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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Federal Capital Territory Area Council Election held February 12th. This is the only local government election overseen by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), with the rest being overseen by their respective States Electoral Commissions. The FCT elections was conducted in all accredited polling units throughout the six Area Councils to fill empty seats in 68 constituencies, including six chairmanships and 62 councillorships. INEC declared that 14 political parties fielded candidates for the slots. In the FCT's 68 constituencies, 55 candidates contested for Chairman, while 363 candidates contested for the position of Councillors. The number of registered voters in the FCT are 1,373,492, while the number of polling units are 2,822, including the newly created 2,260. However, INEC stated that no materials or officials were deployed to 593 of the newly established polling units because no voters have yet been registered in those areas.



***The Executive Director of CTA Faith Nwadishi addressing staff and volunteers at the Situation Room***

## PRE-ELECTION

**Mobilization and Training of Election Observers:** The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) mobilized 150 field observers for the election. The objective of the training includes the building of the capacity of the observers to among other things to help build the confidence in the electoral process and other important functions in the electoral process.

Essentially, the observers were trained on the 10/2/2022 to acquaint them with the code of conduct and guidelines for election observation. The training session dealt with the code of conduct for INEC, Observers, and other stakeholders in the election process. The two trainings part contains the knowledge about the FCT, overview of the election process, Role of election observers, why elections are important? The basics of election the local authorities in FCT.

The observers were deployed to various polling units across the 6 Area Councils in the FCT. The field on the spot reports by the observers formed a substantial component of this report. The report of the training of observers is included in the annex.



**Cross section of Observers at the training**



***Group Photograph of Observers***



***Observers with the Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi***

## **MEETING WITH THE FCT RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION/ ACTIVITIES OF INEC IN PREPARATION FOR THE ELECTION**

The CTA commended the Election Management Body in its preparedness and readiness put in towards the conduct of the election. The distribution of sensitive and non-sensitive materials by INEC was smooth as we observed at the FCT INEC office. CTA reminded INEC that the FCT election should be taken seriously just like any other election because its failure or success would count towards the credibility of the EMB. The deployment of 3 National Commissioners and 6 Resident Electoral Commissioners with other 12000 staff by INEC and the support of all stakeholders in the electoral value chain would help for the smooth delivery of the election. The Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi advised that the successes recorded in the last Anambra State Governorship election should be taken a notch further while challenges noted should be addressed using the FCT Area Council Election.

She commended the role the commission has been playing especially in sharing information generally and letting people know of the over 500 polling units without voters attached to them because they are new and said that this is the first time, we are seeing this level of transparency in the umpire.

She shared her experience in the recent Anambra elections they attended and said some polling units didn't have voters and they had evidence to show for it. She appreciated the commission for interpreting the electoral ACT as they carry out the continuous voters' registration and education as prescribed in the ACT over a year plus and expressed her joy in the improvement that has happened in the entire electoral process especially in the introduction of the BVAS (Biometric Voters Accreditation System).



*The ED receiving some information bulletins from the FCT REC- Yahya Belo*



***Group photograph of the CTA team with the REC and principal officers from INEC***

### **POLITICIANS/CAMPAIGNS.**

Politicians and party supporters went about their campaigns peacefully without significant breach of security or inflated hate speeches outside the usual political jabs among political parties and supporters. This situation continued to prevail in most cases during the election and after the election as CTA before now called on political parties and supporters to shun rancour within their ranks and among themselves without threat to public safety. The need for political parties to improve and strengthen their internal democracies was reemphasized as the number of outstanding court cases were clear indication of this. The signing of the peace accord by the contestants was advised to be taken seriously beyond the show of it, to further commitment of ensuring that the letter of this accord is strictly adhered to by the contestants, the party leadership, and their followers.

### **JUDICIARY:**

CTA identified the role of the judiciary in our elections as critical to the delivery of a free, fair and credible election. CTA called on the judiciary to dispense pre-election cases brought before them speedily not to hamper the preparations for elections. A situation where a candidate has been campaigning for an election is removed or replaced on the eve of election affects the participation and preparation of stakeholders. However, we commended the judiciary in the manner they handled this election unlike in other elections where counter rulings were given on similar matters.



## **SITUATION /SECURITY REPORT:**

We noted that there was better coordination amongst the security personnel and the police as lead of the security team assured of adequate security and coordination across the polling units. To this effect hotlines were promised to be released by the police to report infractions.

CTA commended the relatively peaceful situation prevailed in the FCT even as CTA urged security agencies especially the police not to let its guards down but to double efforts to nip any security breach in the bud especially at the approach of election day. However, the following locations were identified by the police as election flash points; Karshi, Deidei, Zuma Rock, Kabusa, Gishiri, Abaji Nebu, Yangoji, Yaba, Kwali Kwaita, Mate, Azam, Kuje Pegi and Bwari.

## **STAKEHOLDERS Engagement**

CTA engaged various stakeholders and citizens to gauge the pulse and preparations of the citizens and the Election Management Body towards the election. CTA on February 2, 2022, visited the Resident Electoral Commissioner, FCT Alhaji Yahaya Bello and secured commitment from INEC on its readiness for the election.

CTA attended the stakeholder's meeting organized by INEC and the Observer's briefing by INEC. In the same manner, CTA hosted a Stakeholder's RoundTable on the election on February 8, 2022, and had conversations with critical stakeholders towards a peaceful, free, fair, and credible election in the FCT. In attendance were the military, paramilitary, CSOs, media, the police, religious and traditional rulers.

The meeting had in full attendance the presence of different security agencies ranging from The Nigeria Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) to The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Nigerian Air Force (NAF), Nigerian Navy (N-Navy), The Nigerian Police Force (NPF), The Inter-party Advisory Committee (IPAC), Media bodies, CSO etc. There were 42 persons in attendance: 9 Females and 33 Males.



***Venerable J.O Unuayan, Chaplain of the National Assembly  
presenting a goodwill message***



***Representatives of the Military, other security agencies, women's groups,  
traditional council and CSOs***



### **CTA's Situation Room:**

As a tradition, CTA opened her Situation Room for the FCT Area Council Elections on February 11. The media and other stakeholders were invited for a press conference that signified the official opening of the Situation Room. The Situation Room will be declared closed after results have been declared by INEC. Our roving observers and field observers stationed at particular polling units sent in reports to the situation where the reports were analyzed for final reports. At the close of polls, CTA held a press conference and shared preliminary findings from our observations.



***Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi in a pre-election press conference to declare the Situation Room open***

## **ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES**

### **Time of commencement of accreditation and voting**

Reports of early arrivals and commencement of polls were above average. It was reported that 58.1 per cent of personnel and materials arrived polling units between 7-8 am, 23.8 percent arrived between 8-9 am while on the extreme was 16.2 percent for late arrivals across the FCT. We noted that security personnel attached to RACs, and polling units arrived early at their beats.

However, in some areas like the super RAC at Government Secondary school, Garki, in AMAC, due to operational reasons, personnel and materials were not moved to various polling units as at 10 am. The reason for the delay was attributed to non-availability of enough vehicles to distribute materials and personnel to the various units hence the resort to few vehicles that had to do several rounds to drop off personnel and materials.



***The CTA Team led by the ED on the election day***

Significantly, most of the reports from our observers indicated that on the average voter accreditation and voting commenced between 8.30am and 10.00am

### **Performance/Conduct of INEC Officials**

There was marked improvement in the performance of INEC officials during the election. On the conduct of INEC officials CTA observed the cooperation of the INEC personnel in coordination and maintaining peace but in some areas because of the massive voters turnout, they were overwhelmed and agitated but still maintained their calm for a peaceful election atmosphere.

Remarkably, the ad-hoc staff gave preferences to nursing mothers, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. There were complaints of congestions at polling units despite the creation of more polling units by INEC.



*Election officials on duty*

Our observers also reported cases of slow BVAS functioning and malfunctioning which in turn made the voting process very slow and kept many waiting. This led to an agitated and tensed atmosphere in some instance. On the malfunctioning of BVAS, the significant factor to understand is that the adhoc staff that were handling it were the number one culprit in the malfunctioning of the BVAS as most of them lacked the requisite knowledge to operate the system. It was alleged that some of the trained adhoc staff were switched or did not show up at the last minute.

CTA therefore is advocating for more training for the adhoc staff and to ensure that the electoral officers do not change trained adhoc staff on election day to avoid this kind of problem. Adhoc staff should be properly trained to operate the BVAS While INEC should endeavor to deploy only trained adhoc staff and should not replace trained staff with untrained people as this has continued to jeopardize smooth electoral process.

We also noted from our field reports that significant number of polling units were situated at neutral points while ballot boxes were in the full view of voters and party agents. 99 percent of our observers reported that election materials were intact, not tampered with and opened before the electorates with party agents witnessing the activities



### **Time of arrival and Conduct of Security Agents**

Generally, the security agents arrived on time. In many of the polling units, our observers reported security agents arriving before the commencement of the accreditation and voting.

On the average there were 3- 4 security agents per polling unit. The security agents were very professional and conducted themselves with decorum. The confusion arising from different directives by the Nigerian police on the restriction of movements of people on election day did not deter residents from exercising their franchise.



***Security personnel during the election***

### **Voter turnout**

Voter turnout was impressive especially in the rural areas. We observed that there was low voter turnout in high brow areas of the FCT, especially, Maitama, Asokoro and some areas of Garki and Gwarimpa. Despite the opportunity offered through the creation of new polling units, citizens are yet to transfer to new units to decongest the old units. This led to congestions in the existing old polling units.



***Citizens waiting to cast their votes***

CTA suggests that it is important that citizens move to polling units with lesser numbers. However, INEC might decongest the polling units by allocating citizens to the newly created units.

## **CONDUCT OF POLITICAL PARTIES/VOTERS (VOTE BUYING AND VOTE SELLING)**

Vote buying and trading by political party agents and voters has become an endemic embarrassment to the electoral process in Nigeria. This bad behaviour cuts across political parties and citizens. CTA noted that vote buying was observed across board, while political parties were busy buying votes, citizens were also willing to sell for pittance. votes were sold between N500 and N2000.

The security agents appear helpless even when vote trading was going on with their knowledge. Political parties stationed their agents at strategic positions near the polling units as was witnessed in most of the polling units across the Area Councils.

## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The citizens applaud the outcome of the elections as it significantly reflects the wishes of the people. We congratulate the citizens for coming out to make their choices and standing by their votes. Citizens are having more confidence in the electoral process as they are gradually coming to terms and believing that votes do count.

Equally, we commend INEC and all stakeholders for ensuring a free, fair, and credible election despite some logistical challenges and malfunctioning of the BVAS in some polling units.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. We urge the Commission to note the several reasons why the BVAS malfunctioned and take steps to improve the performance in subsequent elections.
2. Adhoc staff should be properly trained to operate the BVAS While INEC should endeavor to deploy only trained adhoc staff and should not replace trained staff with untrained people as this has continued to jeopardize smooth electoral process.
3. INEC might decongest the polling units by allocating citizens to the newly created units.
4. Voter Education at this point has become imperative. INEC should make voter education and sensitization a priority and should engage all stakeholders, National Orientation Agency and the civil society in a more proactive and value addition approach
5. We commended the overall performance of INEC officials and security agencies during the poll and therefore urge INEC and the security agencies to hold on to the synergy and cooperation.



## MEDIA LINKS

Fct Area council Observation checklist responses  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RsNDkjjfFnleg6dWYQ0yIS4IFIEQ6-Zm0ZBYFbT7gAw/viewanalytics>

[https://youtu.be/BwxS\\_3d6ncU](https://youtu.be/BwxS_3d6ncU)  
<https://independent.ng/cta-trains-150-observers-on-coverage-of-fct-council-polls/https://independent.ng/fct-polls-sign-electoral-act-amendment-bill-to-avoid-encumbrances-cta-tells-buhari/>



The Executive Director of CTA Faith Nwadishi discussing the FCT Area Council Elections on TRUST TV

<https://independent.ng/fct-polls-sign-electoral-act-amendment-bill-to-avoid-encumbrances-cta-tells-buhari/>

<https://www.facebook.com/von.newscast.9/videos/1428697580879321/?d=n>

[https://youtu.be/BwxS\\_3d6ncU](https://youtu.be/BwxS_3d6ncU)

<https://dailytrust.com/fct-poll-centre-for-transparency-and-advocacy-lists-13-flashpoints>

<https://independent.ng/new-electoral-act-will-deepen-nigerias-democracy-cta/>

<https://www.blueprint.ng/cta-commends-buhari-for-signing-new-electoral-act/>

<https://youtu.be/bgfu98yjIOo>





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EC 14B (II)

# SYNOPSIS OF GROUP OBSERVATION FORM

(An election observation reporting form for Accredited Observers)

Please submit this form via email within 72 hours after the elections!!

Email:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Centre for Transparency Advocacy...

TYPE OF ELECTION: FCT Area Council Elections...

NO. OF OBSERVERS DEPLOYED: 150...

LOCATION(S) OBSERVED: Six Area Councils in the FCT( Abaji, AMAC, Bwari, Gwagwalada, Kuje, Kwali

## 1. Election Environment

- i. How was the Electoral Environment?  
a)  Peaceful b)  Tense c)  Uncertain
- ii. What sort of incidences of Violence were prevalent?  
a)  Ballot Snatching b)  Intimidation c)  Vote buying d)  Fighting e)  None
- iii. What were the challenges observed during the Elections? (Note you can choose more than one)  
a)  Logistics b)  Security c)  Violence d)  BVAS (the new accreditation device)
- iv. How objective was the media in their coverage of the Election  
a)  Objective b)  Biased c)  Fair

## 2. Logistics (Election material distribution and election official's deployment)

- i. Were sensitive materials sorted into RA's?  
a)  Yes b)  No
- ii. Was transportation of election officials consistent with COVID-19 containment protocols? (7-14 forbuses, and from 12 to 6 for boats)  
a)  Yes b)  No

### 3. Election Operations

#### 3.1 RAC activities

- i. Please indicate the COVID-19 measures observed at the RAC  
a)  Face mask b)  Social Distancing c)  use of hand sanitizers d)  None
- ii. How do you rate the set-up of the RAC? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)  
a)  bad b)  average c)  good

#### 3.2 Polling unit operation

- i. Opening of Polling Units  
a)  On time b)  a bit Late c)  very Late
- ii. Were polling units adequately secured (presence of security)?  
a)  Yes b)  No.
- iii. On the average, how many poll officials present in most polling units?  
a)  One b)  Two c)  Three d)  four
- iv. How many of the Polling unit staff were women?  
a)  1 out of 4 b)  2 out of 4 c)  3 out of 4 d)  all women e)  None
- v. How many of the Polling unit staff were PWDs?  
a)  1 out of 4 b)  2 out of 4 c)  3 out of 4 d)  none
- vi. Was there underage voting?  
a)  Yes b)  No
- vii. How effective were the BVAS? (the new accreditation device)  
a)  Slow b)  Fast c)  mixed
- viii. Any preference for PWDs, Nursing and aged voters at PUs visited?  
a)  Yes b)  No
- ix. What type of assistive tools did you see at the polling units?  
a)  Election Day written instructions (EC 30 E PWD) b)  magnifying glasses  
c)  Braille ballot
- X. Were poll officials kitted with PPEs, gloves at the polling unit?  
a)  Yes b)  No
- XI. Did voters adhere to physical distancing at the polling unit  
a)  Yes b)  No



- XII. Did poll officials implement the two-tier queuing system at the Polling Unit (one outside and the other in the voting area)  
a)  Yes    b)  No
- XIII. Did voters and staff wear face mask at polling units?  
a)  Yes    b)  No
- XIV. Did poll officials read out the Voter Code of Conduct (VCC) to voters?  
a)  Yes    b)  No
- XV. On an average, how do you rate INEC poll official performance?  
a)  bad    b.  average    c.  good

### 3.3 Collation activities

- i. How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (accessibility)  
b)  bad    b.  average    c.  good
- ii. How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)  
c)  bad    b.  average    c.  good

## 4 General questions

- i. General Assessment of the entire process  
a)  good    b.  fair    c.  poor
- ii. Any Other Comment (provide general comment on key areas not mentioned above)

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## **CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY TEAM MEETING ON VISIT TO RESIDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER OFFICE 2ND FEBRUARY 2022**

### **1. INTRODUCTION Background**

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) formerly known as the Independent Service Delivery Monitoring Group (ISDMG) was founded in 2005 but registered as a Non-Profit, Non- Governmental and Non-Religious organization under the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria in 2012.

CTA equally operates as a critical watch dog in the electoral value chain and is involved in election observation in Nigeria and has a network on Good Governance, Contract Transparency Network, the Media, and other Civil Society Organizations.

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) paid a visit to the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) and his team, aimed at;

- To ensure the preparedness of the commission for the forthcoming Area Council elections in FCT
- To inform the commission of CTA accreditation to deploy observers for the forthcoming Area Council elections.

### **3. PARTICIPANTS**

The meeting had in full attendance the presence of the Honorable REC and some of his team members, also, the Executive Director of CTA and her team, potential observers and media team.

## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **Introduction / Opening Prayer**

The meeting started at 11:43 with an introduction of the CTA team by Mr. MacDonald Ekemezie, who thereafter gave the floor to the Executive Director, Faith Nwadishi.

### **Executive Director's speech**

She thanked the Resident Electoral Commissioner for the warm reception to his office and for making out time to meet with the team.



She explained that one of her purposes for coming with her team is because Centre for Transparency Advocacy has been accredited to deploy 150 observers across the six Area Council of FCT to observe the 2022 Area Council elections.

She acknowledged all the good works that the commission is doing and its exemplarily ways because of its leadership. He commended the prompt response from the commission because a letter was written and there was response and expressed her feelings in knowing that such a progress and partnership exist between the two bodies.

She made it clear that CTA would be participating in observing the forthcoming elections and have been accreted to mobilize 150 observers and that CTA would be having media round table with the stakeholders and made an open invitation to the commission.

She reiterated that CTA would be training their observers two days to the election day because from experience when you train the observers far before the election day, there are chances that they would forget what they have been thought. She explained that if the election is a one-day thing and observers are trained before the day, some observers tend to want to play the role of a monitor on the field.

She commended the role the commission has being playing especially in sharing information generally and letting people know of the over 500 polling unit without voters attached to them because they are new and said that this is the first time, we are seeing this level of transparency in the umpire.

She shared her experience in the recent Anambra elections they attended and said some pulling units didn't have voters and they had evidence to show for it.

She appreciated the commission for interpreting the electoral ACT as they carry out the continuous voters' registration and education as prescribed in the ACT over a year plus and expressed her joy in the improvement that has happened in the entire electoral process especially in the introduction of the BVAS (Biometric Voters Accreditation System).

She made it clear that CTA has this tradition of holding a press conference at the eve of the election for the preparedness of organizations, other stakeholders and also for the preparedness of INEC then a few hours of the voting CTA also carry out a press conference and follow up on it.

She said the purpose for this visit is to know how prepared is the commission for the Area Council elections which is on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 and stated that if there are areas of collaboration, CTA would be willing to do so as to ensure a smooth running of the elections.



## **RESPONSE OF THE REC.**

he stated that INEC has a motto to have a free, fair, credible and transparent elections and added that the commission can not do it alone but needs the support of major stakeholders and concentration with so many other citizens of the counting including CSOs.

He added that when observers are deployed into the field, it is always to the benefit of INEC even if the observation is on the negative, it would help INEC to digest the issue and see how things can be improved or if the observation is on the positive, INEC would see that the methods are improved the more.

He said he was actually waiting for the visit and know that CTA would be accredited to observe the elections. He explained that in the whole of Nigeria, it is only in the FCT that INEC observe Area Council elections while the remaining state are conducted by their government. He added that INEC has a date set out for observers and was sure that the Executive director of CTA would be invited for the ceremony and added that they would send representatives from the commission during the stakeholders meeting CTA would be organizing.

He answered to the Executive Directors of CTA as regard the election and stated that INEC would be having 11,500 observers and that more that 95% of the none sensitize material has already been sent and the commission has made provision to take care of the Adhoc staff who would be sleeping on the rack for only one day so that the following day, they will all go to the field. Allowances has also been made available which are of two types; Allowance for transport and allowance for training / food all amounting to #4,500.

He added that INEC have polling units that would be accommodating over 1,000 and they have put measures in place to ensure that they are well taken care of.

He concluded by saying that INEC have one goal which is to ensure that the election is free, fair and transparent.

## **OUTCOMES / RESULT**

- Dates were assigned for major activities for the month and task properly disseminated and explained.

## **NEXT STEPS / ACTION PLAN**

- Meeting with stakeholders
- Press conference at the eve of the election
- Release of preliminary statement on the election day.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The meeting came to an end with INEC and CTA reaffirming that they would support in ensuring that the election goes smoothly.



**CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY  
TEAM MEETING ON STAKEHOLDERS ROUND TABLE ON  
PREPARATION TOWARDS THE FEBRUARY 12, 2022  
FCT AREA COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

**8TH FEBRUARY, 2022.**

### **1. INTRODUCTION Background**

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### **2. OBJECTIVES**

Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) paid a visit to the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) and his team, aimed at;

- To ensure the preparedness of different Security agencies, religious bodies and Civil Society Organizations.

### **3. PARTICIPANTS**

The meeting had in full attendance the presence of different security agencies ranging from The Nigeria Security & Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), to The Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Nigerian Air Force (NAF), [Nigerian Navy \(N-Navy\)](#), [The Nigerian Police Force \(NPF\)](#), [The Inter-party Advisory Committee \(IPAC\)](#), [Media bodies](#), [CSO etc.](#) [There were 42 persons in attendance; 9 Females and 33 Males.](#)

## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **Introduction / Opening Prayer**

The meeting started at 1:09 pm with an opening prayer reciting the second stanza of our national anthem by Mr. MacDonald Ekemezie.

### **GOODWILL MESSAGES**

**GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM MR. LAZARUS NUHU NYAHOLO, REPRESENTING THE SA' PAYI OF GARKI CHIEFDOM.**



He extended warm greetings to all on behalf of HRH the Sa'Payi of Garki chiefdom. He said when you talk about elections, is all about the community of which each of us belong to one community or the other and therefore traditional institutions who are the custodians of these communities have a lot to do when it comes to elections. He appreciated CTA who have found it necessary to bring us together so that we can interact on the best ways to educate our people in whatever capacity we find ourselves and so that we can have free and fair elections.

If there is crisis in any election, the communities suffer it more and therefore do not take the gathering for granted and everyone present have a great part to play during the forthcoming election because Abuja is a city that cut across, race, nationality and tribe.

He encourages everyone to put to good use whatever that would be communicated via the meeting and also share the gospel with other people particularly for the indigenous people of FCT and pray this Area Council election be free, fair and transparent.

#### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE FRSC REPRESENTATIVE**

He stated that in collaboration with his colleagues from other security agencies they would put in their best because logistic is key, movement and he said the Core Marshal would be committed to ensure that the election is successful.

#### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE NIGERIAN AIRFORCE REPRESENTATIVE**

He stated that before now medium have been put in place by the agency so the election would be free and fair. He explained that the collaboration of the arm forces together with other agencies present are really working on top gear to ensure that the election goes smoothly.

#### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE CIVIL DEFENCE REPRESENTATIVE**

Appreciated CTA for the good work of the organization and assured that the agency would give all the necessary support the election would need to be successful.

#### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM THE RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION REPRESENTATIVE**

He extended warm greetings to all from the Church of Nigeria Anglican communion (CONAC) and other religious communities. He appreciated the work of CTA and made it clear that the religious institutions are really interested on what CTA is doing to ensure that there is transparency that means allowing light to pass through so that every process can be seen clearly and any organization advocating for transparency have 100% support of the church because that is what the church as an institution stands for. The church stands for transparency and the truth. As the head of CONAC





that is church of Nigeria election observation group, that they aware there is a lot of deficits on the INEC electoral system and government in general. He stated that because of these deficits, it has led to voters' apathy and all need to work hard to reverse that trend. He stated that we are in a democratic society yet people do not come out in mass to vote. The reiterated that the voters' apathy is increasing by the day because many Nigerians don't believe that vote will count.

He thanked the security agencies for what they are doing and urged them to manage the election well and appeal to all to work together with INEC because they are doing whatever is humanly possible to see that elections are free and fair.

Doing the period of the Anambra elections, he stated that they held a meeting with the INEC chairman and asked him why were politicians demanded to snap two photographs just with the introduction of the BVAS and they were not told until Anambra election was over. They were told that politicians use fake photographs to clone PVCs so to be able to curb that, that is why they are asking people to take two photographs; a still one and the other when you are smiling. He went further to say that INEC are doing their best to make sure the system is free and fair but people are out there trying to mess it up.

### **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE**

He stated that Immigration as a stakeholder will not relent in carrying out its election duties from the beginning of the election to the end identifying none Nigerians or immigrants who want to corrupt the process and went further to say that they also assist INEC in carrying out some of their duties and also collaborate with other security agencies in safeguarding the INEC officials. He stated that it is their duty to see that none Nigerians do not participate in the forthcoming election and make sure that there is a free, fair and credible elections. He explained that because of banditry in some state, the population of FCT has increased and it is their duty to maintain peace and participate in securing the sensitive materials. "Live long Nigeria, Live long FCT".

### **GOODWILL FROM ONE OF THE OBSERVERS**

He stated that INEC has been doing everything possible to make sure that the excesses of politicians are on check but is like the process is the same year in, year out. He mentioned that he is looking forward to the election.

### **GOODWILL FROM CSO REPRESENTATIVE**

He mentioned that the Civil Society Organizations is to make sure that things are done in the proper way, making sure there is a process that the citizens would be proud of and every other person would be proud of.



## **GOODWILL MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF GIRL POWER INITIATIVE**

She thanked CTA for the opportunity and encouraged that more of the round table should be done where stakeholders meet and as an observer and as a CSO she would ensure there is a gender balance with more women encouraged to vote. She also thanked the security agencies present for assuring all that the election is going to be violent free.

## **WELCOME REMARKS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR TRANSPARENCY ADVOCACY (CTA).**

Expressed her gratitude for the presence of various security agencies present. She stated it clear that CTA is well recognized accredited observer group on election issues and thanked the security agencies for making Anambra elections peaceful and wish to extend it to the FCT elections.

She stated that the FCT election is so important because it is the only local government elections conducted by INEC and explained that by constitutional arrangement the FCT is stateless that means is a part of the Federation. The went further to say that the FCT does not have a government but a Minister who is part of the Federal executive council so automatically, the responsibility of the Area Council elections falls under the INEC on like other local government elections done by state electoral commission, the FCT election is an exception.

She urges state government to look at lessons learnt from the FCT elections and implement the good practices to their state elections.

### **INTERRACTION SESSION**

**Question:** would you be able to brief us on the preparation of the security agencies towards the FCT elections?

**Response from the NAF representative:** The police have already prepared for the event and have shared all our men to different polling unit in the city and each polling unit should have nothing less than 3 police men. He made it clear that election is not a do or die affaire so people should prioritize safety first. The police are well prepared for the Area council elections.

**Question:** Is there any particular measure or strategies by the force to stop some of the issues on the field like that of vote buying most especially at the community level.

**Response:** Most times no information gets to the police especially in issues around vote buying and the correct location. The responsibility also is for all of us to pass information based on fact to the right source.



The hotline for security agencies will be released and the hotline for INEC situation room would also be released to pass verified and factual information.

When on the field and the observer report the case of vote buying to the police officers. They refuse to acknowledge what we say and instead respond that only INEC officials have the right to talk to them and things like this should change because it discourages the observer.

They are so many over zealous observers that would want to play the role of a monitor.

**OUTCOMES / RESULT**

Clear understanding of the level of preparedness by different stakeholders

**NEXT STEPS**

Train observers and deploy them to the field to observe the election.

**CONCLUSION:** the meeting came to an end with INEC and CTA reaffirming that they would support in ensuring that the election goes smoothly.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Centre For Transparency Advocacy</b>
<b>Title</b>	Training for Election Observers on the February 12 FCTArea council Election.
<b>Duration</b>	1 day
<b>Location(s)</b>	Abuja
<b>Number of target communities</b>	150
<b>Contact persons</b>	Faith Nwadishi, ED, CTA

**1. Introduction:**

The training of election observes for the February 12 FCT Area council Election. A total of 158observers were trained for redeployment to 2822 polling units with 68 constituencies. FCT has a total of 1,373,492 registered voters. They were three sections that built the capacity of voters to understand their role, duties and responsibility towards election observation. The training stated with an introduction, accreditation of participants at 10:30 pm. Ground rules for engagement and participation were agreed by the participants.

**2. Expectation of the Participants**

- \* To contribute to nation building
- \* To be a better Observers
- \* To understand the dos and don'ts of election observing



- \* To stay out of trouble and report back of CTA.
- \* Deploy train observers

### **3. Objectives of the Training.**

The objective of the training includes the building of the capacity of the observers to among other things to help build the confidence in the electoral process and other important functions in the electoral process.

### **4. Training Content;**

The training session dealt with the code of conduct for INEC, Observers and other stakeholders in the election process. The two trainings part contains the knowledge about the FCT, overview of the election process, Role of election observers, why elections are important? The basics of election the local authorities in FCT.

### **5. Observations;**

The participants participated actively in the training session. There was a lot of engagement between the facilitators and the participants.

The Top flashpoints added to the already list from CTA Gwagwalada  
Gobi, Piako, Zuba Angwandodo, Ukwa Abaji  
Kwali..Besheba, yangogi, Small shaba Kuje—Gwarigade, Gudugra, Kuchige Amac

### **6. Oath Taking;**

The oath taking for the observers was administered by the legal adviser and member of the board Br Tobechukwu Ohazurike . In the oath the observers agreed to be guided by by the code of conduct and also the rules guiding the CTA election observation.

### **7. Conclusion.**

The capacity building session and training of the observers went well as all the necessary issues that will improve the observation of the FCT election was looked into. The participants understand the expectations of CTA management and INEC towards the election observation. Observes were also informed of the reporting mechanism and expectation for the organization.



## **CTA'S PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT ON THE FCT AREA COUNCIL'S 2022 ELECTIONS DELIVERED BY FAITH NWADISHI, ED, CTA AT A PRESS**

**CONFERENCE HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2022 AT CTA'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ABUJA**

### **Background:**

The Federal Capital Area Council Election, which will take place tomorrow, February 12th, is the only local government election overseen by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), with the rest being overseen by their respective States Electoral Commissions. The FCT elections will hold in polling units throughout the six Area Councils to fill empty seats in 68 constituencies, including six chairmanships and 62 councillorships. INEC has declared that 14 political parties will be fielding candidates for the slots. In the FCT's 68 constituencies, 55 candidates are vying for the role of Chairman, while 363 candidates are vying for the position of Councillors. The number of registered voters in the FCT are 1,373,492, while the number of polling units are 2,822, including the newly created 2,260. However, INEC has stated that no materials or officials would be deployed to 593 of the newly established polling units because no voters have yet been registered in those areas.

**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 personnel and the police as lead of the security team has assured of adequate security and coordination across the polling units. To this effect hotlines have been released

So far CTA commends the relatively peaceful situation prevailing in the FCT. Despite this seeming quietness, 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. However, these following locations have been identified by the police as election flash points; Karshi, Deidei, Zuma Rock, Kabusa, Gishiri, Abaji Nebu, Yangoji, Yaba, Kwali Kwaita, Mate, Azam, Kuje Pegi and Bwari.

#### **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 as we observed yesterday at the FCT INEC office.



CTA wishes to remind INEC that the FCT election should be taken seriously just like any other election because its failure or success counts towards the credibility of the EMB. The deployment of 3 National Commissioners and 6 Resident Electoral Commissioners with other 12000 staff by INEC and the support of all stakeholders in the electoral value chain will count towards delivery of this election. The successes recorded in the last Anambra State Governorship election should be taken a notch further while challenges noted should be addressed using the FCT Area Council Election.

### **POLITICIANS/CAMPAIGNS.**

Politicians and party supporters so far went about their campaigns peacefully without significant breach of security or inflated hate speeches outside the usual political jabs among political parties and supporters. It is our belief that this situation should continue to prevail tomorrow during the election and after the election as CTA calls on political parties and supporters to shun rancour within their ranks and among themselves without threat to public safety. The need for political parties to improve and strengthen their internal democracies comes to fore again, the number of outstanding court case is a clear indication of this. The signing of the peace accord by the contestants should be taken seriously beyond the show of it, a further commitment of ensuring that the letter of this accord is strictly adhered to by the contestants, the party leadership, and their followers.

### **Judiciary:**

The role of the judiciary in our elections is critical to the delivery of a free, fair and credible election. We call on the judiciary to dispense pre-election cases brought before them speedily not to hamper the preparations for elections. A situation where a candidate has been campaign for an election is removed or replaced on the eve of election affects the participation and preparation of stakeholders. However, we commend the judiciary in the manner they have handled this election unlike in other elections where counter rulings were given on similar matters.

### **MISINFORMATION AND FAKE NEWS**

The media and citizens are hereby called upon to be vigilante and wary of fake news that will be inimical to the peaceful conduct of the FCT 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.

### **CITIZENS**

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. 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.



## **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 150 field observers and they have been deployed to various polling units across the 6 Area Councils in the FCT. The observers were trained yesterday the 10/2/2022 to acquaint them with the code of conduct and guidelines for election observation have been deployed to the field in readiness for Saturday.

### **STAKEHOLDERS Engagement**

CTA engaged various stakeholders and citizens to gauge the pulse and preparations of the citizens and the Election Management Body towards the election. CTA on February 2, 2022, visited the Resident Electoral Commissioner, FCT Alhaji Yahaya Bello and secured commitment from INEC on its readiness for the election. CTA attended the stakeholder's meeting organized by INEC and the Observer's briefing by INEC. In the same manner, CTA hosted a Stakeholder's RoundTable on the election on February 8, 2022, and had conversations with critical stakeholders towards a peaceful, free, fair, and credible election in the FCT. In attendance were the military, paramilitary, CSOs, media, the police, religious and traditional rulers.

### **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 close after results have been declared by INEC. There shall be roving observers and field observers stationed at particular polling units sending in reports to the situation where these reports will be analyzed. At the close of polls tomorrow, CTA will be holding a press conference here to share our preliminary findings from our observations.

### **Our hotline:**

Included on this text including our social media handles.

### **A SUBTLE REMINDER: AMENDMENT OF THE 2010 ELECTORAL ACT**

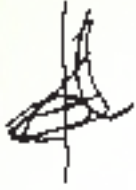
With the harmonization of the amendments to the Electoral Act by the National Assembly, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy urges President Muhammadu Buhari to sign the Bill into law. This will remove most encumbrances towards the 2023 General Elections

Let the will of the people prevail

Thank you.



Faith Nwadishi



Executive Director

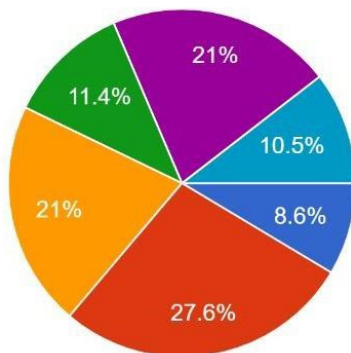
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Fct Area council Observation checklist responses

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

105 responses



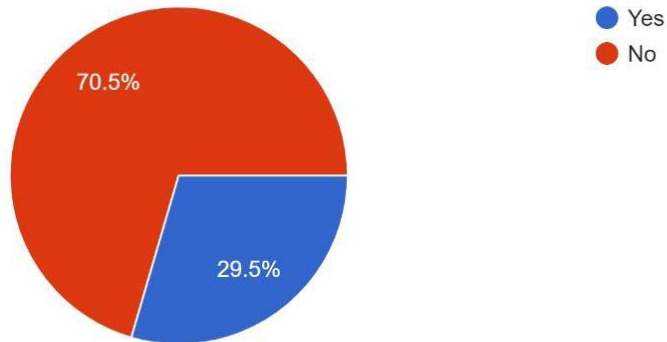
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- Kuje
- Kwali





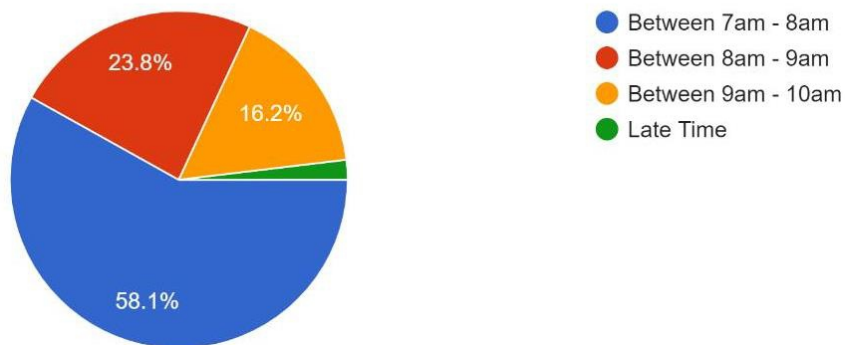
### Is the polling unit a new polling unit?

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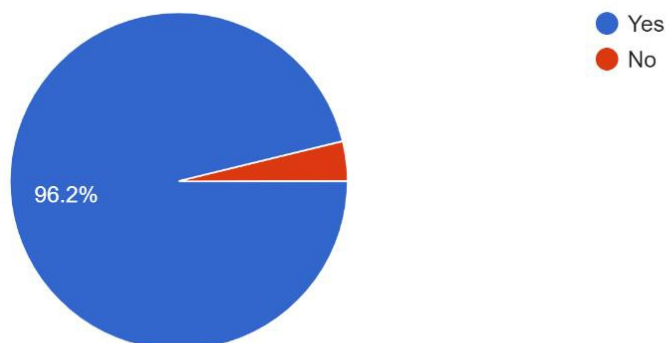
### Time of Arrival of Observer at Polling Unit

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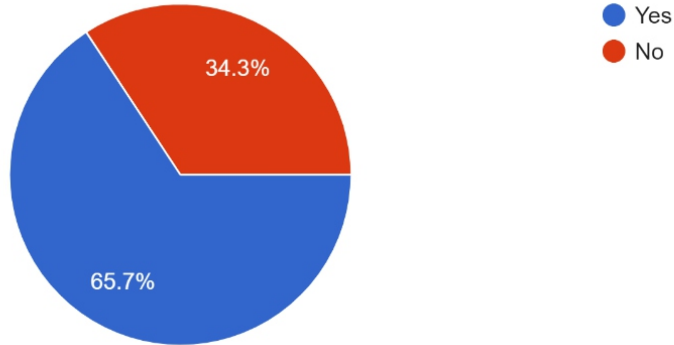
### Polling Unit is within a Neutral Environment

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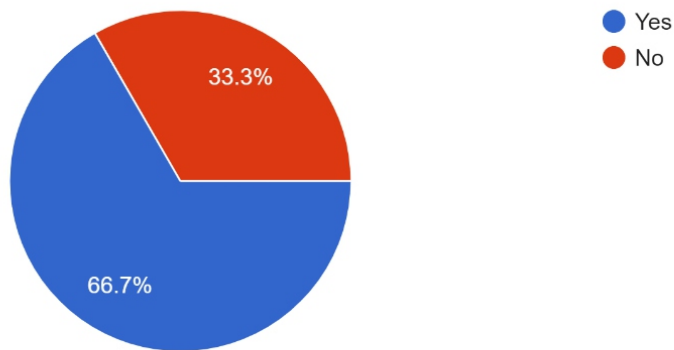
### INEC Officials arrived between 7.00am and 8.30am

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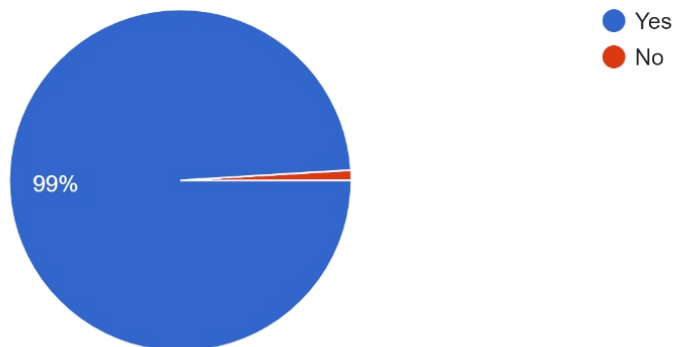
### Election materials arrived polling units between 7.00am and 8.30am

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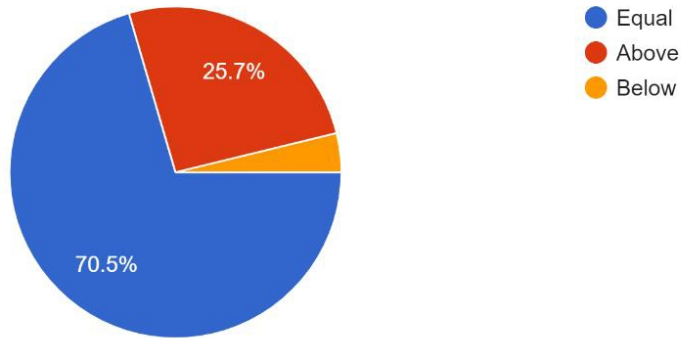
### Election materials were properly packaged and intact?

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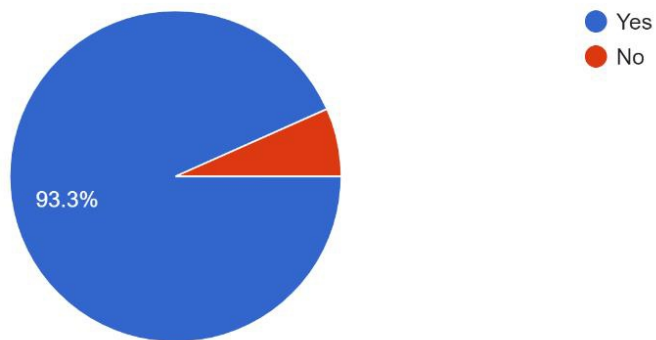
### Election materials were equal or above the number of registered voters?

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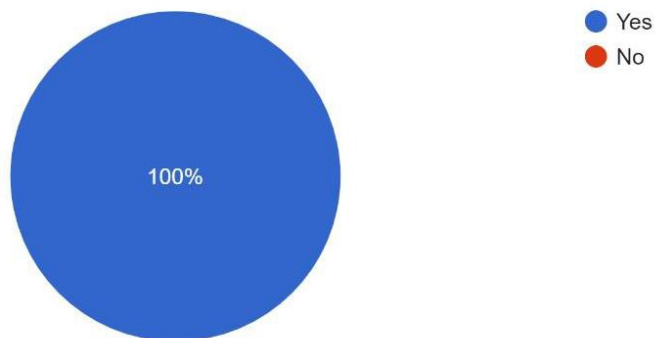
### INEC Officials were present before opening of Polls?

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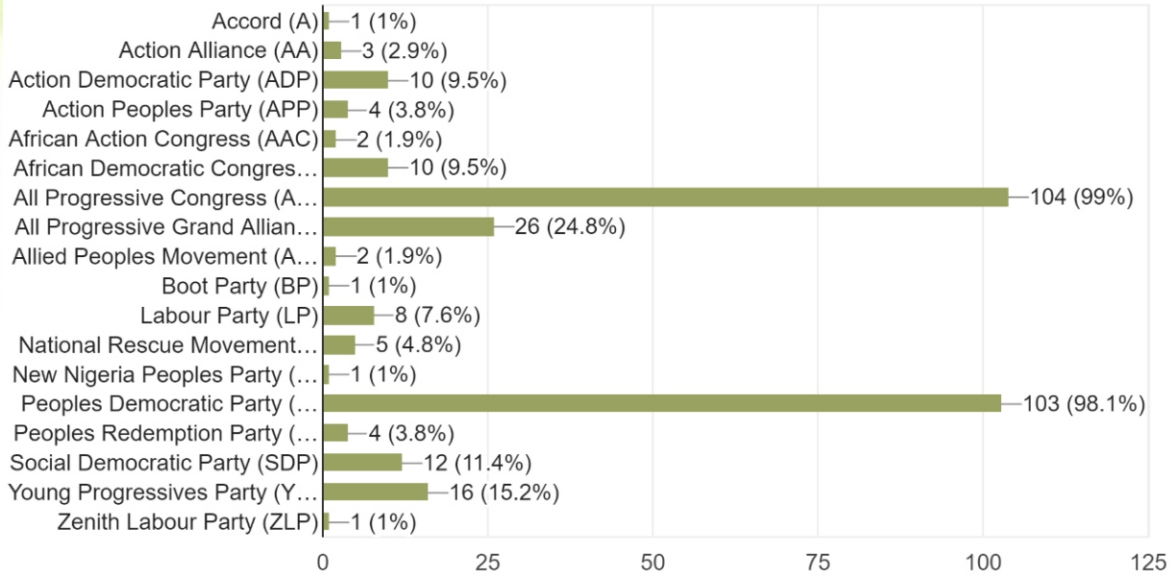
### Political Party Agents were present at the Polling Unit?

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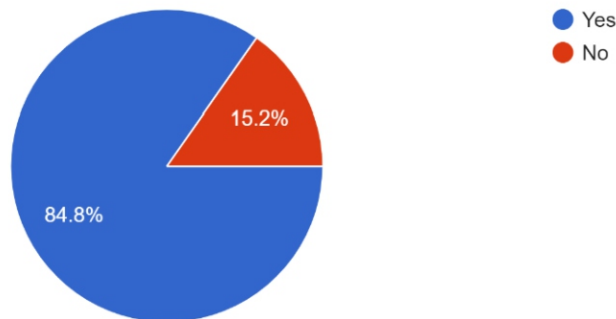
Please tick the political Party Agents Present

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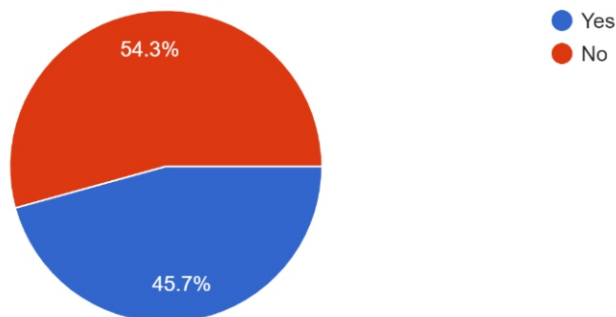
Campaign materials were removed from the Polling Unit ?

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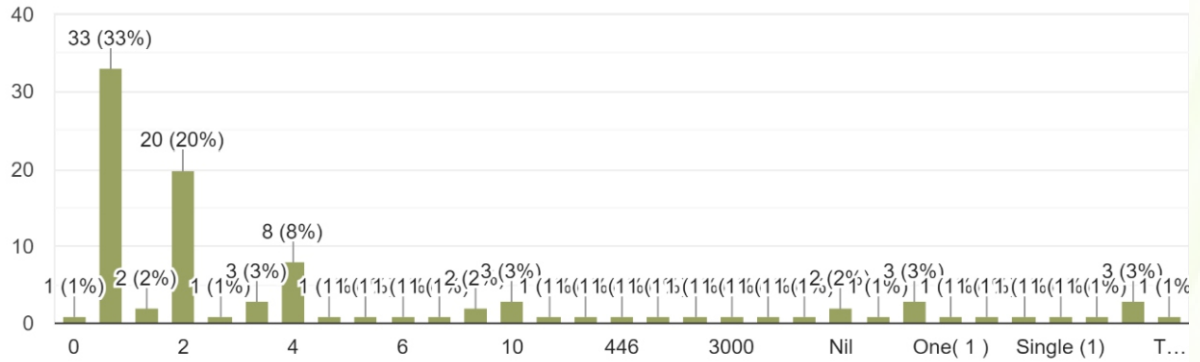
Polling Unit was divided into sub-units?

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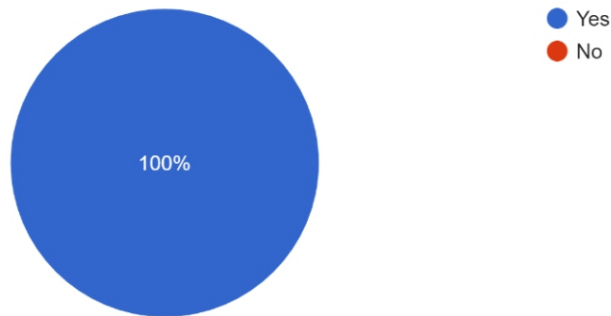
### Number of Voting Points within the Polling Unit

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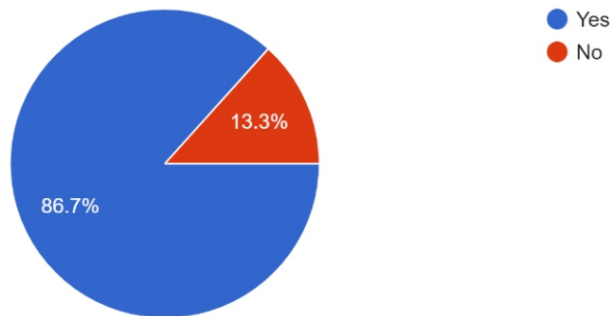
### Ballot Boxes were located in full view of the public?

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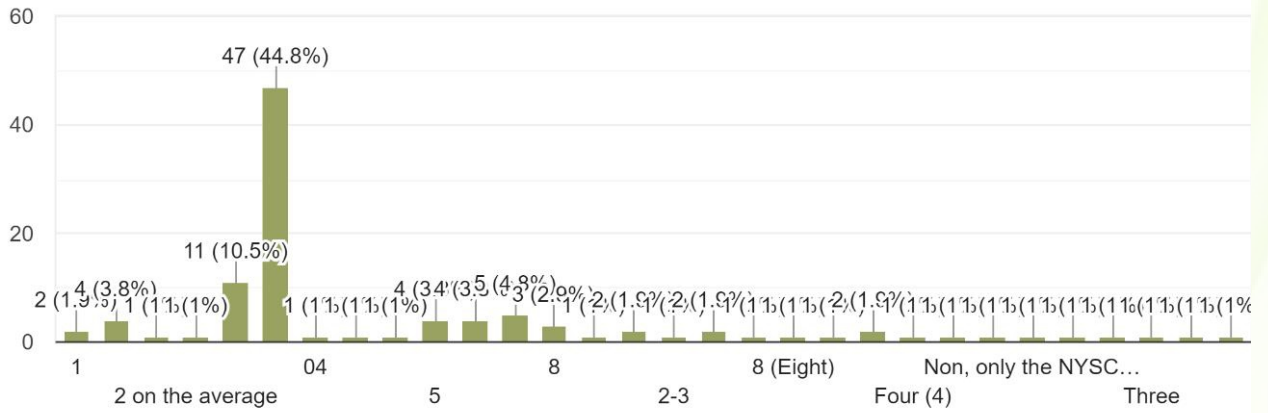
### Polling Booth was enclosed?

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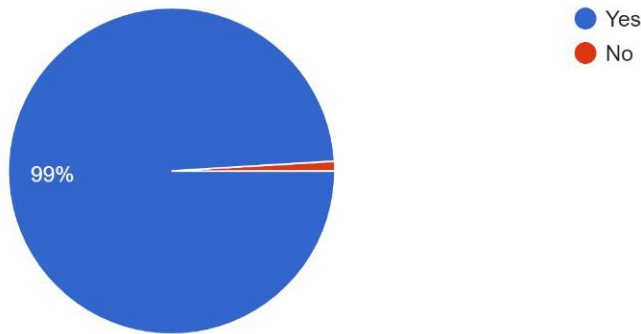
### How many INEC Officials were present at the Polling Unit

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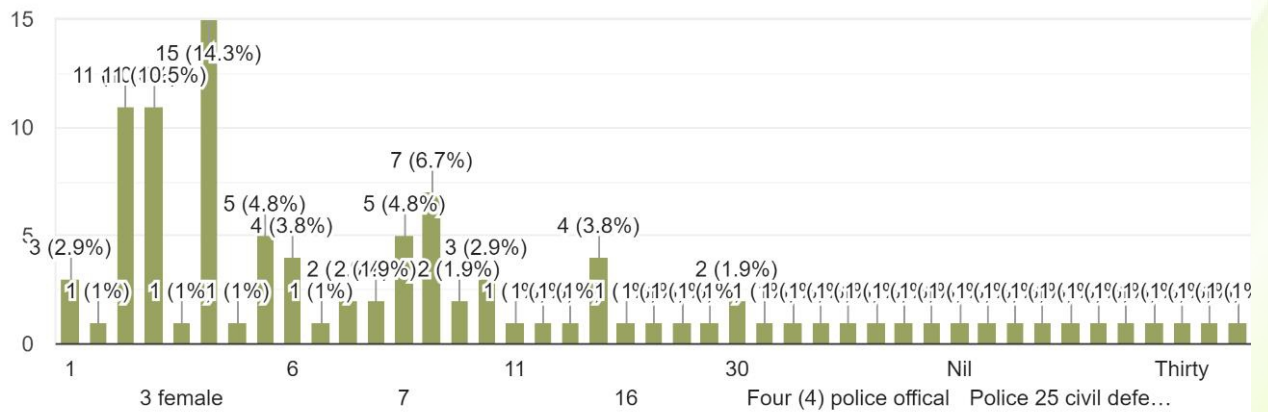
### Security Personnel were present at the Polling Unit

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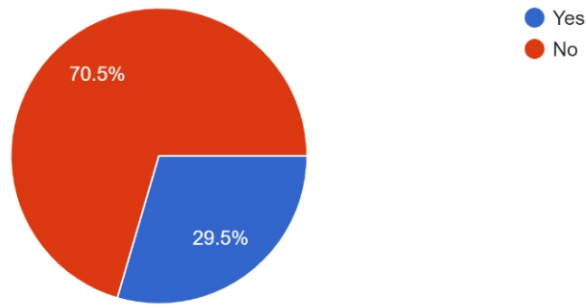
### Please specify the number of security personnel's present at the polling unit

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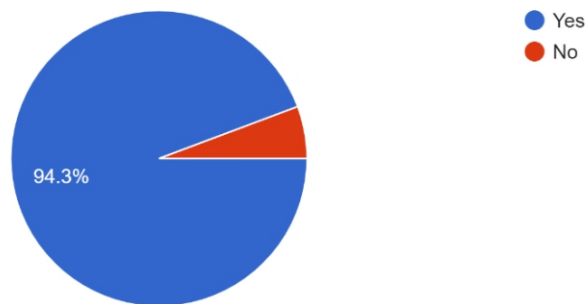
Did you notice any security agent with firearms within the polling unit?

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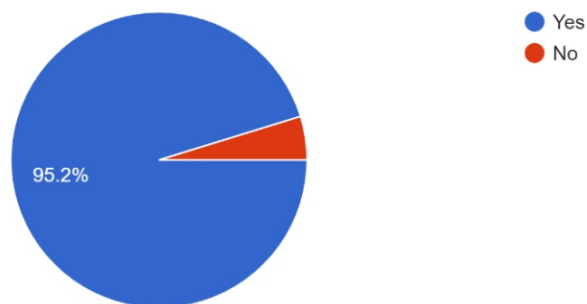
Polling Unit is easy to locate and accessible to all voters including People with Disability (PWDs?)

105 responses



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

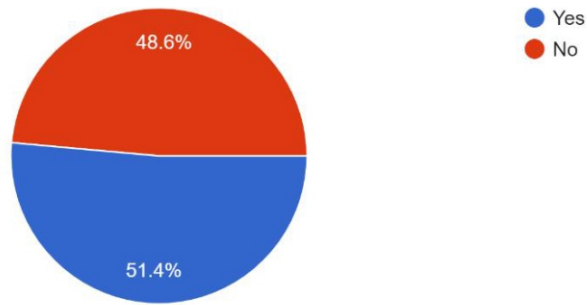
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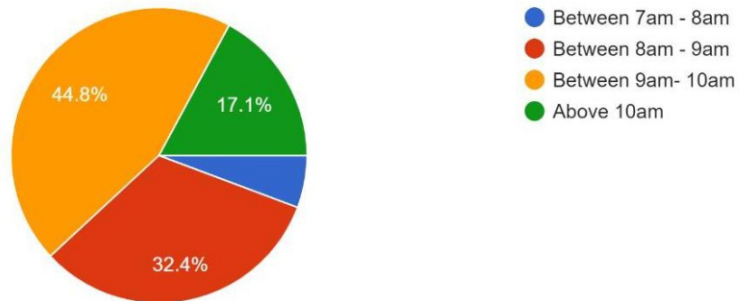
Was the polling unit set-up according to COVID19 guidelines?

105 responses



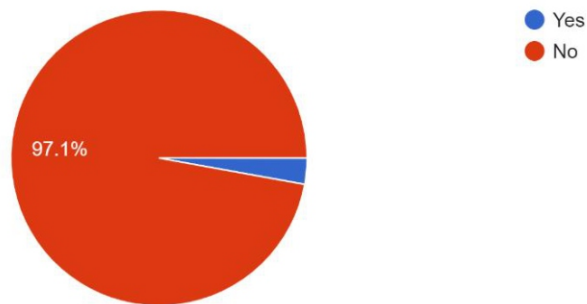
What time did the Accreditation of voters start?

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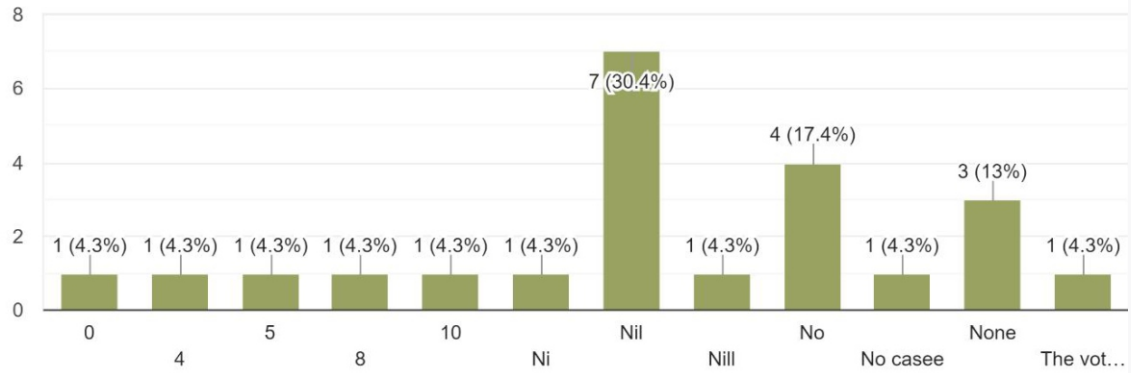
Were there cases of omission of any voter's name on the Register?

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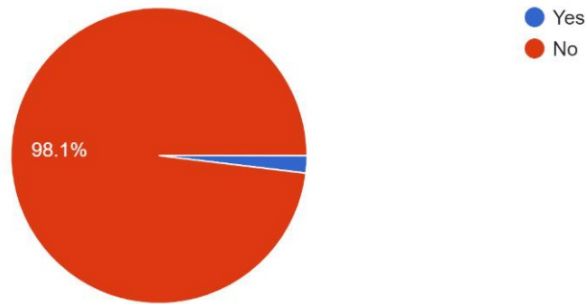
If answer to above is yes, please state the number of cases

23 responses



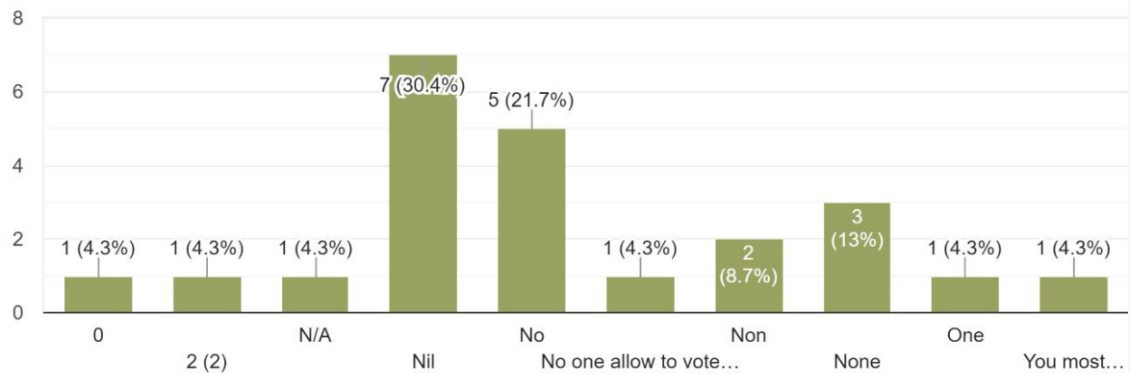
Was any person accredited to vote who did not present a permanent Voter's card?

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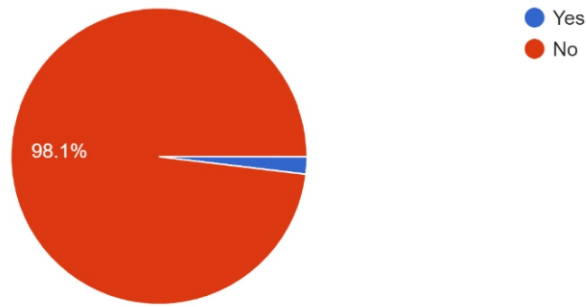
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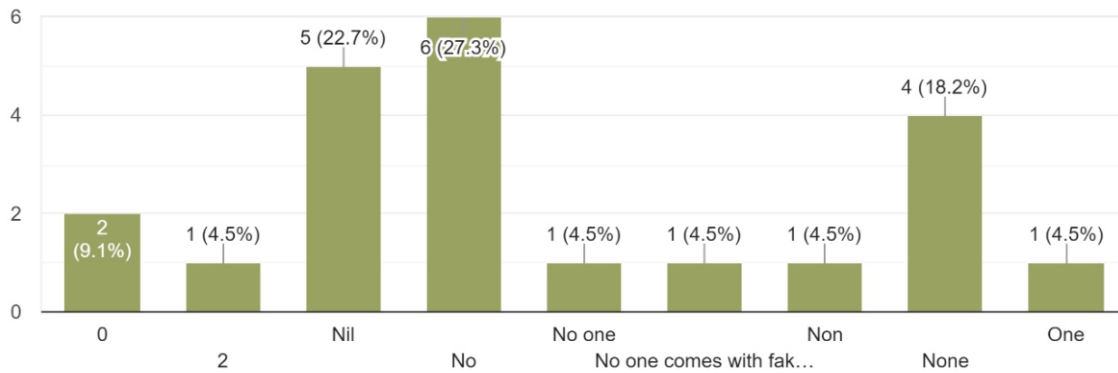
Were there issues of fake PVCs presented for accreditation?

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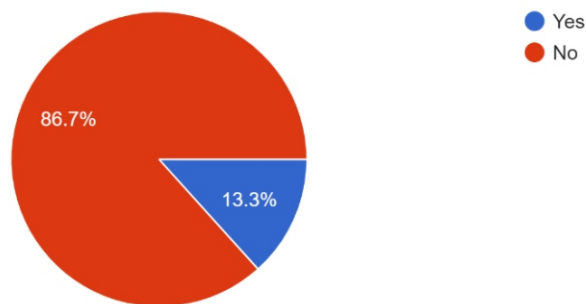
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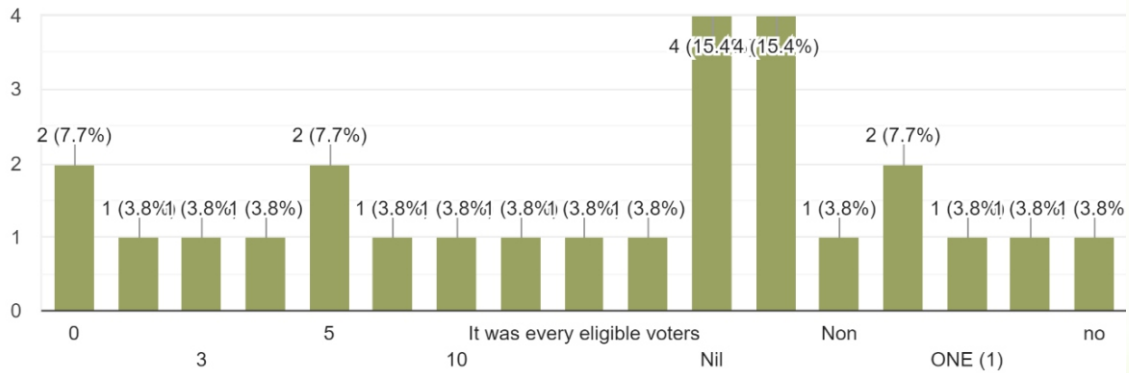
Were eligible voters with valid PVCs refused Accreditation because their names were not on the Voters' Register?

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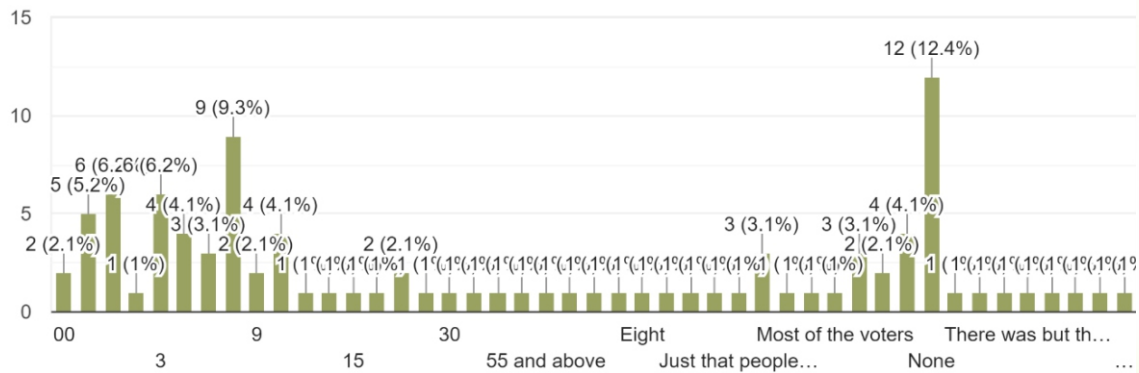
If answer to above is yes, please state the number of cases

26 responses



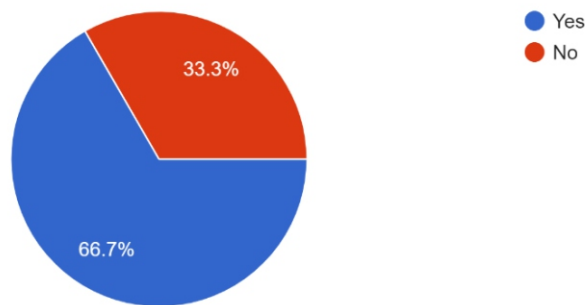
How many reports of failed fingerprints' authentication occurred at the polling Unit?

97 responses



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

105 responses



If answer to above is yes, please state the Challenges 76 responses

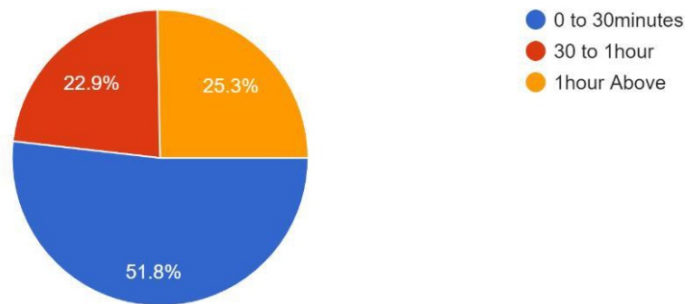
- It was not capturing, Until around after one.and it was also too slow.
- The BVAS accredited one person after that subsequent one it was reporting that the image of the voter has been previously accredited "image previously accredited on another record"



- Because of malfunction of bvas
- Sometimes out of service
- BVAS was unable to capture facial recognition, INEC officials later confirmed that it was the wrong BVAS for that voting point. BVAS were slow at first but as the day progressed it became stabilized.
- Delay in capturing
- Network was not stable
- Only one was there, so at a point it went off... but after some time it came on again. This happened a number of times.
- Capturing faces was delayed
- Slow in authenticating finger prints Slow in capturing facial recognition Breakdown of BVAS; BVAS not responding
- Was not functioning as expected so the Inec staff have to take it back to the RAC centre under the supervision of a Security personnel and it was fixed
- Slow network and lack of capturing
- It was slow in scanning and facial recognition of voters.
- very slow in capturing both the face and the finger print
- Nil
- The finger Print identification did not work and the facial identification could not Identify some faces

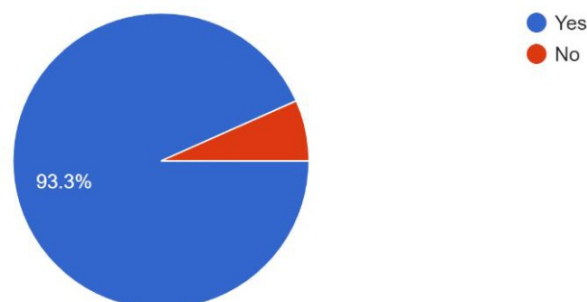
And how long did it take to fix the BVAS?

83 responses



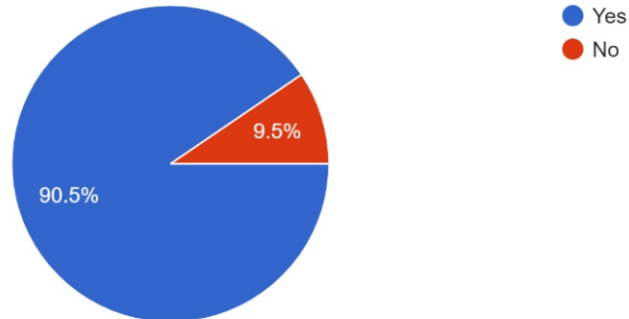
Did INEC Officials mark/tick next to the name of every accredited voter on the Voters' Registers?

105 responses



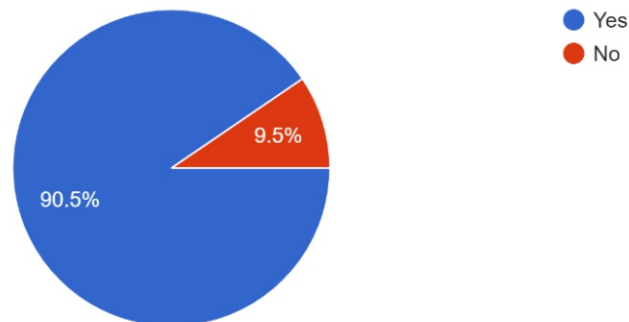
Did INEC Officials mark/tick the cuticle of the voter's left hand with ink after the accreditation was concluded?

105 responses



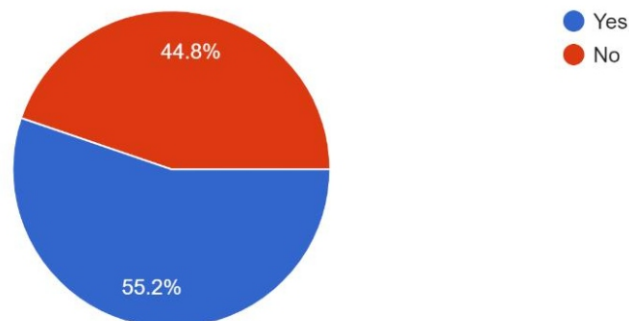
Were old persons, pregnant women, PWDs given priority to vote?

105 responses



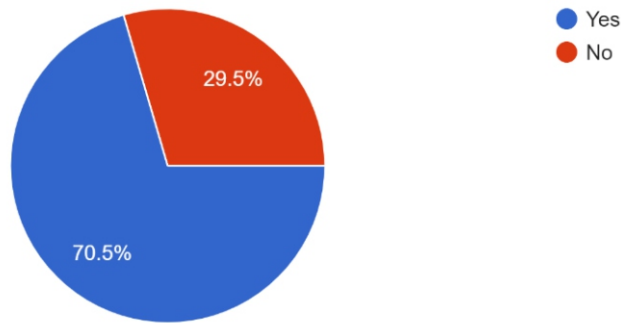
Were voters with sight disability helped with braille guide?

105 responses



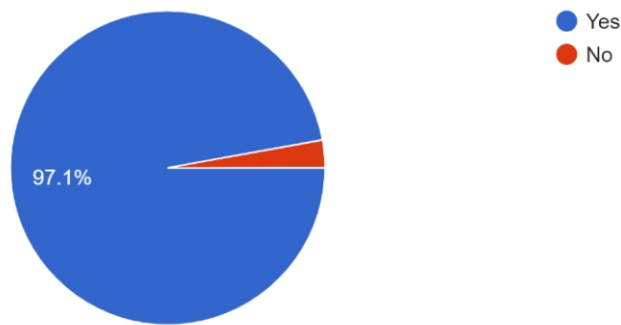
Were Voters with finger Disability accredited in accordance with the INEC guidelines?

105 responses



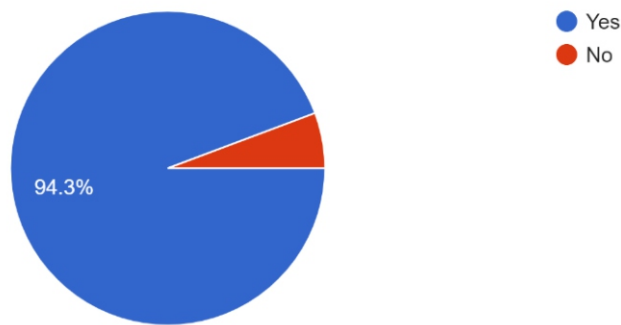
Did the INEC Officials display to the voters that the Ballot Box(es) was empty before the voting commenced?

105 responses



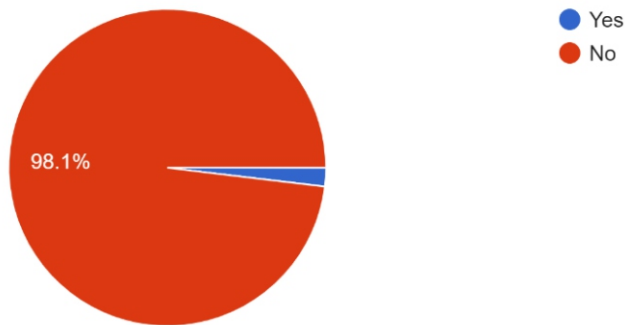
Were Ballot Papers stamped and signed before issue to accredited voters?

105 responses



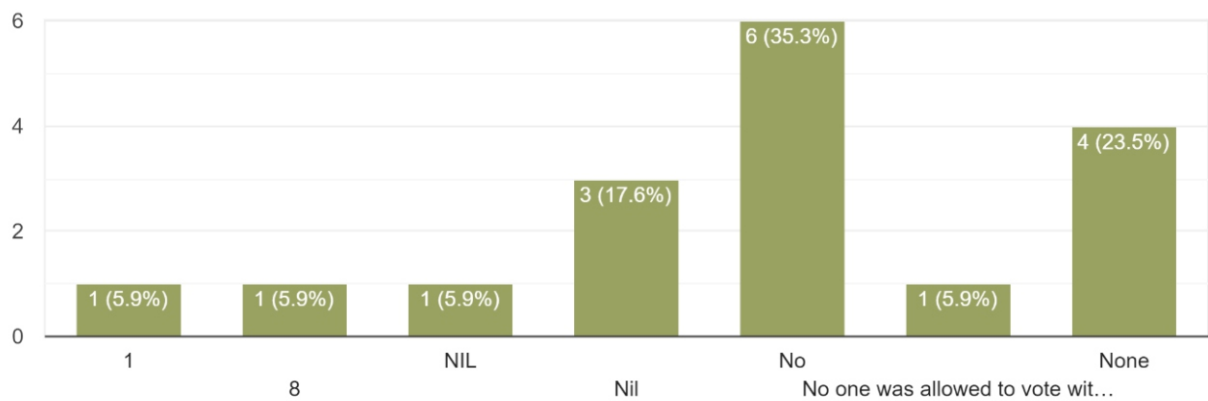
Was any person allowed to vote who did not present a Permanent Voter's Card (PVC)?

105 responses



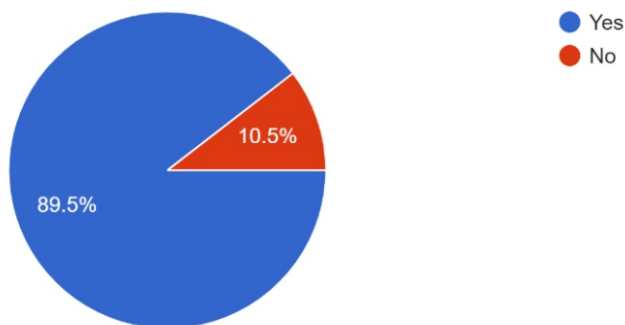
If the answer to above is Yes, please state the number of cases

17 responses



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

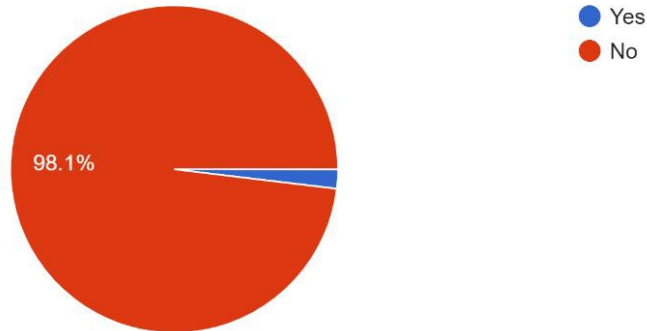
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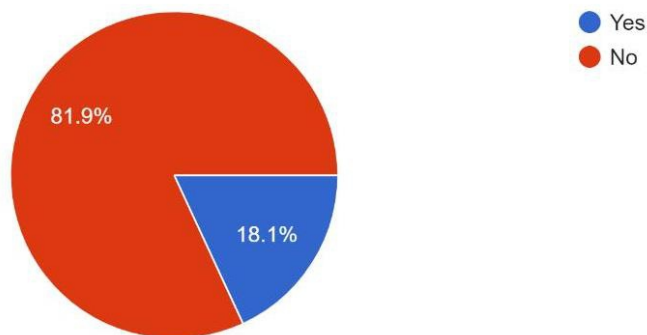
Did Voters cast votes illegally outside the polling booth?

105 responses



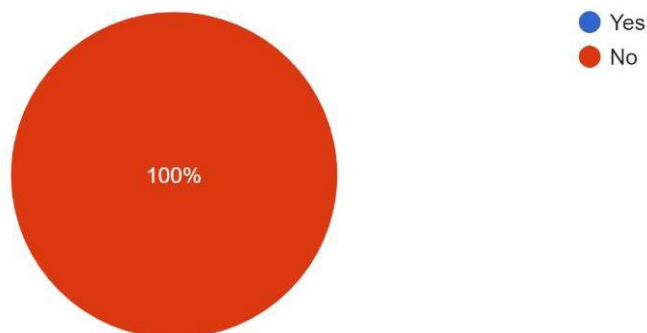
Were voters allowed to use telephones and other electronic devices in the polling booth?

105 responses



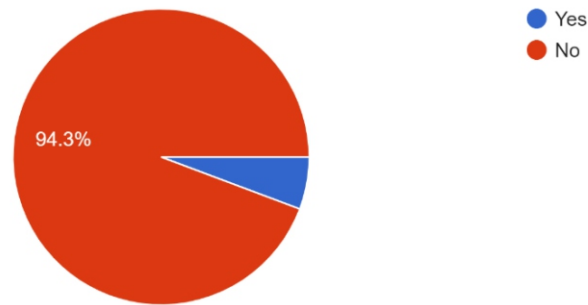
Did you witness any case of Group voting?

104 responses



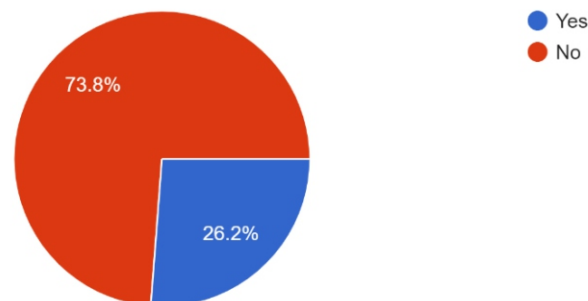
Did any person other than the Presiding Officer assist more than 3 voters?

105 responses



Was there any tension within or around the Polling Unit?

103 responses

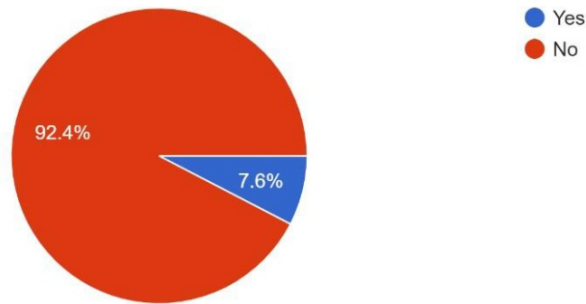


If answer to above is Yes, please give more particulars of the incidence here 39 responses

- No
- None
- When the BVAS was not capturing.
- No such case
- People were agitated because of BVAS malfunction.
- The election closing time was not accepted because many voters didn't vote because of the delay of the election mechanical tools and there was a gun shot by a member of a hunter's group.
- The area boys came to drag money given to APC Agent to share for the voters, when they saw the copper representing INEC Officials with the BVAS the area boy rush him claiming that the copper was recording what they were doing. This call for more attention of armed security personnel

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

105 responses



If answer to above is Yes, please give more particulars of the incidence here 20 responses

No

None

Non

Underaged children came around, but were sent away by the police.

There were children sitting and loitering around the voting points Nil

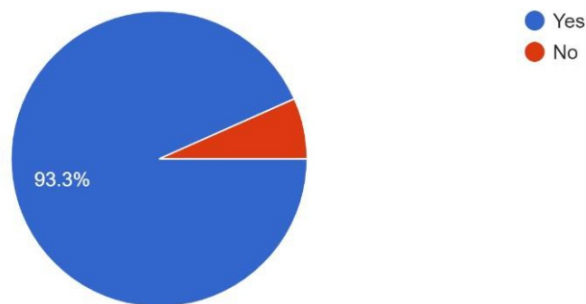
Some Party agents

Nil

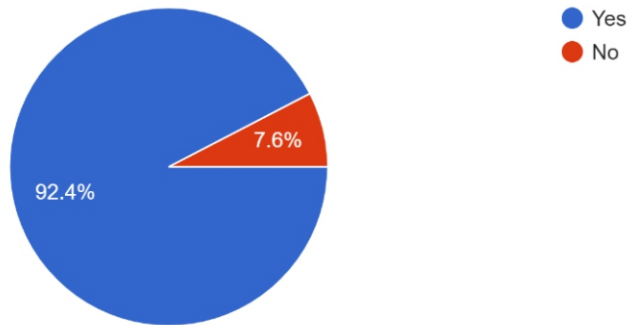
Children

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

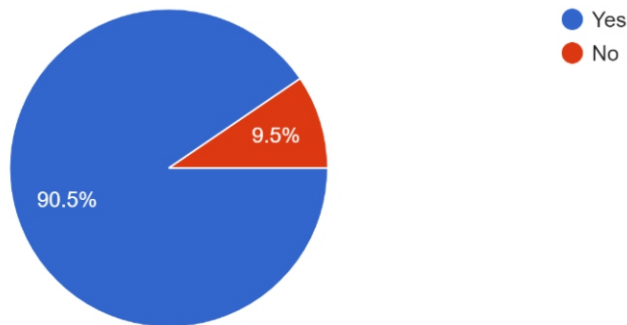
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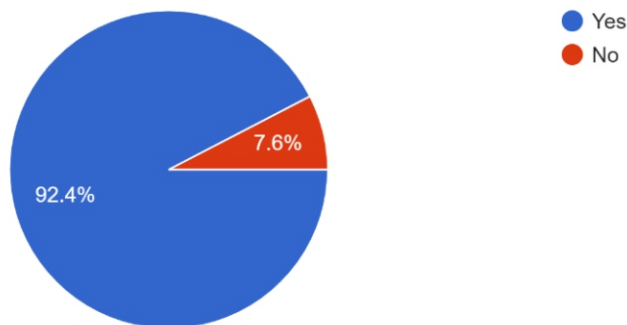
Did the Presiding Officer announce publicly the results of each of the parties/candidates?  
105 responses



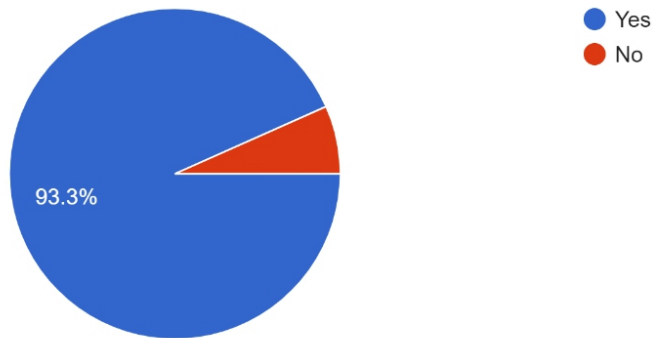
Did you observe the political party agent(s) append their signatures on the result sheets?  
105 responses



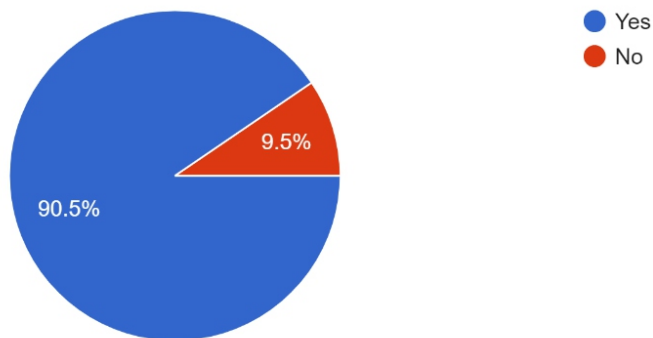
Did the Presiding Officer paste the Form EC60E at the polling Unit for the public to see? (Please add a picture if possible)  
105 responses



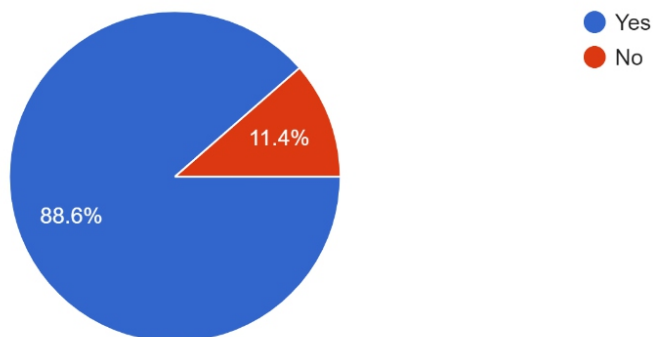
Did the pasted Form EC60E correspond/match with the results declared by the Presiding officer?  
105 responses



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

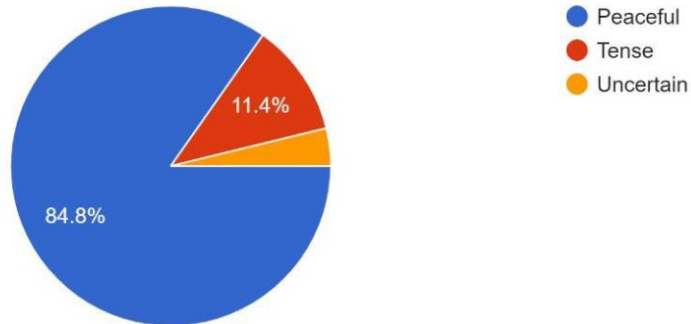


Did the Party Agents collect a copy of the signed result sheet?  
105 responses



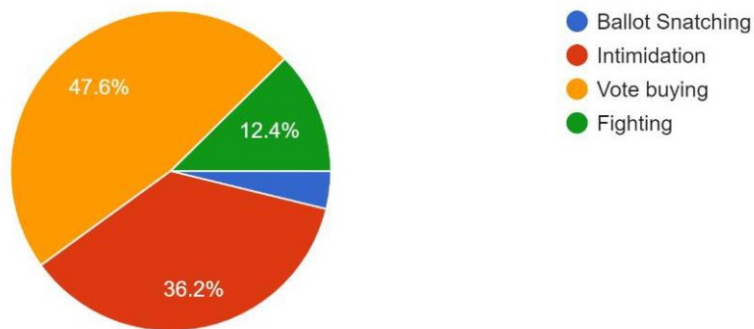
### How was the Political Environment?

105 responses



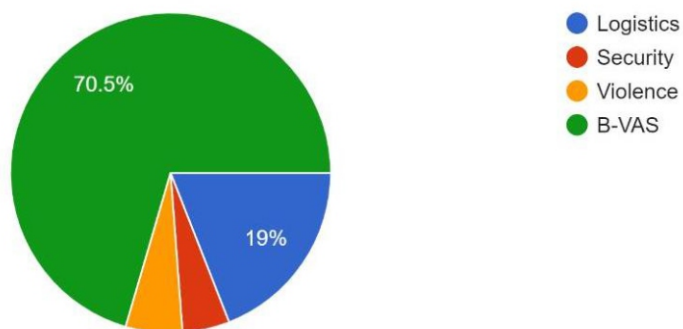
### What sort of incidences of Violence are prevalent?

105 responses



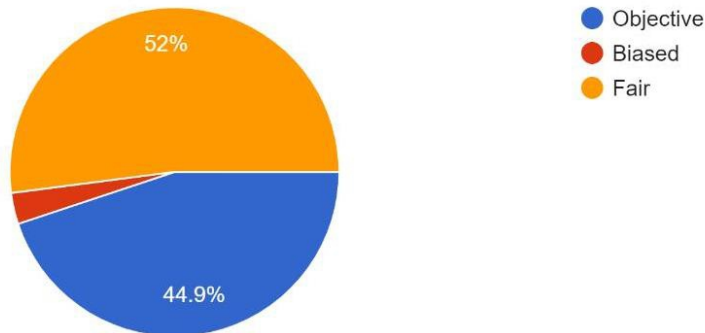
### What were the challenges observed during the Elections?

105 responses



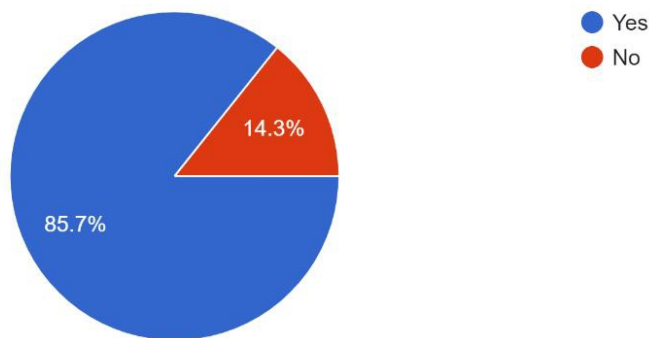
### How objective is the media in their coverage of the Election

98 responses



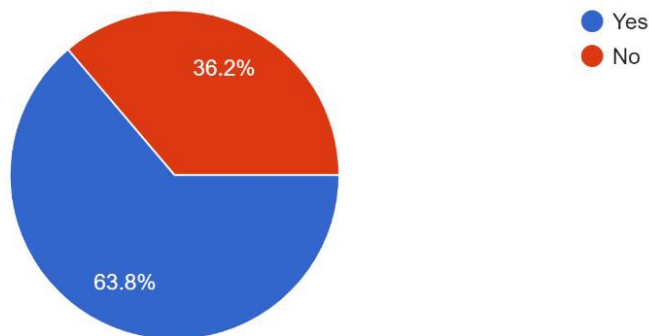
### Where sensitive materials sorted into Registration Area(RA)?

105 responses



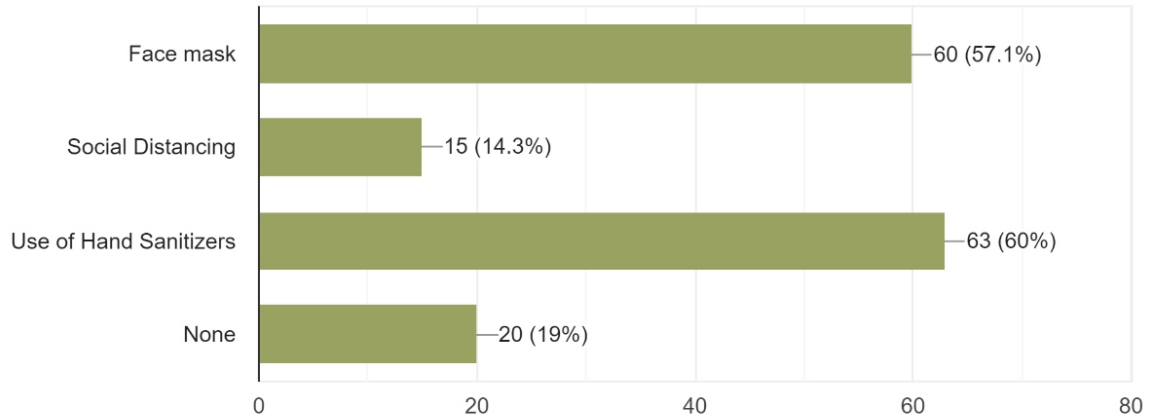
### Was transportation of election staff consistent with COVID-19 containment protocols?(7-14for buses, and from 12 to 6 for boats)

105 responses



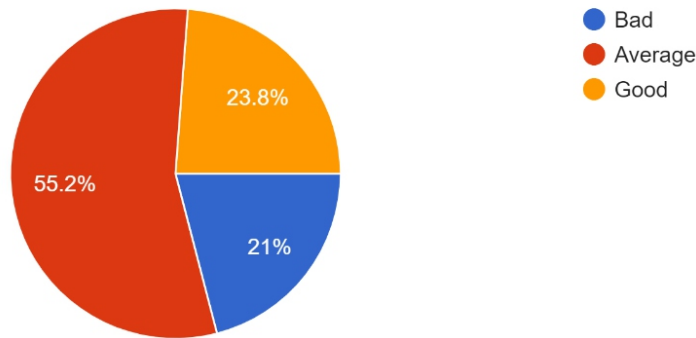
### Please indicate the COVID-19 measures observed at the RAC(Ward)

105 responses



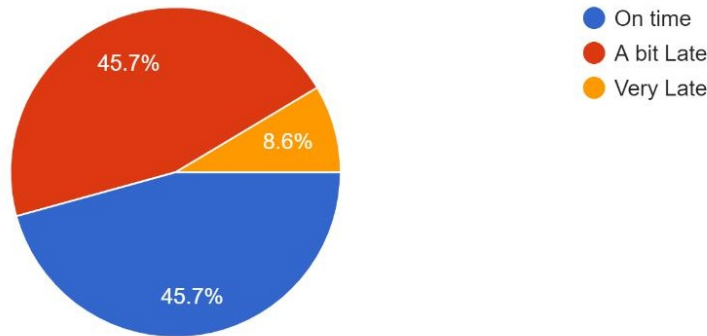
### How do you rate the set-up of the RAC? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

105 responses



### Opening Of Polling Units

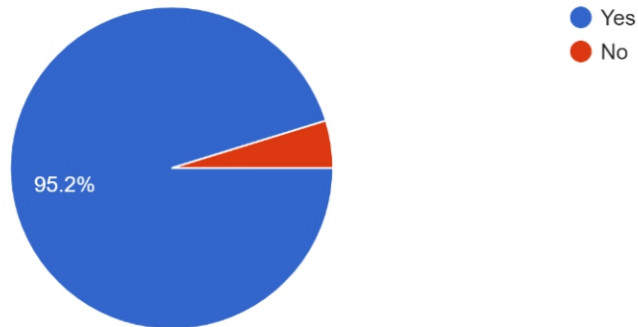
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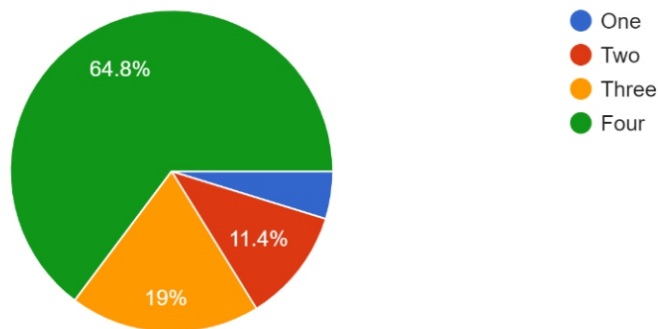
### Where the polling units adequately secured (presence of security)?

105 responses



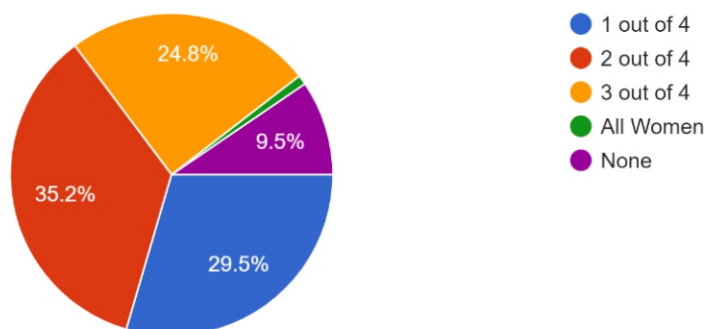
### On the average, how many poll (INEC) officials present in most polling units?

105 responses



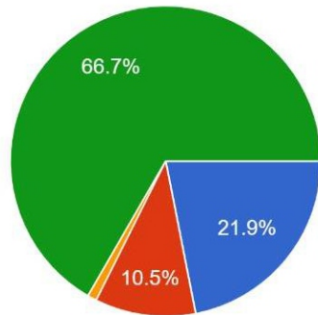
### How many of the Polling unit staff (INEC) were women?

105 responses



How many of the Polling unit staff were PWDs?

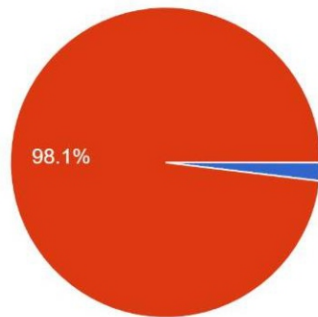
105 responses



- 1 out of 4
- 2 out of 4
- 3 out of 4
- None

Was there underage voting?

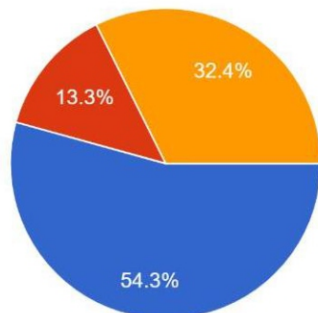
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- Yes
- No

How effective were the B-VAS?

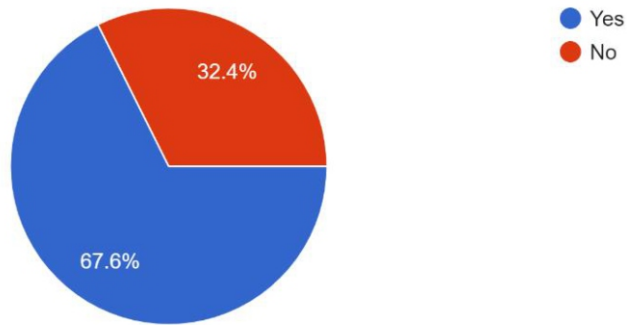
105 responses



- Slow
- Fast
- Mixed

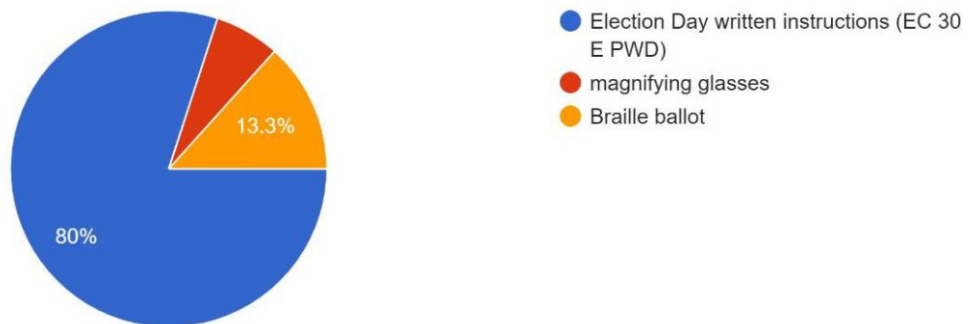
### Any preference for PWDs, Nursing and aged voters at Polling Units visited?

105 responses



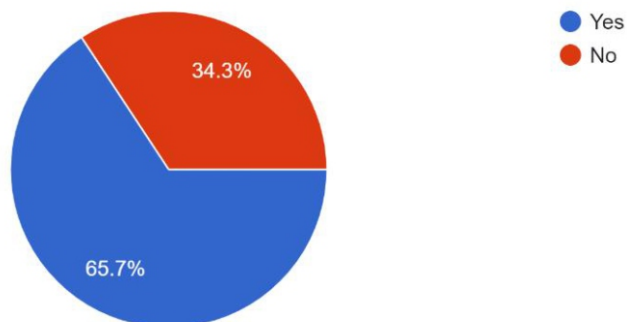
### What type of assistive tools did you see at the polling units?

105 responses

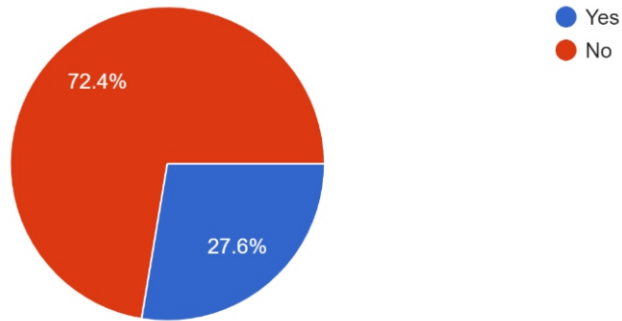


### Were poll officials kitted with PPEs, gloves at the polling unit?

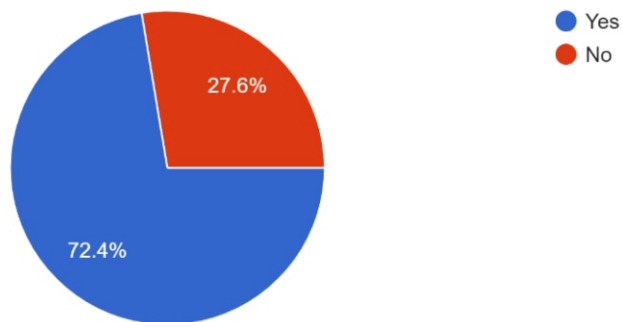
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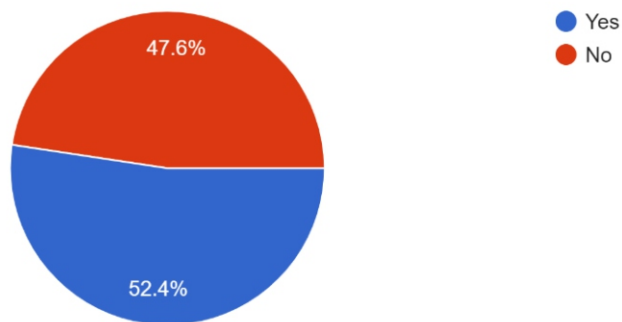
Did voters adhere to physical distancing at the polling unit  
105 responses



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

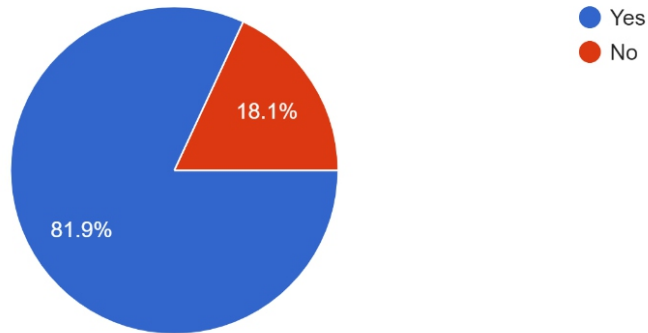


Did voters and staff wear face mask at polling units?  
105 responses



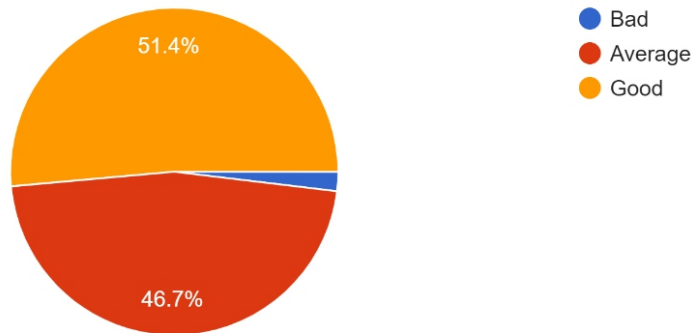
Did poll officials read out the Voter Code of Conduct (VCC) to voters?

105 responses



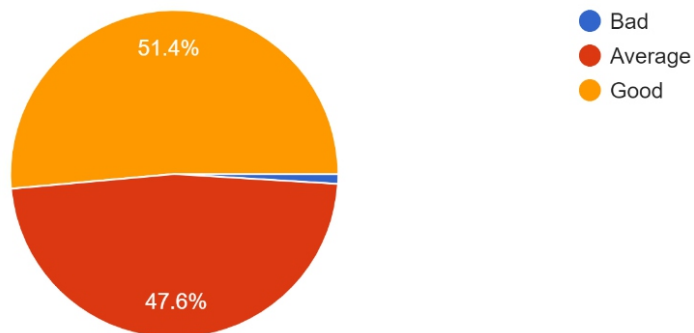
On an average, how do you rate INEC poll official performance?

105 responses



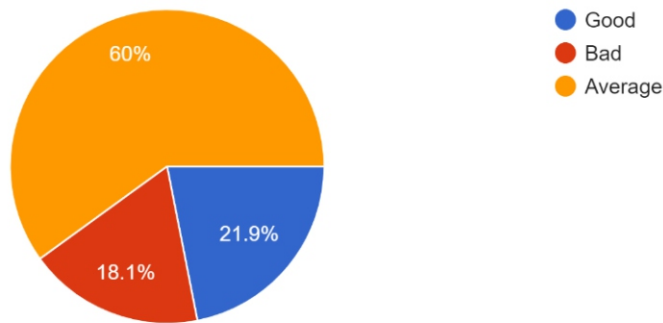
How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (accessibility)

105 responses



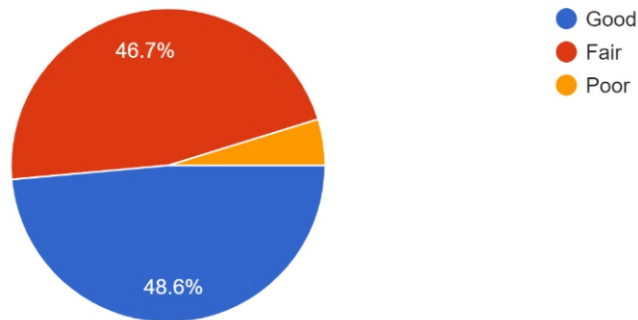
How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

105 responses



General Assessment of the entire process

105 responses



General Complaint/ Complaints at the polling unit 101 responses

None

No

Good

Bad bvas

The complain was on BVAS not performing efficiently and low turn out of voters

Slowness of bvas

1. Missing of voters name on voters register pasted 2. Voters with slip were not allowed to vote but their names appeared on registration list

Late arrival of INEC officials

Personal Evaluation of INEC Officials, Party Agents, Voters and Security Officials 103 responses

Good



Satisfactory

Yes

Fair

The INEC officials, party Agents and Voter behave well. No disagreement, argument and struggle, no security agent was available

Inec official where good at there job Same with the security

Agent Duly conducted

They were calm

They conducted themselves in satisfactory manner

INEC officials were polite, party agents and voters orderly, and security officials were very civil (friendly).

The INEC give there best to see that election was well conducted. The party agent also coordinate the election process well but APC agent later lift the B-vas was not more capturing that the INEC officials were still acreadating voters.

INEC officials were well behaved, they answered questions of voters that were confused and redirected them to their correct voting point, Party Agents were also well behaved at the beginning but became slightly violent towards the end of the voting process when Dino Milayi visited the polling unite, APC agents felt it was an indirect form of campaigning and soliciting for votes and it almost erupted into an ugly altercation but the security agents arrested the situation before it could escalate. Security agents helped in organizing & maintaining an orderly line for the voters and assisted some voters by showing them which box to drop their ballot papers. Voters were well behaved but the number of voters that came out to vote was poor.

Fair conduct

Quite professional and civil. Very patient people.

they try their best

Organized

INEc staff: most of the staff require adequate training on the use of the BVAS. Also they have no information about the introduction of some of INEC innovations like the braille card jacket, etc. Some of the INEC staff was also seen collecting lumpsum from a party agent. Unfortunately it happened so fast that I couldn't capture it. But it was in the full view of the voters. This happened at Nuku Sabon Gari ward 06 PU 004, in Abaji.

Party agents: there is the need to properly educate party agent to support a smooth running of elections. Party agents were rowdy and unruly, hovering around voting booth and compromising voters secrecy. They need to be stationed far away from the voting booth and ballot boxes. Voters: voters were unable to properly organise themselves in queues.

They need to be more calm and educated on the importance of supporting the election process to ensure a smooth and peaceful election. Their attitude was rather confrontational.

Security officials: most of the personnels either sit or stand helpless, obviously overwhelmed by the crowd who refused to listened or acknowledge their presence.

At some of the PU like Sabon Gari ward 06 PU 004, in Abaji vigilante was present brandishing a local gun, this helped to restore some calm for the voting process to continue.

Both the INEC Officials, party Agent Present, Voters and Security Officials conducted



From my view , everyone followed the rules, they waited patiently to see the outcome, I was satisfied, the security officers were on alert and patrolling around the poll area.

Their code of conduct was ok

Fair enough

Average

INEC OFFICIALS Good Party agents fair Voters patient Security Good

I don't have much to say concerning the INEC officials but they try their best to be fair and in counting the vote in presence of both the party agent and every body that is there. Then for the security personal they have tried their best to ensure peace during the election and they make sure there was no conflict in the process.

They did well

There was a coordination and cooperation among the party agents. They were organized and well behaved.

They need more training

Good cooperation,

peaceful

INEC officials were properly coordinated, voters and security agents too were but party agents weren't causing problems and arguments which led to the distribution of the ballot boxes after voting

In all, there was cooperation between voters and INEC staff and the security agents.

Voting went well and peaceful.

Good

The INEC officials were calm but some party agent like APC were buying people's votes for # 2000 naira , they will tell people to vote for APC and collect money and all the people voted for APC because of the money while the security official were very very calm

The officials conducted themselves in proper manner with dignity

The INEC Officials conducted themselves in an orderly and professional manner; Party Agents were peaceful Voters at a point refused to adhere to social distance Security

Officials were professional

No qualms

Infact all the official were good

INEC staff: most of the staff require adequate training on the use of the

BVAS Well equipped for the job

They did everything nicely

INEC officials were punctual, set of the polling unit on time, explained the electoral process to the voters and party agents, but towards the end they were somehow confused on what to do and who to hand results to. They had to make enquires from neighboring polling unit. The party agents were orderly and cooperative. Security officers were present all through the election period. Registered voters didn't turn up fully to vote.

Well coordinated

Not bad

All work together to keep the place so peaceful





thereby causing a slight ruckus; while some that were early could not be authenticated by the BVAS though their names were in the list of registered voters. It's noteworthy that voters voted for parties and not individuals. Voters were actively involved in vote selling. 90% of voters were indigenes, the absence of non-indigenes was obvious. Quite a number of voters were oblivious of their actions at the point of casting their votes as they were not tutored by INEC officials on what to do. The presence of Security officials were felt at polling unit. Eight security personnel were deployed out of which five were females. They did the best they could in trying to control the restless crowd.

The INEC official staff do their best and also the security men's did an excellent job and the parties agent playing their role by calming down make sure there is no buying voting. Good the conduct was good, but the BVAS were very slow in authentication of voters.

All of them are been friendly with themselves they don't have misunderstanding with each other INEC OFFICIALS AND SECURITY - VERY GOOD. VOTERS - GOOD. PARTY AGENTS

- FAIR

During conducted

Generally conducted themselves

All were mannered except for some political party agents

INEC officials really did their best to make sure voters cast their votes. Party agents make sure there was no side

Well behaved and coordinated

It's fair but needs a lot of improvement particularly, proper training of ad-hoc staff in the usage of the BVAS

The party agents were clam

The INEC officials did a great job at the polling unit but were being harassed severely by the party agents most especially because of the BVAS. The party agents complained also that the INEC staff didn't give them enough room to observe the election process. The voters on the other hand were not patient enough with the INEC officials because of the BVAS which led to shouting and harassment of the INEC officials. The security personnel displayed nonchalant attitude towards the election process reason being that the INEC officials didn't carry them along or inform them when they were about to start the election process, so they allowed them to handle the crowd themselves but later they were able to join hands together to ensure peace and orderliness at the polling unit.

At this polling units, all was duly conducted well.

They were fair enough in execution of their assignment/duties. They were orderly and well behaved

INEC officers are hard working, Agents are impatient, voter's over crowded, insufficient security officers.

Committed to their

duties Fine

Very patient and stable

They conducted themselves in peaceful manners

They were having strong communicating and everything goes



All officials present at the Polling unit did their very best to see that everything during the election process was successful.

They tried

There was a mutual understanding and clear explanation of every Electoral process at the polling unit

Inec officials put in their best, Party agents were too many in the polling unit, voters were peaceful and security officials did their best.

They were if good conduct Very good

Very peaceful and good cooperation

Thank God the security guard do their job excellently which they make sure that there violence. Also the parties agent was calm and make sure there is no any vote buying. The voters follow the guidelines giving to them by inec official staff.

### **WELL CO-ORDINATED AND BEHAVED**

The INEC officials took out time to sensitise voters on all the laid down guidelines for the 2022 F.CT election . All party agents present at my voting point we're of Good behaviour and we'll conducted . The security presence pose no threat to voted . All personnel's were vigilant and up and doing to ensure the safety of all voters and INEC officials .

yes

The did a very good work upon the delay but the still make it , please next time the ministry of transportation should work on that There was a very good understanding between the INEC officials and the party agent, that make it easy for the security official

Serious the both really put thing together by organizing and coordinating the voters to be in a line. And to calm some of the voters to be patience.

The inec officials and party agents and the security officers They all coordinated

They all did a good job

The were able to carryout their duties effectively without being bias..

INEC Officials tried their best, Party agents were not organized, Voters buy bribed to vote, while security men were bought over

INEC officials arrived in good time but set up the polls pretty late. According to them, they had to service the BVAS before setting up, this delayed the process. Security officials did well in coordination.

There were good relationship with one another and the security personnel were very much working well.



Please give a brief evaluation of the adherence to the COVID-19 guidelines by INEC officials, party agents, security and voters 103 responses

Good

COVID 19 Protocols were not adhered to

Only the inec official observe that, but both parties agent's and the voter's didn't

The INEC adherences to Covid-19 OK they wore facemask and uses hand sanitizer they came with, but for Party Agents and voters their adherence was poor ,none of them came with facemask

Hand sanitizer was use before voting

Just face mask

They were moderately abide by it

There was a strict compliance to COVID -19 protocol and guidelines

Adherence to COVID-19 guidelines

Observer's Name 105 responses

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Oloche Joseph Samuel

Kasimu Musa

IMOH ESTHER CHINOMSO

James Jacob Datir

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Name of Organization 105 responses

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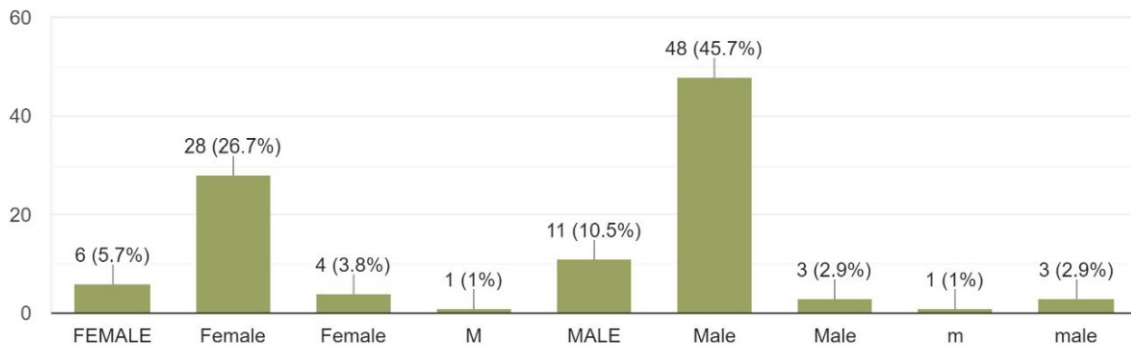
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Gender  
105 responses



Persons with disabilities(PWDs)  
105 responses

