoral Umpire to fashion a credible pathway to elections and the electoral process. Say no to vote buying and any form of inducement.

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) will be deploying 50 observers including our expert team members to the 16 Local Government Areas of Ekiti State. These observers will be trained on Election Observation and adherence to INEC Election Guidelines and the Covid-19 Protocols in the next few weeks before the election. CTA will also be setting up a Situation Room here in Ado-Ekiti on election day to receive reports from the field observers from across the state.

At this point, we in CTA express our reservation at the low level of campaigns. It is alleged that politicians are not campaigning but rather keeping money to influence voters on the day of election. Let me firmly say here that vote buying or undue financial



inducement of any kind constitutes an electoral offence. The 2022 Electoral Act is clear on this as captured in sections 121(1)a-d, 127 (a-b). The act of bribery and conspiracy attracts a penalty of 500,000 fine or 12 months imprisonment or both if convicted. Say no to vote buying and any form of inducement.

Politicians should go out and campaign, that is the right thing to do. Equally, there have been reported cases of electoral violence during campaign and militarization of the state, this may scare away potential voters and citizens and therefore should be discouraged. We plead for peaceful campaigns in the state. Political parties should make their campaigns issue based while refraining from making utterances that may lead to the breach of the peace existing in the state. Also, security agencies should assure the masses of adequate protection during this time and the election periods. Having a credible, free, and fair election should be the primary responsibility of all other stakeholders. That is our message today.

In conclusion, we shall continue to consult and collaborate with all stakeholders in the quest for the achievement of a credible and peaceful election. Our votes due count and we shall strive to make sure that our votes must count. Truly, this is our state, this is our election, and **OUR VOTE MUST COUNT**.

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CTA most sincerely appreciates everyone that is in this meeting today. In particular, we acknowledge the Department of State Service (DSS), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), the National Orientation Agency (NOA) and the media houses that granted us an audience before now. We do not take your presence for granted. It is our hope that we shall continue to have quality collaboration from INEC, the National Orientation Agency, the security agencies, traditional rulers, religious leaders, professional organizations, CSOs, and other participants who in one way or the other has added value to our work and ultimately this meeting today.

Once again, I sincerely welcome everyone and wish for a fruitful meeting.

Thank you for coming.

Faith Nwadishi.

Executive Director

**MEDIA LINKS**

Stakeholders meeting

<https://dailytrust.com/osun-govship-stakeholders-pledge-to-ensure-credible-poll>

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CTA election press release:

- <https://roundoffnews.com/ekiti-election-cta-affirms-appreciable-improvements-by-inec/>

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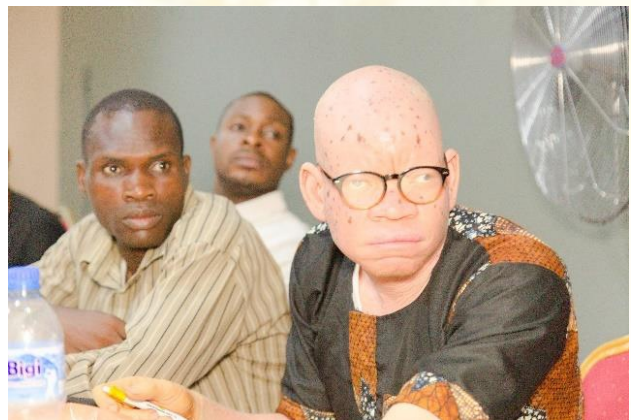
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PICTURES FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING





PICTURES FROM THE OBSERVERS TRAINING



PICTURES FROM THE ELECTION DAY







CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA)

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) was founded in 2005 but was registered as a Non-Profit, Non-Governmental and Non-Religious organisation under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria in 2012. Our mission is to promote the benefits of transparency and accountability in public service and to cause a reawakening in the society to imbibe the tenets of transparency and accountability in Nigeria. One of its key roles is advocating for transparency in the value chain of the extractive sector, People's rights, values as well as to monitor service delivery as rendered by government and agencies to conform to global standards and best practices. CTA is privileged to work with a large repertoire of media partners.

Importantly, the covenant of CTA is premised on advocating openness in running government business, assessing, and verifying on- going and completed physical projects and ascertaining the quality-of-Service Delivery by Federal, State and Local Governments, Ministries/Departments and Agencies (MDAs). CTA works towards achieving reforms in the extractive industry and community interventions that support contract transparency, Zero Gas Flare, and beneficial ownership reforms as well as working to mitigate unintended consequences arising from the extractive industry resources.

CTA equally operates as a critical watch dog in the electoral value chain and is involved in election observation in Nigeria. We enjoy strategic partnership with other organisations notably, Women in Extractives, Koyenum Immalah Foundation, Network on Good Governance, Contract Transparency Network, the Media, and other Civil Society Organisations.

Centre for Transparency Advocacy is certified by NGOsource. Centre for Transparency Advocacy has produced CONTRAWATCH (public radio program). This project was supported by FOSTER until it wound up in March 2021, thereby leaving a vacuum in continuing the advocacy on Contract transparency. However, CTA has continued with the advocacy and engagement for policy change and implementation through the deployment of FOI to demand for contract transparency in the mining sector in Nigeria.

