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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

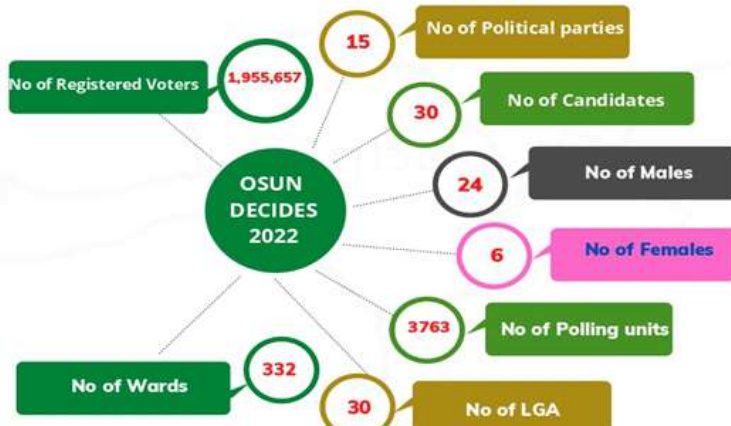
Election is an integral part of a state/country's development. Osun State Gubernatorial election took place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Prior to this, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) paid an advocacy visit to media houses, security agencies and National Orientation Agency after which a stakeholders' meeting and media sensitization was held on the contribution of stakeholders on how the upcoming election will be free, fair and credible. CTA was present at the Peace Accord signing ceremony where the aspiring candidates and chairmen signed the peace accord document. The role of observers in election cannot be overemphasized. In lieu of this, CTA was present at the briefing of accredited observer groups and trained 60 accredited observers.

The Situation room was set up to monitor the report of the events happening on the field during election and to take actions when need arise. These reports are to be supplied by the trained accredited observers. The situation room of CTA was declared opened by the Executive Director of the CTA on the eve of the election followed by a Press Conference same day July 15, 2022.

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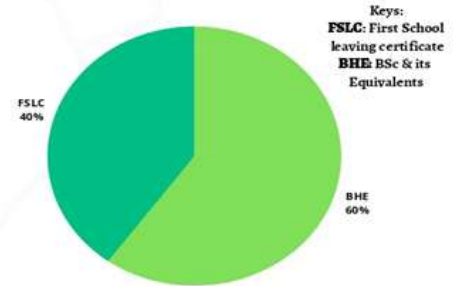
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**KEY INFORMATION ON OSUN GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION, JULY 16TH 2022**



	GOVERNOR	AKANDE VICTOR BABALOLA	
A	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	JIMOH MUKAILA ADEKUNLE	
ACC	GOVERNOR	AWOJIDE PETER SEGUN	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	FAKIYESI OLUWADARE GIDEON	
ADP	GOVERNOR	KEHINDE MUNIRUDEEN ATANDA	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	AGBAJE SEWANDE CLARET	
APC	GOVERNOR	ADEGBOYEGA ISIAKA OYETOLA	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	BENEDICT OLUGBOYEGA ALABI	
APM	GOVERNOR	AWOYEMI OLLWATAYO LUKUMAN	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	AKINLOYE KABIRU ADESOLA	
APP	GOVERNOR	ADEBAYO ADEOLU ELISHA	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	AKINPELU YINKA HEZEKIAH	
BP	GOVERNOR	ADELEKE ADESOJI MASILO ADEREMI	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	LATEEF KEHINDE ADENIKE	
LP	GOVERNOR	YUSSUFF SULAIMON LASUN	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	ADEOLA ADEKUNLE ATANDA	
	GOVERNOR	SALIU RASAK OYELAMI	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	OLATUNBOSUN OLU SOLAPE	
NNPP	GOVERNOR	ABEDE ADETOMI SAMUEL	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	AMOO FASILAT OMOLARA	
NRM	GOVERNOR	NURUDEEN ADEMOLA ADELEKE	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	ADEWUSI KOLA ADEGBOEGA	
PDP	GOVERNOR	AYOWOLE OLUBUSUYI ADEDEJI	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	OLOWU EMMANUEL AIYEDUN	
PRP	GOVERNOR	OMIGBODUN OYEGOKE AKINRINOLA	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	ONI MUKAILA ADESOYE	
SDP	GOVERNOR	ADEMOLA BAYONLE ADESEYE	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	STELLA YEMI ADEAGBO	
YPP	GOVERNOR	ADESUYI JOHN OLUFEMI	
	DRPUTY GOVERNOR	FAKOLADE GRACE KEMI	
ZLP			

**Final List Of Candidates**



**Classification of candidates based on Qualification**

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**Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke** of PDP defeated governor Gboyega Oyetola of the APC by a vote of 402,979 to 375,077. Adeleke won in 17 LGAs, including Olorunda, Ede South, Orolu, Osogbo, Odo Otin, Ifelodun, Boluwaduro, Atakumosa, and Ila as was declared by the Returning Officer and according to INEC records.



## INTRODUCTION

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), an accredited election observer group, keenly followed developments and the preparedness of critical stakeholders for July 16, 2022, Osun State Governorship Election. The CTA lined up activities as its contribution towards a free, credible, peaceful, fair, inclusive, and conclusive election. A total of 15 political parties presented candidates for the election. The election is expectedly took place across the 30 Local Government Areas, 332 wards and 3,763 polling units. The political environment before the election was relatively calm as political parties went about their campaigns without necessarily heating up the polity as the CTA's advance team that was on ground for over in the state witnessed no infractions. The Centre for Transparency Advocacy commended the peaceful atmosphere that prevailed and maintained throughout the election period and after the election on Saturday.

### BRIEF POLITICAL HISTORY OF OSUN STATE

Osun State was created on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1991, when the administration of Gen Ibrahim Badamosi Babangida created nine states with Osun created out of Oyo State with Osogbo as the capital.

**Col Leo Segun Ajiborisha** was the first Military Administrator of the State and he governed from August 1991-January 1992 when he handed over to an elected governor, **Alhaji Isiaka Adeleke** who ruled from 1992 to November 1993. The civilian rule in the state was terminated when **Col Anthony Udofia**, (Dec, 1993-Aug 1996), **Col Anthony Obi** (Aug 1996-Aug 1998) and **Col Theophilus Bamgboye** (Aug 1998- May 1999) served as Military Administrators respectively.

**Chief Bisi Akande** was elected as the Governor, and he served the state from 29<sup>th</sup> May 1999- 29<sup>th</sup> May 2003. **Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola** took over from Chief Akande and governed from 29<sup>th</sup> May 2003- 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 for the first term. Prince Oyinlola had spent three and a half years out of his second term until he was removed in a landmark judgement on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010, by the Court of Appeal, sitting in Ibadan which nullified his election and Engr. Rauf Aregbesola was declared the validly elected Governor in the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2007 Gubernatorial Election.

In July 2018, Gboyega Oyetola contested with Osun state House of Representatives deputy speaker Yusuf Lasun and Speaker of the Osun House of Assembly Nojeem Salaam, Dr Samuel Ibiyemi; Publisher Nigerian NewsDirect Newspapers, Adelere Oriolowo, Moshood Adeoti amongst others for the All-Progressives Congress gubernatorial candidacy of the September 22, 2018, gubernatorial election in Osun state and won. He was sworn into office on November 27, 2018.

<https://www.osunstate.gov.ng/about/history/>



## PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES (FIRST PHASE)

### INTRODUCTION

Election is the process of choosing a leader while electoral processes are all the activities from electoral laws to campaigns, party primaries, voters' registration, and voting. The gubernatorial election of Osun State was conducted on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There was one million, nine hundred and fifty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty-seven (1, 955,657) registered voters out of which One million, five hundred and eighteen thousand, three hundred and three (1,518, 303) PVCs were collected. Sixty (60) accredited observers were deployed by the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA). These observers covered the entire 30 Local Government Areas of the state. Observers constantly reported live updates on election through pictures and text on the CTA-WHATSAPP platform. Likewise, the CTA team led by the Executive Director, Faith Nwadishi roved across polling units in the state to observe the accreditation and voting processes. It is important to note that the presence of observers in polling units largely contributed to the credibility of election in the state.

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA) is a non-governmental/non-religious organization whose mission is to promote the benefits of transparency and accountability in public services and cause a reawakening in the society to imbibe the tenets of accountability in Nigeria, commenced preparation for the gubernatorial elections in Osun state scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 with advocacy visits to relevant stakeholders in the State.



**At the Press Conference and opening of the situation room.**



## **ADVOCACY VISITS TO MEDIA HOUSES, SECURITY AND NATIONAL AGENCY**

The CTA team led by the Executive Director (ED), Faith Nwadishi paid a Media advocacy visit to Fresh 105.9 FM and RAVE 91.7FM to discuss extensively, matters on election credibility, transparency, and inclusion. In the same vein, the team visited the director of the Department of State Services (DSS), Osun and National Orientation Agency respectively. The essence of the visit was to seek support and, invite them for the stakeholders' meeting that held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

## **STAKEHOLDERS' ROUNDTABLE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2022**

In preparation towards the gubernatorial election in Osun State, the Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), organized a 'Stakeholders' Roundtable meeting. In attendance were major stakeholders from various sectors in Osun State, the participants included stakeholders from the Nigerian Correctional Service (NCS), Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Department of State Service (DSS), Nigerian Security and Command Defense (NSCDC), National Orientation Agency (NOA), Deputy Vice-Chancellor UNIOSUN, Religious leaders, Osun State Chapter of the National Youth Council, Babaolojas, Persons with Disabilities (PWD), Media houses, and, CTA accredited election observers.



### **A glimpse at some of the Security Agents and other stakeholders at the roundtable meeting**

The Executive Director CTA, Ms. Faith Nwadishi, gave a welcome address. She stated that the goal of CTA is to advocate for free, fair, and credible elections in the nation. The lessons learnt in the Ekiti state election will be paid attention to and implemented in the coming election in Osun state. She recounted how ridiculously people in Ekiti State sold their votes for just a sum of #5,000, packets of spaghetti, and semolina. Furthermore, the improved collaboration among the security agents and the tremendous importance of N-Alerts in the coming elections was commended.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor of Osun State University Osogbo, Prof Anthony Kola



Olusanya and other stakeholders gave their good will messages and the measures each organization has put in place for the coming election to be a hitch free one.

However, some important questions were raised by the participants. Some of which include:

1. "What the Nigerian Immigration Service has been doing prior to elections to prevent non-citizens from procuring PVC and getting the National Identification Number (NIN)?"
2. What efforts the National Orientation Agency (NOA) has been making in sensitizing citizens against vote trading?
3. If there are provisions made for PWD at every polling unit and how their safety is assured?

Plausible answers were provided by the agencies concerned who promised to double efforts to make sure that the right things are done to support INEC in delivering a credible and inclusive election.



## **PRE-ELECTION ACTIVITIES (SECOND PHASE)**

### **MEDIA SENSITIZATION ON (12<sup>TH</sup>) JULY 2022 AT RAVE 91.7FM**

Few days to the Osun State gubernatorial elections, the CTA team had a media sensitization program on RAVE 91.7FM. The program urged the people of Osun to shun election apathy, vote trading and violence during elections. Emphasis was made on the new electoral act and the introduction of Bimodal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS) that reduces the chances of so many electoral malpractices and infractions. The program lasted 30 minutes.

### **PEACE ACCORD SIGNING CEREMONY BY THE OSUN STATE GOVERNORSHIP CANDIDATES ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT OSOGBO.**

The Peace Accord signing ceremony was held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The convener of the National Peace Committee (NPC), Bishop Mathew Hassan Kukah gave his welcome remarks on behalf of the chairman of National Peace Committee, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, GCFR. Thereafter, Gen. Abdulsalam gave a goodwill message via video call, where he stressed the need for peaceful election. The chairman of INEC, Professor Mahmood Yakubu also gave his good will message where he appealed to all parties, candidates, and other actors to play their parts in supporting the peace accord and laid emphasis on abiding by the letter and spirit of the accord. His Imperial Majesty, Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan also gave his royal goodwill message and enjoined all and sundry to embrace peace before, during and after the election.

All political parties' candidates and their chairmen, INEC chairman, Inspector General of Police and the representative of the NPC chairman signed the Peace Accord.

Equally, Governor of the state, Governor Adegboyega Oyetola addressed the audience and emphasized that the state is known as one of the most peaceful states in Nigeria. He thereby enjoined everyone to do their part in maintaining the peace existing in the state.

Finally, Engr. Yabagi Sani who is the chairman of Inter Party Advisory Council (IPAC), Osun State gave his remarks and commitment to peaceful elections. He mentioned that a peaceful election was conducted in Ekiti State few weeks back and expected that a better one should be replicated in Osun State.



The Ooni of Ife with Engr. Faith Nwadishi and the INEC Chairman Prof Mahmood



His Imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Enitan giving his speech





## **BRIEFING OF ACCREDITED OBSERVER GROUPS ON THE OSUN GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2022.**

Briefing of accredited observer groups on the upcoming election in Osun State took place on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The program commenced with introduction by an official of the INEC. The speaker, Alhaji Shehu Muhammed stated that observers are important stakeholders whose roles in election cannot be overemphasized as the commission is relying on them. They help in observation and making reports including identification of deviations which help in improvement of the commission. Observers are thereby expected to give a synopsis of the report 72 hours after the election and a comprehensive report after 2 weeks of the exercise.

Emphasis was made on the expectations and code of conduct of observers where it was stated that observers should:

- Respect the sovereignty of Nigeria people to establish their own governance as the fundamental human right guarantees this in the constitution.
- Apply to all INEC guidelines and all other reference or instructions given by their organizations.
- Maintain strict impartiality and neutrality in the conduct of their duties and should not express preference in relation to national authority, candidates or parties.
- Undertake their duty in a manner that will not obstruct the election process.
- Display Identity Card always (INEC or other required Identity Cards).
- Refrain from making any personal comments to the media on what they observe during election before the election observation mission makes the statement.
- Not accept any gift or favors that might influence the execution of their duties.
- At all times do not attempt to take part in actual administration of the election process.
- Note that they are responsible for their safety and security and no immunity covers an observer from adhering to all guidelines. Any observer who acts against the constitution and guidelines shall be prosecuted before the law.

Furthermore, the speaker enumerated the responsibilities of election observers. He said observers are expected to:

- Introduce themselves to the Presiding Officer, Collation Officer and other electoral officers at the polling unit.
- Comply with the instructions of officials at the polling units unless they are unlawful.
- Present virtual evidence for the report and be prepared to record necessary conversations
- Have a deployment plan for the polling units.

Explanations were made on what the report by observers should entail some of which include:

- Conclusion reached on the voting process and results of election.
- Performance lapses and genuine mistake should be separated from deliberate wrong doings.
- A product of careful assessment of the frequency, pattern, distribution, and effects of occurrence.
- The report should indicate where possible the extent of improvement over previous ones.
- Report should be submitted to the electoral commission only.

Moving forward in the program, a presentation was made on the use of technology in the Osun Governorship election by Mr. Daramola Olasunkanmi after which HOD (OPS) Osun, Mr. Ayeleso Olutope gave his speech on the preparations for the conduct of Osun Governorship Election while the Commissioner of Police made a presentation on the readiness, cooperation and synergy with security agencies in Osun. This was followed by an interactive session and questions were entertained.



*Presentation on the use of technology in the Osun Governorship election*



## **TRAINING OF OBSERVERS FOR THE JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 GOVERNORSHIP ELECTIONS HELD ON THURSDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY 2022**

The training of 60 CTA accredited observers was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, 2 days to the governorship election in Osun State. The training started with an opening remark by the Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi who commended the efforts of INEC and affirm the expectation of a peaceful election in the state. Mr. MacDonald Ekemezie, the Programme Manager of CTA stated the reason observers are being trained which is basically to educate and provide them with the skills to adequately observe and report election activities.

The participants were trained on the code of conducts for observers by Mr. Ezenwa Nwagwu. The contents include;

1. Behaviors expected of observers as issued by INEC,
2. The difference between an observer and a monitor,
3. Electoral guidelines and what it takes to carry out a successful election observation was enumerated.

Furthermore, Prince Babatunde Oluajo trained observers on the overview of election observation and expectations from observers. He applauded INEC for the introduction of BVAS because it has made election manipulation difficult and has been usefully test run at the Ekiti gubernatorial election. In addition, he mentioned the basic qualities of an election observer some of which include being unbiased, possess integrity, being punctual, documenting factual reports, and completing the checklist.

Moving forward in the training, observers were trained on understanding INEC guidelines for election observation by the Madam Faith Nwadishi (ED). With regards to Security Flashpoints, the participants were asked to list out communities they think were prone to violence during elections.





# OSUN GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION JULY 16TH, 2022



Key: LGAs with possible flash points



No of Collected PVCs  
**1,479,595**  
**(76%)**

### Election Personnel

**30,968**

### PWDs

**35**

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## **OPENING OF 2022 GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION SITUATION ROOM**

The program started with an opening remark by the Executive Director of CTA, Ms. Faith Nwadishi who appreciated the number of registered voters in the state. The ED and other election experts from CTA present at the occasion gave their speech on the contribution various bodies has made on the forthcoming election. INEC has deployed 35 persons with disability from the National Youth Service Corps, 5 National Commissioners and 12 Resident Electoral Commissioners to monitor and supervise the election. The effort of traditional institutions including that of His Imperial Majesty (Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi) for their consistent encouragement for a peaceful election and the role of the National Peace Committee was commended.

Various engagements were made by CTA to sensitize the citizens and other stakeholders on being advocates of free and peaceful election. It is expected trained observers will rely on the skills and knowledge acquired from the training to report factually and in real time to the CTA Situation Room.

Finally, an interactive session occurred between the media personnel and the CTA staff present where the media asked questions like "How prepared can CTA say Nigerians are for the election? What has CTA been doing in other to curb the act of vote buying? How sure is it that the observers deployed by CTA will not be working in favor of some political parties? These questions were duly answered and thereafter, the Executive Director of CTA, Faith Nwadishi then declared the CTA Situation room open for the July 16, 2022, Osun State Governorship Election.



*Some of the media personnel asking questions and making their contributions during the opening of the CTA Election Situation Room.*

*Cross Section of CTA Election Expert Team members at the opening of the Election Day Situation Room.*





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### **TIME OF ARRIVAL OF INEC OFFICIALS AND MATERIALS**

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 2023 general elections.

### **TIME OF COMMENCEMENT OF ACCREDITATION AND VOTING**

The CTA observed 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.



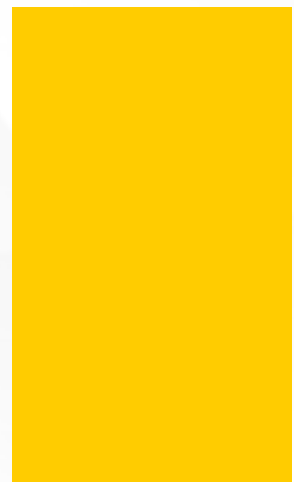
*An Adhoc staff addressing the electorates just before the commencement of the voting*

### **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. From field reports, with few exceptions, BVAS worked perfectly well in the Osun elections with voter accreditation taking between 1 to 3 minutes on the average. The few cases of issues with the BVAS were reported in Ifelodun, Olonde and Ikirun Ward 8 Unit 7 and Ede North, Ward 5 Unit 16 Alusekere. It is, however, heartwarming to note that these cases were swiftly attended to by INEC officials. We also note that INEC made good its promise to deploy at least two BVAS machines in polling units where they have more than a thousand voters.

### **PERFORMANCE/CONDUCT OF INEC OFFICIALS**

CTA noted 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. We equally noted that there was no case of substitution of Adhoc staff on election day. Essentially, those trained were deployed.



## **PWDS, THE AGED, PREGNANT AND NURSING MOTHERS**

As reported by our observers in the field, priority was given to the aged, the PWDs and the pregnant women as stipulated by INEC guidelines. There were separate queues for the aged, PWDs, the pregnant women and nursing mothers in most of the polling units our observers 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. 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 by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) added impetus to election security in Osun State and is well commended and recommended for future elections



*Security Agents at the polling unit enabling a peaceful environment*



## **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.



*A cross-section of voters queuing to cast their votes on the Election day*

## **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 just as was observed in previous elections. 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 except for some disputes in some polling units, the voting process was generally peaceful and had no negative impact on the outcome of the election.

## **Presence of Anti-Corruption Agencies**

Our observers reported the presence of officials of the Anti-Corruption Agencies in several polling units. Four officials of the PCC, EFCC and ICPC were sighted at polling units across the state.



### **Collation and Announcement of the Result**

Senator Ademola Jackson Nurudeen Adeleke of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) was declared the winner with 402,979 votes beating the incumbent governor, Gboyega Oyetola of the ruling All Progressive Congress (APC) who scored 375,077 votes as recorded by the Returning Officer of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) on Sunday, July 17, 2022.



*Some CTA field Observers*



*CTA team of experts*



*Voting across different polling units in Osun State*



**POST ELECTION**

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

During the press conference held in the evening of the gubernatorial elections in Osun State, the performance of INEC officials during the election was acknowledged by CTA as polling officials exhibited professionalism in all polling units covered by CTA observers during the execution of their duties. The lapses identified in previously conducted elections can therefore be traced to the deployment of untrained adhoc staff and INEC is thereby encouraged to ensure that deployed staffs for subsequent elections are well trained. It was also reported that priority was given to pregnant women, PWDs and the aged as stipulated by INEC guidelines.

Furthermore, the observers' report indicated that there was reasonable turnout by voters and electorates were out for voting before 7 am. Osun State electorates are therefore commended for their enthusiastic turnout for the election which was envisaged to be about 40%. Disappointingly, the observers' reported a high incidence of vote buying and selling by the major parties that deployed new vote-buying tactics to evade security agencies. This calls for INEC, security agencies, and other stakeholders to further strategize how to get rid of this act in subsequent election. However, the report from the field indicated that except for few disputes in some polling units, the voting process was generally peaceful. Conclusively, the effort of INEC, security agencies and citizens of Osun State towards the development of democracy in the state and use of BVAS in uploading of election result was commended.



*Press Conference to share observations from the field after the election*



## **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

The following recommendations are given

1. The deployment of personnel and materials were early and prompt. This is commendable and should be sustained by INEC in subsequent elections especially, the 2023 General Elections.
2. The use of the BVAS remarkably quickened the voting process and announcement of results in good time. This should be sustained.
3. Voters should be encouraged to transfer to polling units with fewer voters for future elections.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Faith Nwadishi

Executive Director



## **PRE-ELECTION PRESS RELEASE**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Centre for Transparency Advocacy (CTA), an accredited election observer group, has keenly watched developments and the preparedness of critical stakeholders for the July 16, 2022, Osun State Governorship Election. The CTA has lined up activities as its contribution towards a free, credible, peaceful, fair, inclusive, and conclusive election. This press conference will address our preliminary findings and concerns.

### **Political Environment:**

15 political parties will be presenting candidates to seek for the mandate and votes of the citizens across the 30 Local Government Areas, 332 wards and 3,763 polling units. So far, the political environment is calm as political parties are going about their campaigns without necessarily heating up the polity. Our advance team has been on ground for over five days in the state and has not witnessed infractions. The holiday period provided an opportunity for citizens and political parties to interact and share in the conviviality provided by the holiday. The Centre for Transparency Advocacy commends the prevailing peaceful atmosphere and hopes that it is maintained throughout the election period and after the election on Saturday.

### **How prepared are the citizens?**

There are about 1,955,657 registered voters in Osun state. Out of this number, 1,479,595 representing 76 per cent of registered voters have collected their PVCs as at 10/7/2022 according to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC). It is noteworthy that citizens are prepared to cast their votes having shown such tremendous interest in the collection of their PVCs. We also believe that Osun citizens took advantage of the extension of the time for the collection of PVCs by INEC till today, Thursday 14, 2022. We urge citizens to be peaceful as they come out on Saturday to vote for candidates of their choice. It is our belief that a collective resolve of the citizens to do the right things will be a boost to our democracy.

The CTA notes with disappointment the endemic practice of vote trading that adds no value to our democratic process. We, therefore, urge citizens not to partake in this inglorious and criminal practice but rather work for a better democratic process that will be free, and fair.



### **The Independent National Electoral Commission:**

We commend the incremental progress recorded by INEC at every election. We have noticed steady progress from Anambra Governorship Election to the recently concluded Ekiti State Governorship Election where results were collated, and a winner declared in less than twenty-four hours. This is commendable and we hope that Osun State will be better. INEC announced that it will be deploying for the first time, 35 persons with Disability from the National Youth Service Corps. This is highly commendable, and we urge the media, citizens, and security agencies to accord them necessary assistance on the field.

In the same manner, INEC has announced that it will deploy five National Commissioners and twelve Resident Electoral Commissioners to monitor and supervise the election on Saturday. The number of accredited Observer groups by INEC are 87 (79 domestic and 8 international), comprising 7792 Observers, while there are 94 accredited media organisations (92 domestic and 2 foreign) with 624 journalists that will be reporting events. These deployments will hopefully aid to the achievement of a credible election on Saturday with the deployment of the B-VAS, the new technological innovation in the electoral process.

Stakeholders' meeting has become a critical activity by INEC as part of their preparedness towards conducting free, credible, fair, peaceful, inclusive, and conclusive elections in Nigeria. Also, the briefing by INEC for accredited observers before election is appreciated. The CTA commends INEC for making this a permanent feature of the electoral process.

### **The role of traditional rulers and the National Peace Committee:**

The CTA commends the traditional institutions for encouraging peaceful elections. We especially commend the Ooni of Ife His Imperial Majesty Oba Adeyeye, Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II who had consistently urged the Osun people to be peaceful and has continued to play his role as a father to all. This he has shown by being physically present at the stakeholders meeting and the signing of the peace accord by political parties and candidates. We equally, commend the role that the National Peace Committee is playing to ensure peaceful elections in Nigeria. We hope that politicians and all political actors will abide by the peace agreements signed. It is important that they do so.

### **Security and flash points:**

The Inspector General of Police was firm in his charge to security agencies to discharge their duties professionally and within the Standard Operation Practice and rules of engagement. We note that the police will be deploying 21,000 personnel while the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) will deploy 1,500. The Inspector General of Police further admonished other security agencies that will be deployed to strictly adhere to



the rules of engagement as earlier announced. Though there is a seemingly peaceful atmosphere so far, there are a few identified flash points where security agencies are expected to beam their searchlight and curtail any threat to security. The following areas have been identified as flash points Ife Central, Ife South, Ife East, Ilesa East and West, Ede North and South, Iwo, and some parts of Osogbo LGA.

### **CTA's Preparedness:**

**Stakeholders meeting and media engagements:** The Centre for Transparency Advocacy carried out various engagements to sensitize the citizens and other critical stakeholders to be advocates of free and peaceful election. We held a stakeholder's meeting on June 28, 2022, with security agencies, National Orientation Agency, Youth groups, religious leaders, People with Disability, market men and women among others in attendance. We also engaged these stakeholders in their various offices to exchange and share ideas for hitch free election. The media was not left out as we had media engagements to further buttress the importance of a peaceful, credible free, inclusive and conclusive election on July 16, 2022.

**Training of observers and deployment:** This afternoon, the CTA trained the 60 accredited observers and will be deploying them across the 30 LGAs of Osun State on Saturday. It is expected that they will rely on the skills and knowledge acquired from the training to report factually and in real time to the CTA Situation Room.

**Opening of Situation Room:** As part of our tradition, the Centre for Transparency has set up a Situation Room that is manned by our expert team to receive reports from field observers in real time. This practice helps the CTA to situate events, escalate and report events as they occur. Gentlemen of the press, dear colleagues, and friends, on this note, I hereby declare open the CTA Situation Room for the July 16, 2022, Osun State Governorship Election. We invite you here again on Saturday, 16th for the Preliminary report at the close of polls by 5:30 pm.

### **In conclusion**

1. We call on political actors to ensure that their actions and words do not trigger violence and heat up the polity unnecessarily before and after the election on Saturday.
2. We urge security agencies to give assurances and make adequate provisions to protect electorates before and after the election while discharging their duties professionally.
3. We urge citizens to come out enmasse and exercise their democratic rights by voting for candidates of their choice.
4. INEC should ensure that the coordination and delivery of the Osun election should be taken a notch higher than the just concluded Ekiti election. Also, that its personnel to be deployed are trained properly on the use of the BVAS machines to ensure free, fair, credible inclusive, and conclusive governorship election.



5. Citizens must shun vote trading. It is only where there is a willing buyer that there is a willing seller.

6. We call on parents and youths not to allow themselves to be used as political thugs to disrupt peaceful conduct of the election.

**Thank you**

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## **MEDIA LINKS**

### Stakeholders meeting

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

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<https://guardian.ng/news/security-agencies-begin-operations-against-hoodlums-in-osun/>

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<http://newsboomng.com/2022/06/28/cta-holds-stakeholders-meeting-ahead-osun-guber-election-to-deploy-60-observers/>

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### Media interviews

<https://fb.watch/edsBlm65ME/>

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<https://fb.watch/dVi6mJUJ7C/>

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### Observers training

<https://docpetnews.com/2022/07/14/osun-election-group-warns-election-observers-against-compromise/>

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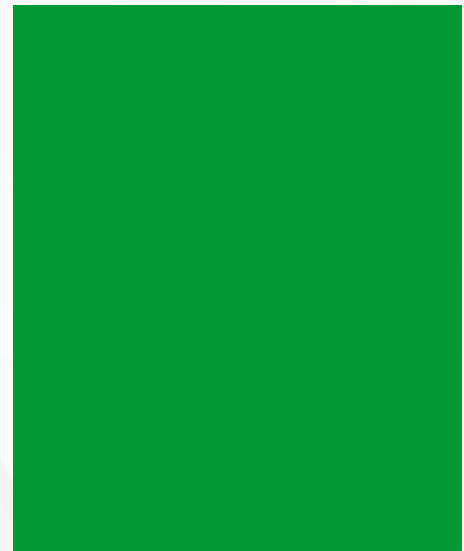
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# Photo Gallery

## ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES













**PRESS POST STATEMENT**



## Opening of Situation Room



## STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

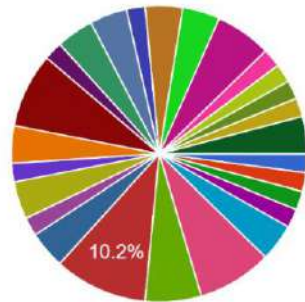




## GOOGLE ANALYSIS

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

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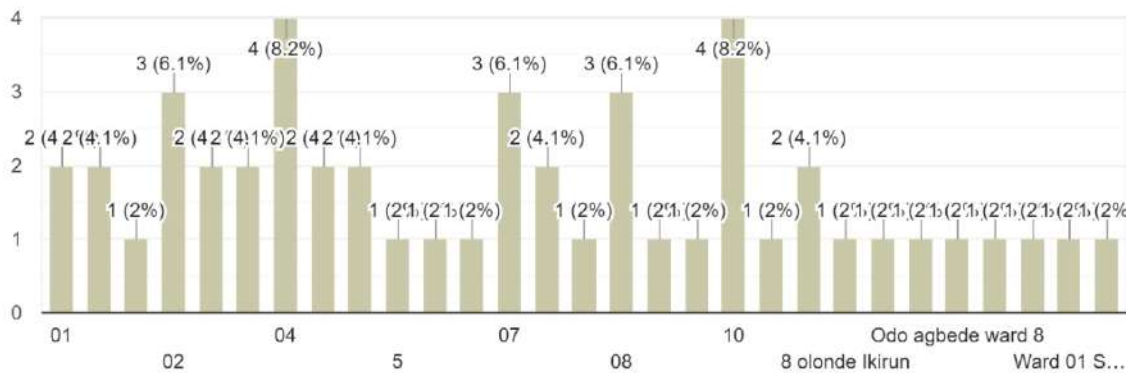


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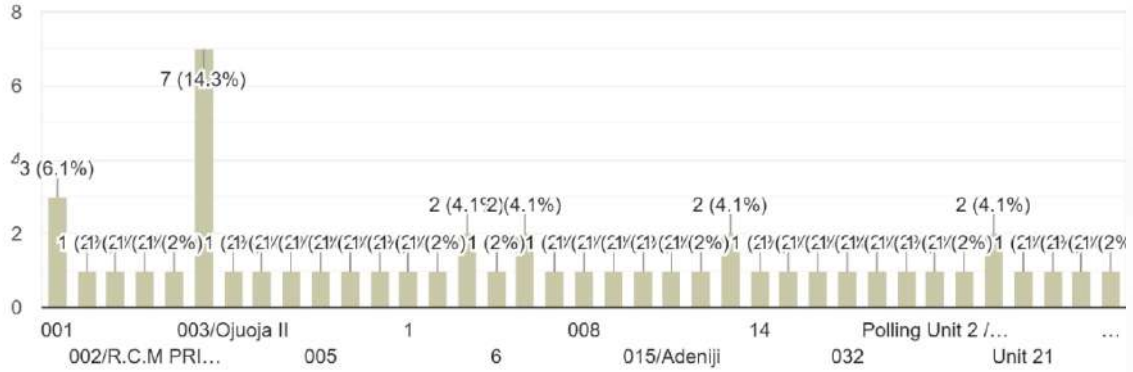
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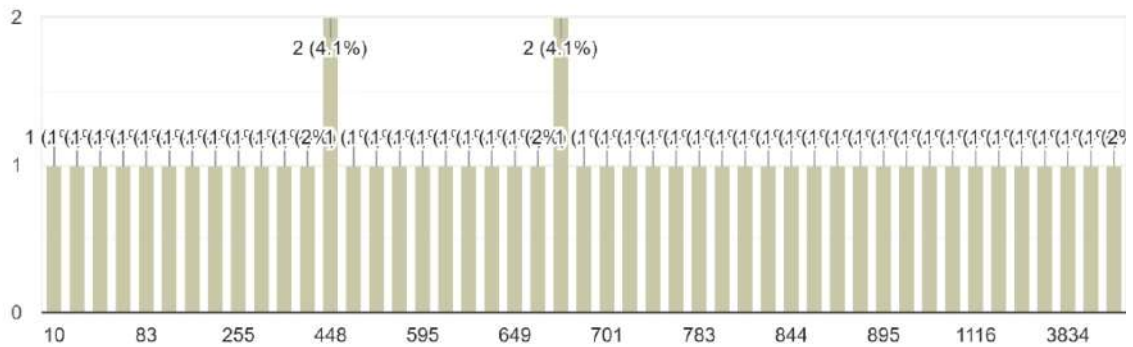
### POLLING UNIT CODE / VOTING POINTS

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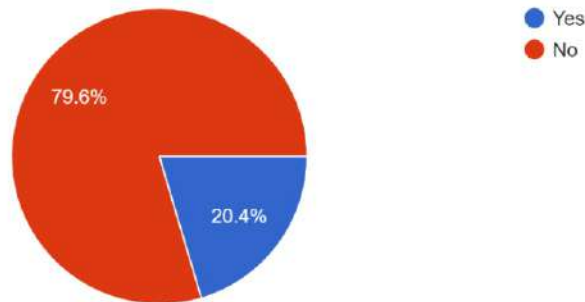
### Please specify the number of Registered voters

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

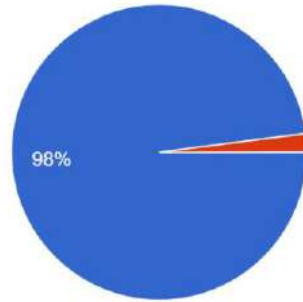
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### Time of Arrival of Observer at Polling Unit

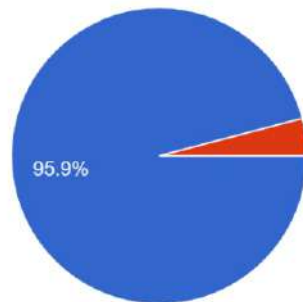
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- Between 7am - 8am
- Between 8am - 9am
- Between 9am - 10am
- Late Time

### Polling Unit is within a Neutral Environment?

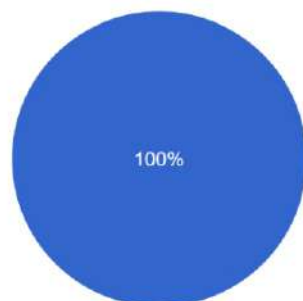
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- Yes
- No

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

49 responses

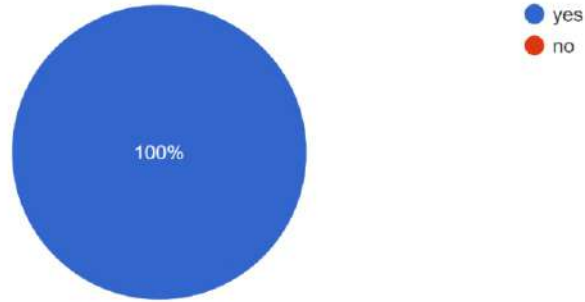


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- No



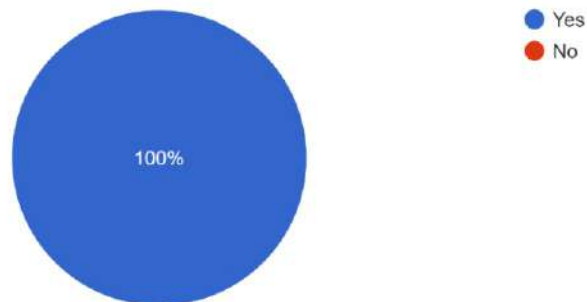
Election materials arrived polling units between 7.00am and 8.30am

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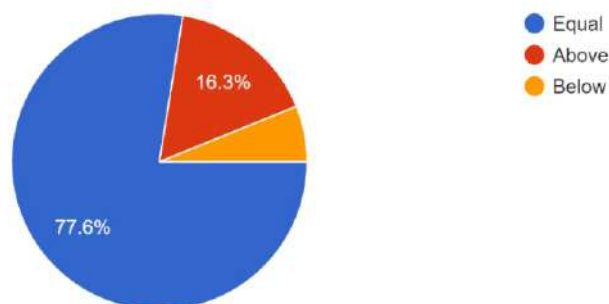
Election materials were properly packaged and intact?

49 responses



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

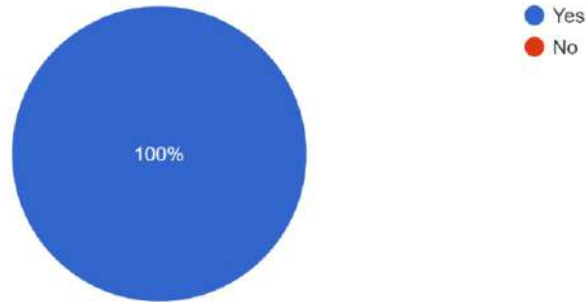
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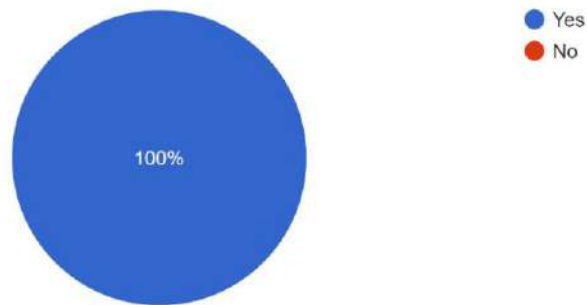
### INEC Officials were present before opening of Polls?

49 responses



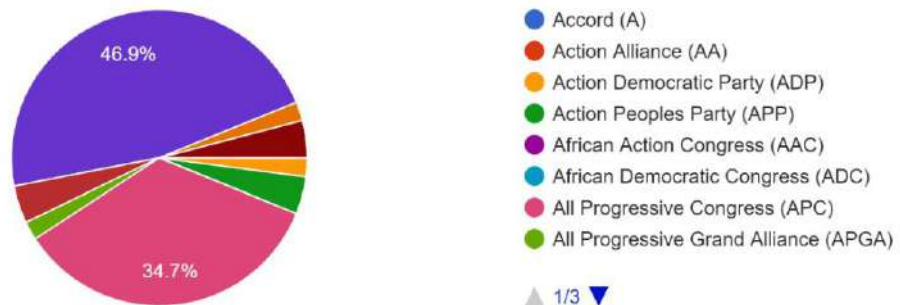
### Political Party Agents were present at the Polling Unit?

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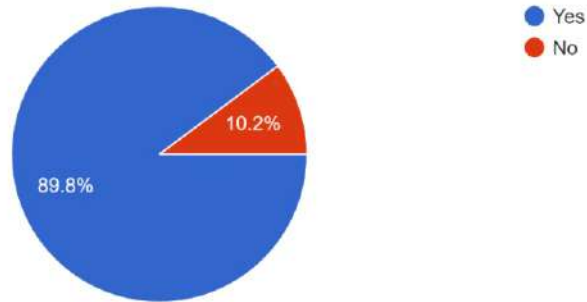
### Please tick the political Party Agents Present

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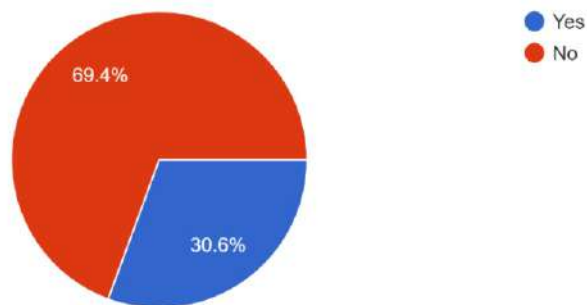
### Campaign materials were removed from the Polling Unit ?

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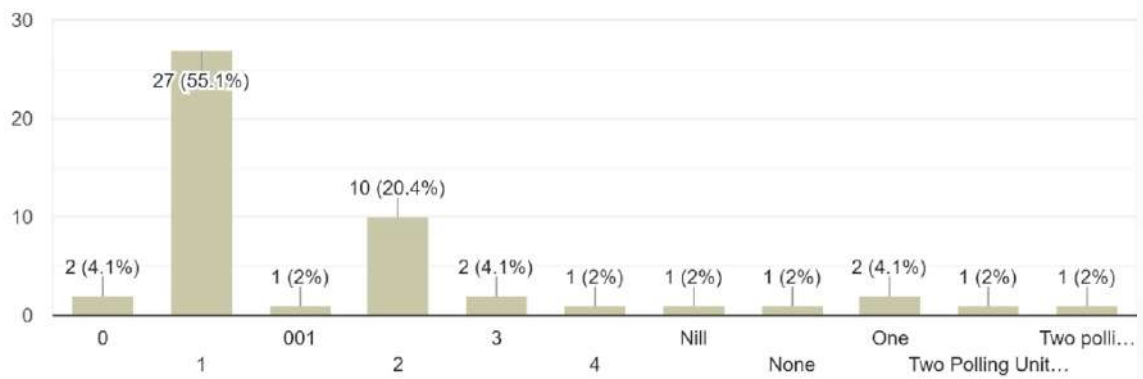
### Polling Unit was divided into sub-units?

49 responses



### Number of Voting Points within the Polling Unit

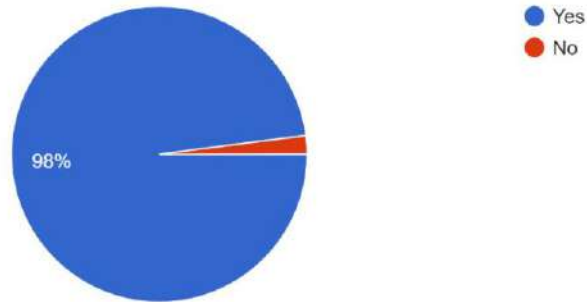
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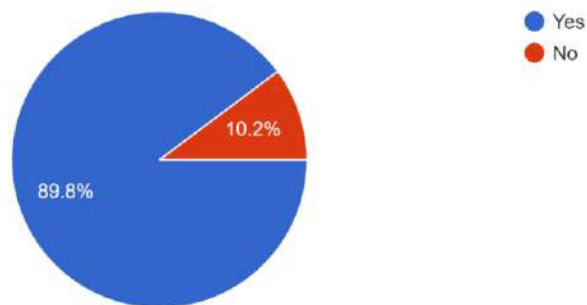
### Ballot Boxes were located in full view of the public?

49 responses



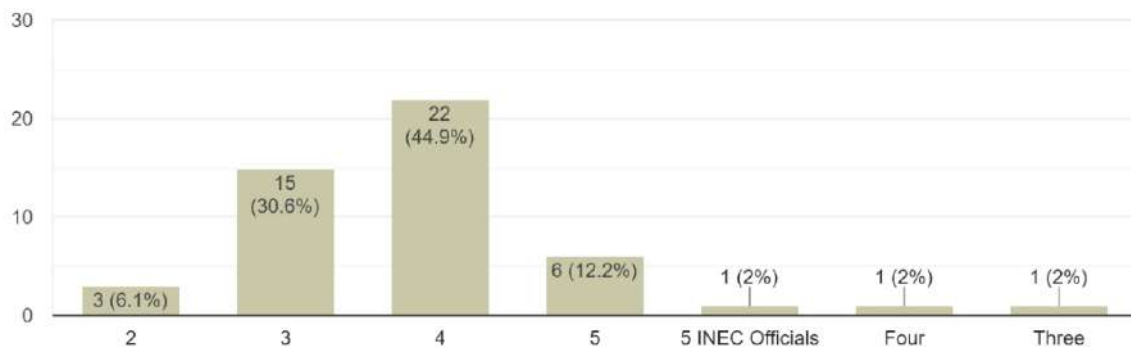
### Polling Booth was enclosed?

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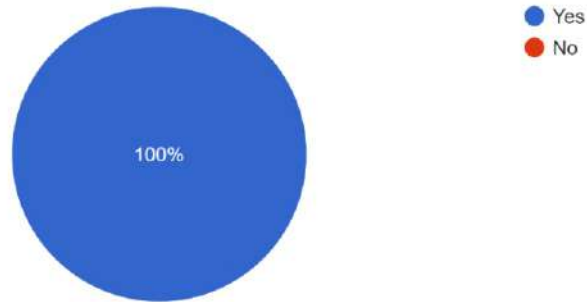
### How many INEC Officials were present at the Polling Unit

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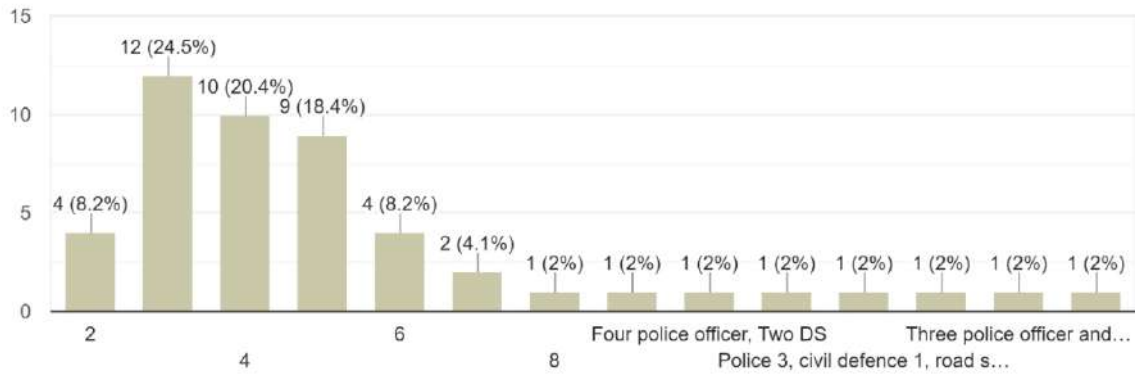
### Security Personnel were present at the Polling Unit

49 responses



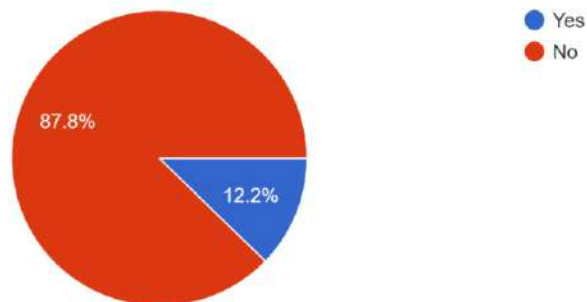
### Please specify the number of security personnel's present at the polling unit

49 responses



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

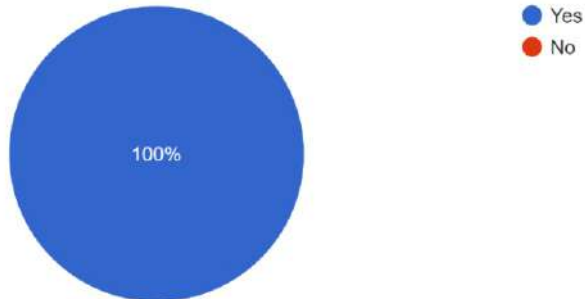
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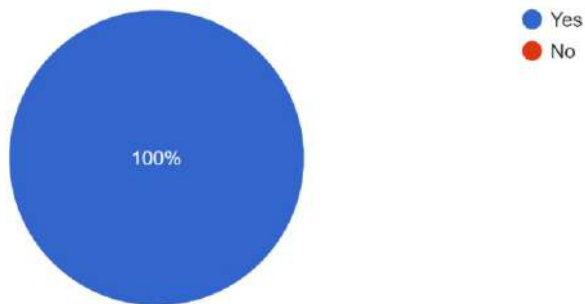




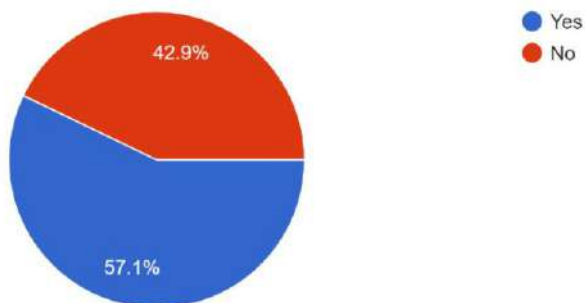
Polling Unit is easy to locate and accessible to all voters including People with Disability (PWDs?)  
49 responses



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



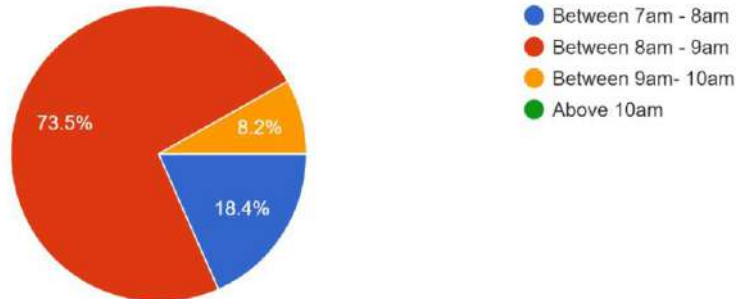
Was the polling unit set-up according to COVID19 guidelines?  
49 responses





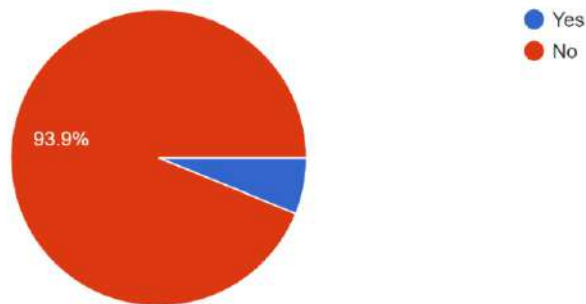
### What time did the Accreditation of voters start?

49 responses



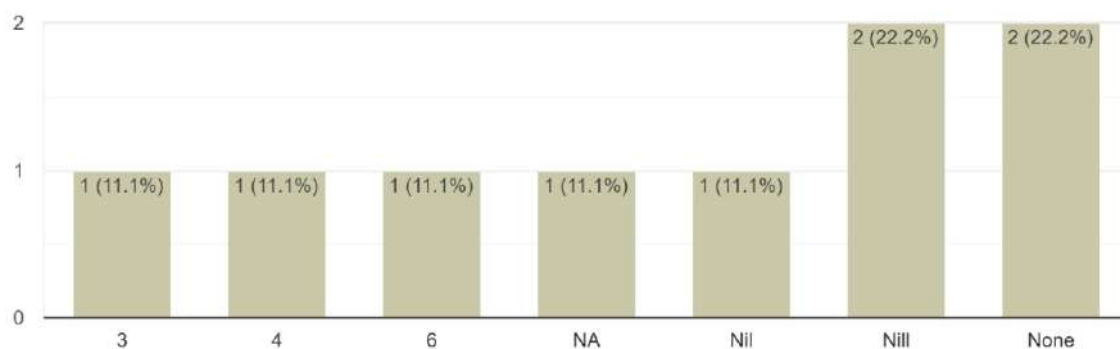
### Were there cases of omission of any voter's name on the Register?

49 responses



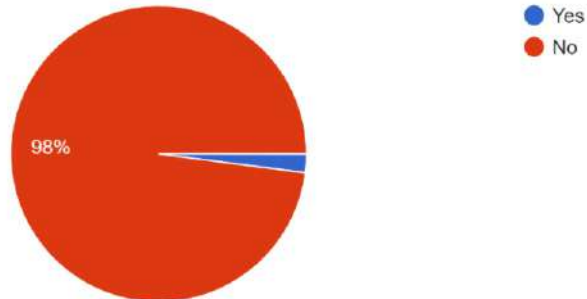
### If answer to above is yes, please state the number of cases

9 responses



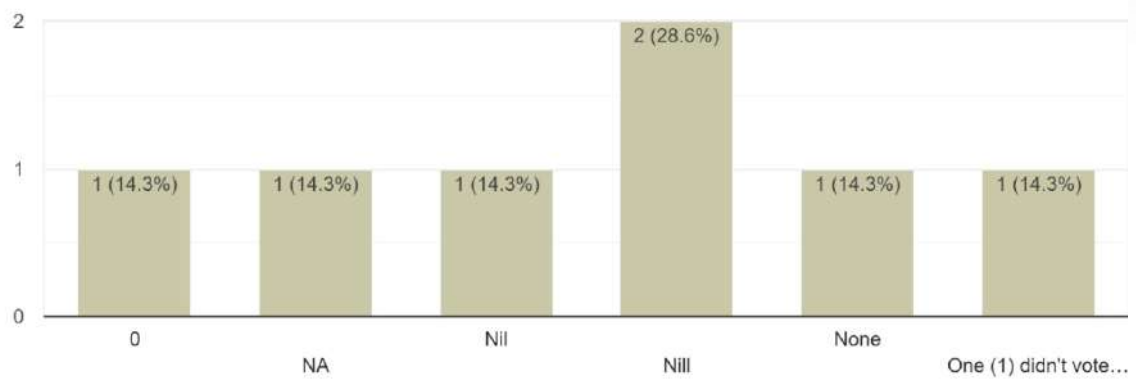
Was any person accredited to vote who did not present a permanent Voter's card?

49 responses



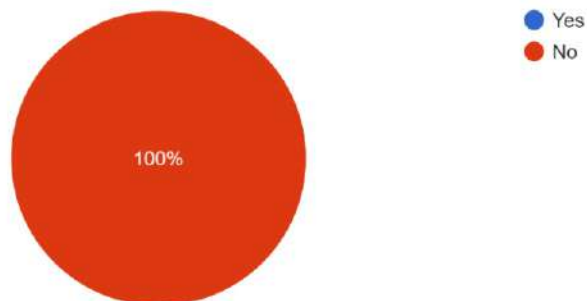
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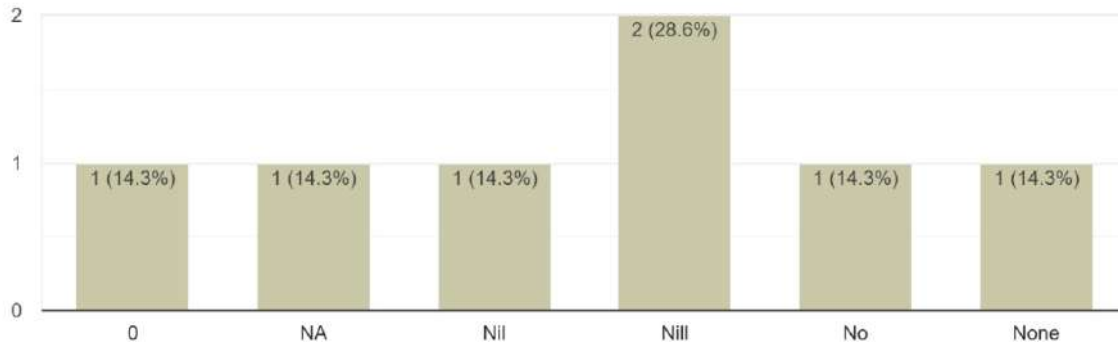
Were there issues of fake PVCs presented for accreditation?

49 responses



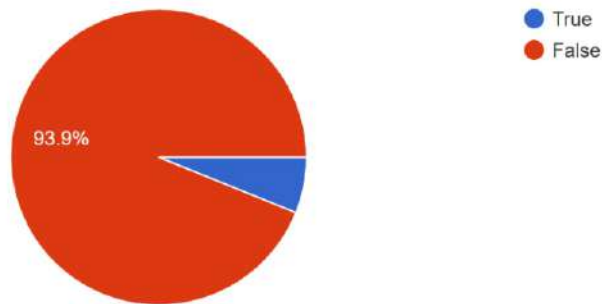
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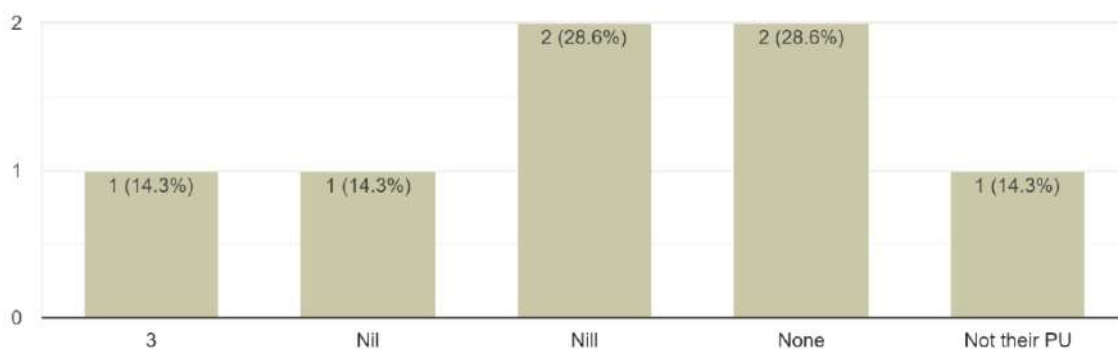
Were eligible voters with valid PVCs refused Accreditation because their names were not on the Voters' Register?

49 responses



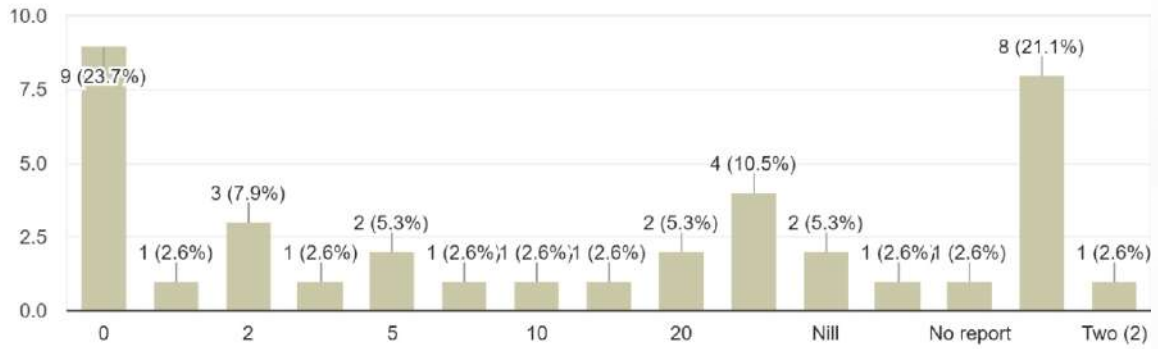
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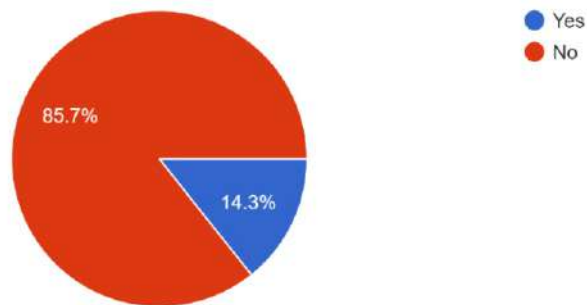
How many reports of failed fingerprints' authentication occurred at the polling Unit?

38 responses



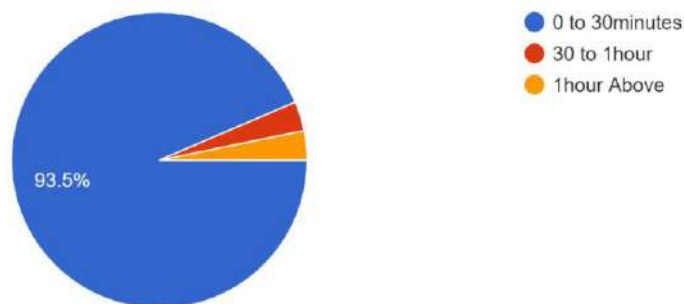
Were there any challenges with the Bimodal Voter Accreditation System(BVAS)?

49 responses



And how long did it take to fix the BVAS?

31 responses





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

49 responses



● Yes  
● No

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

49 responses



● Yes  
● No

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

49 responses

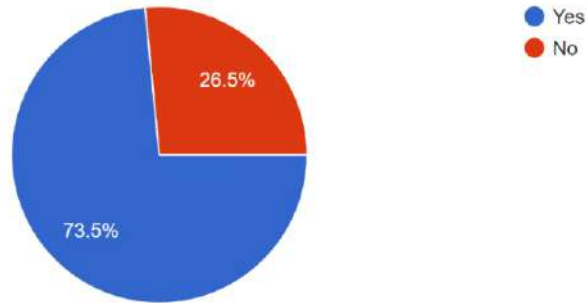


● Yes  
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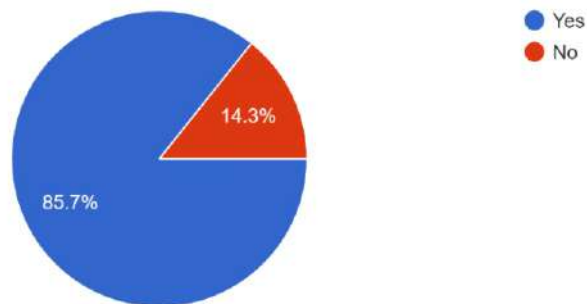
Were voters with sight disability helped with braille guide?

49 responses



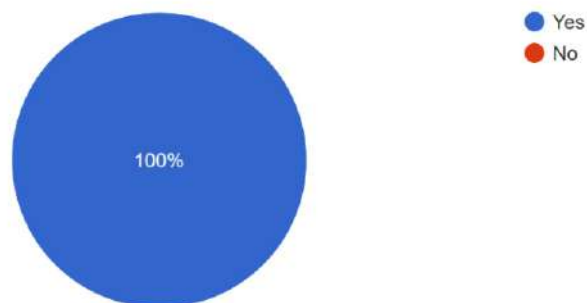
Were Voters with finger Disability accredited in accordance with the INEC guidelines?

49 responses



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

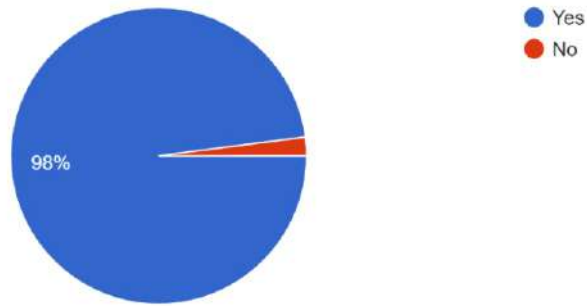
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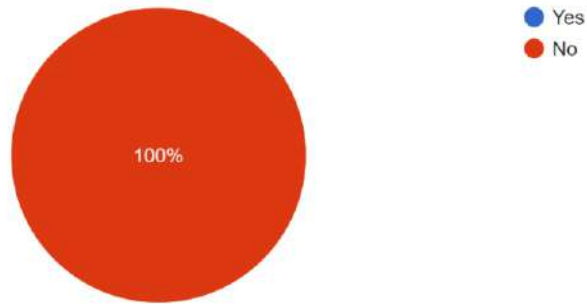
Were Ballot Papers stamped and signed before issue to accredited voters?

49 responses



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

49 responses

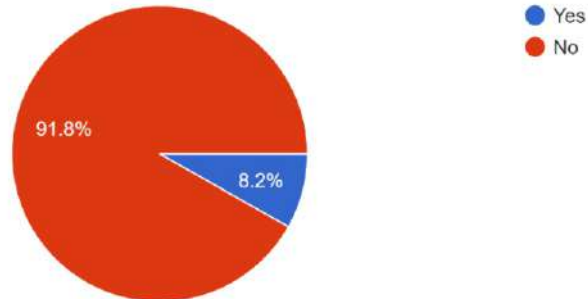






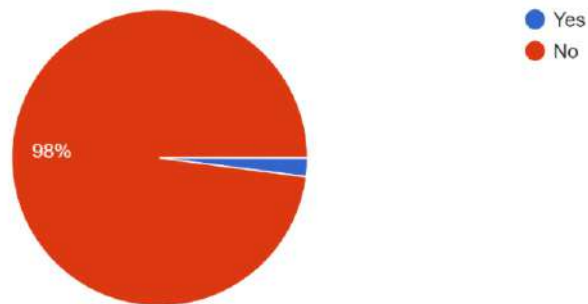
Were voters allowed to use telephones and other electronic devices in the polling booth?

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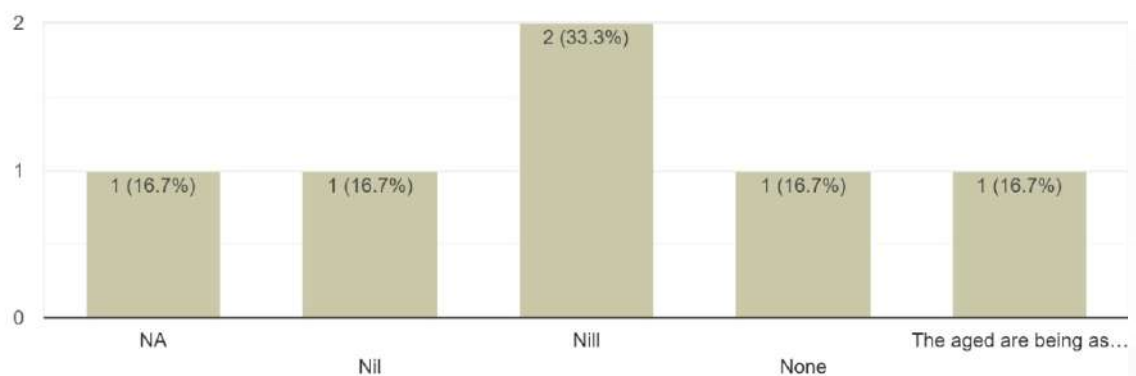
Did you witness any case of Group voting?

49 responses



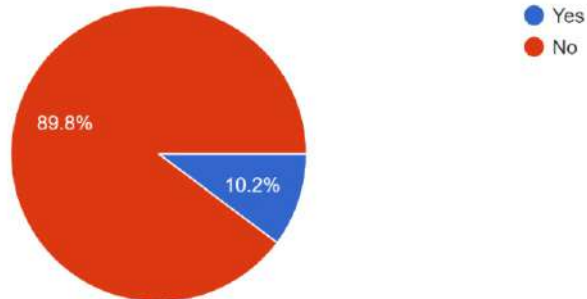
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6 responses



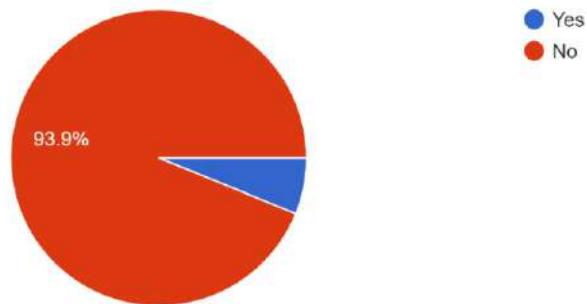
Did any person other than the Presiding Officer assist more than 3 voters?

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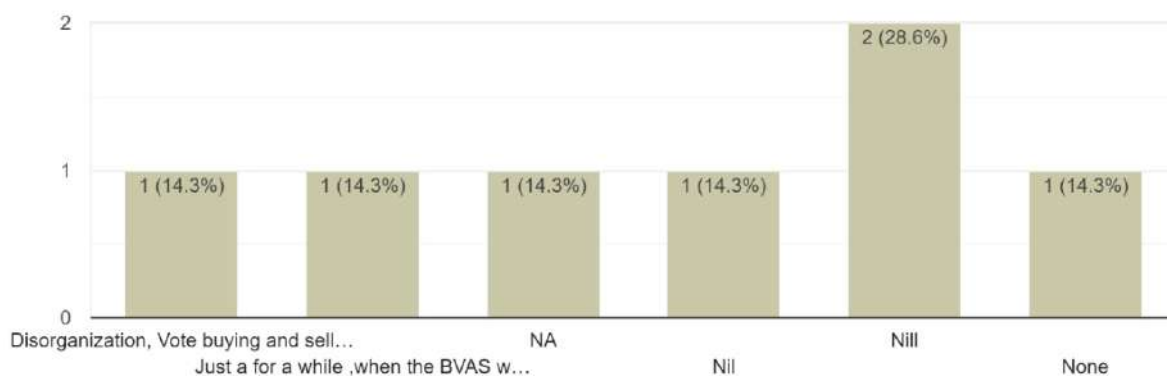
Was there any tension within or around the Polling Unit?

49 responses



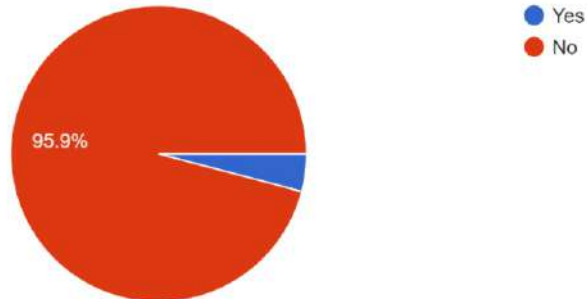
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7 responses



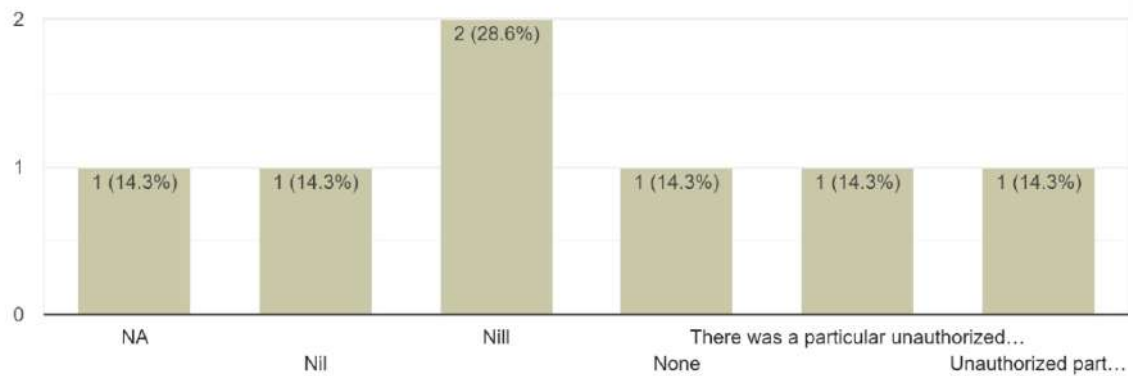
Did you observe unauthorized persons in the polling units /voting points?

49 responses



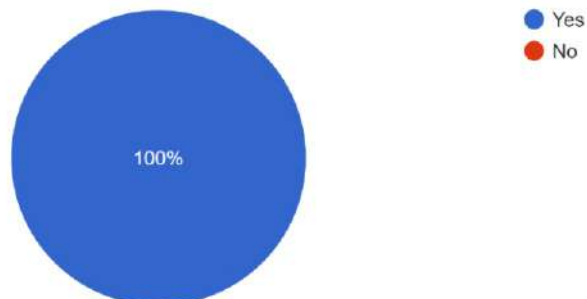
If answer to above is Yes, please give more particulars of the incidence here

7 responses



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

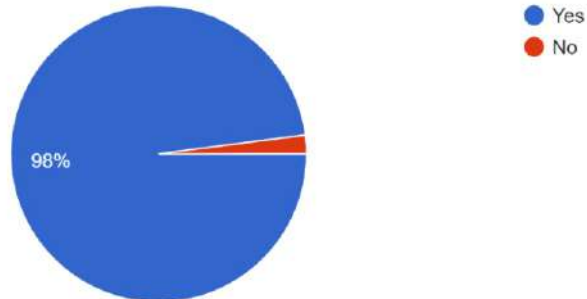
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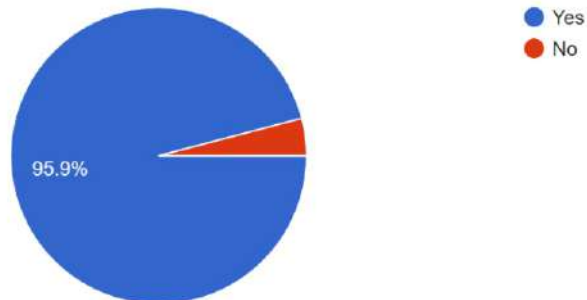
Did you observe the political party agent(s) append their signatures on the result sheets?

49 responses



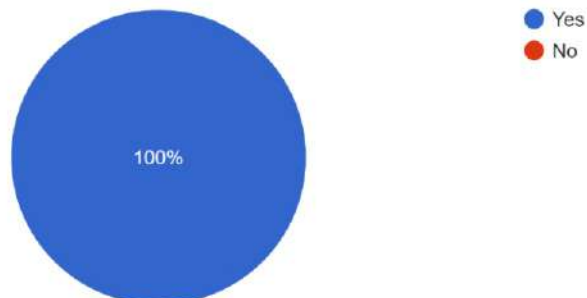
Did the Presiding Officer paste the Form EC60E at the polling Unit for the public to see? (Please add a picture if possible)

49 responses



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

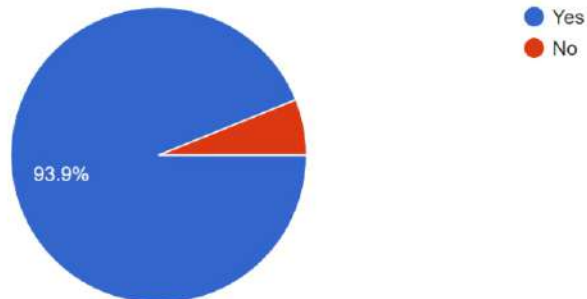
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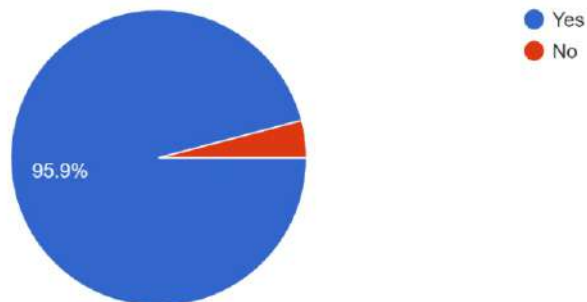
Did the Presiding officer deliver a copy of the result sheet to the police officer present at the polling Unit?

49 responses



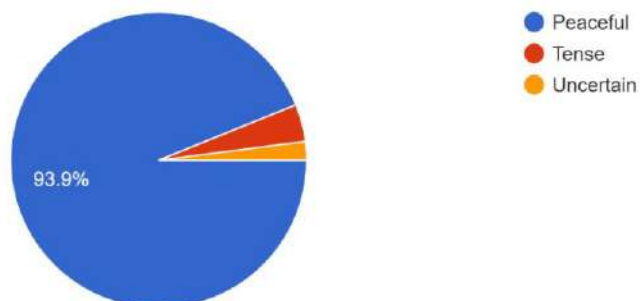
Did the Party Agents collect a copy of the signed result sheet?

49 responses



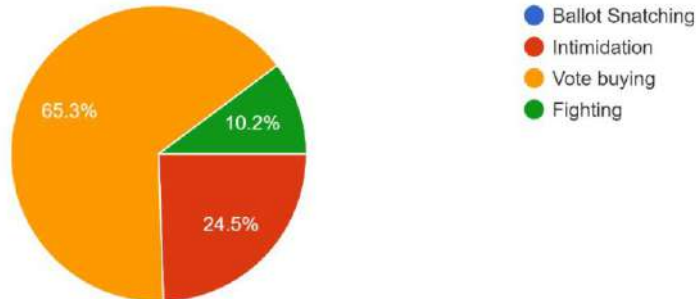
How was the Political Environment?

49 responses



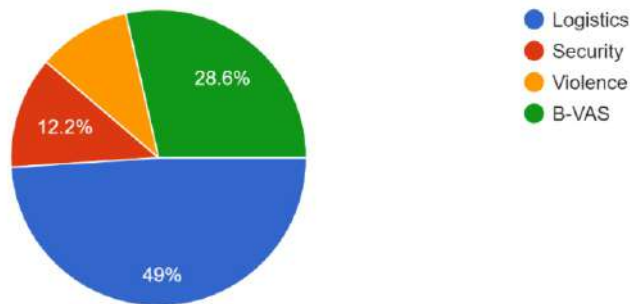
### What sort of incidences of Violence are prevalent?

49 responses



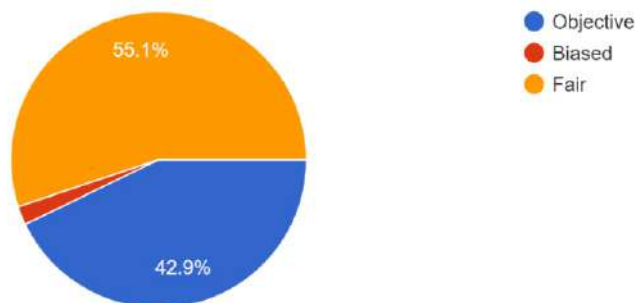
### What were the challenges observed during the Elections?

49 responses



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

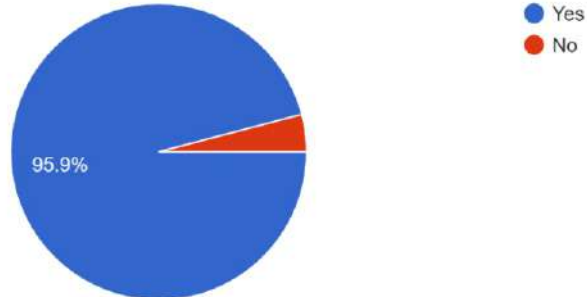
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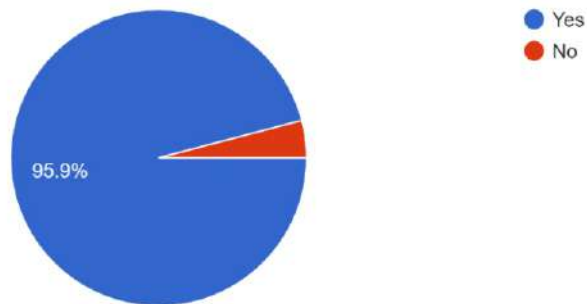
Where sensitive materials sorted into Registration Area(RA)?

49 responses



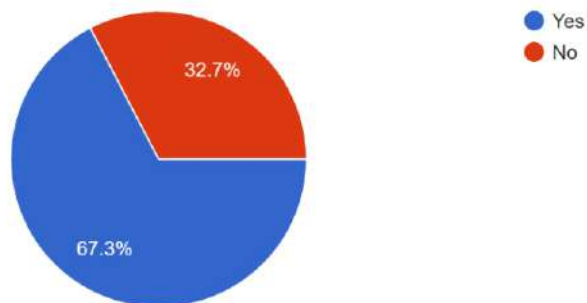
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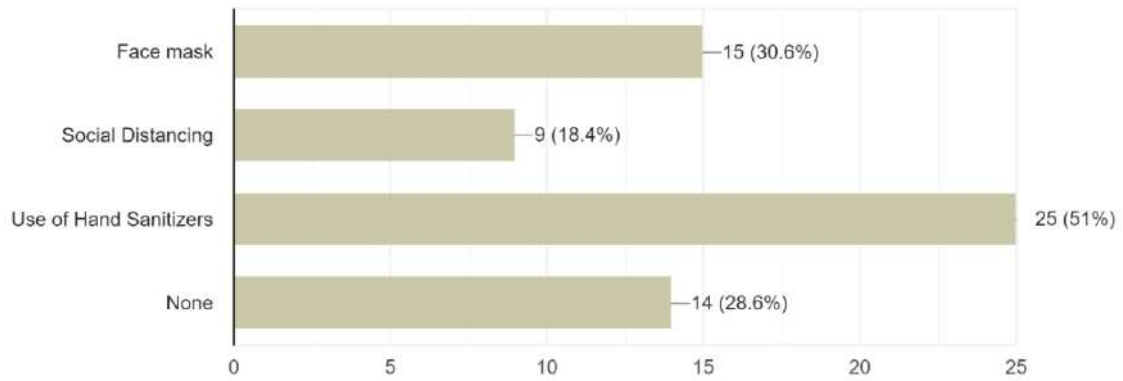
Was transportation of election staff consistent with COVID-19 containment protocols?(7-14for buses, and from 12 to 6 for boats)

49 responses



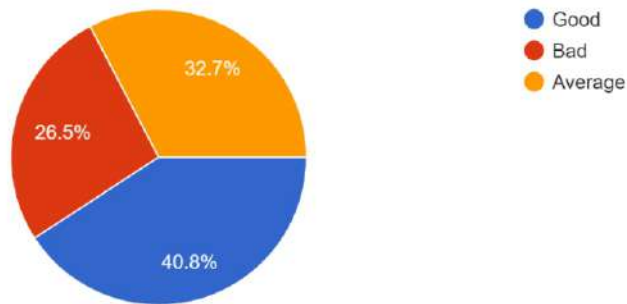
### Please indicate the COVID-19 measures observed at the RAC(Ward)

49 responses



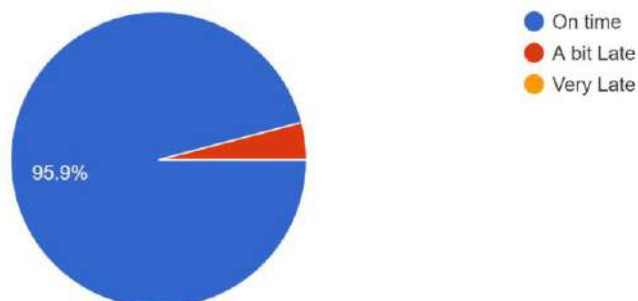
### How do you rate the set-up of the RAC? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

49 responses



### Opening Of Polling Units

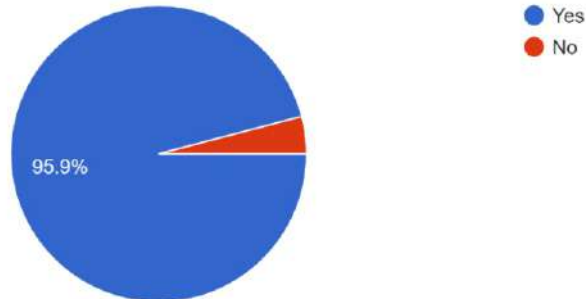
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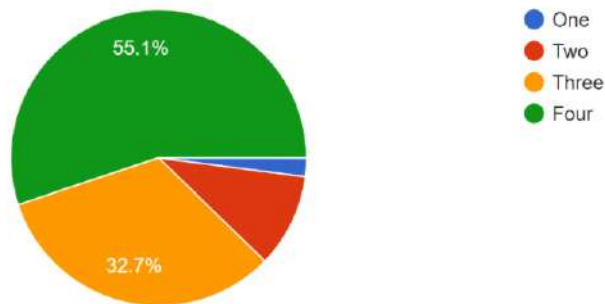
### Where the polling units adequately secured (presence of security)?

49 responses



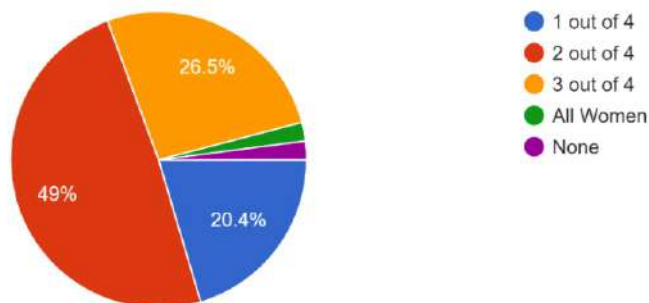
### On the average, how many poll (INEC) officials present in most polling units?

49 responses



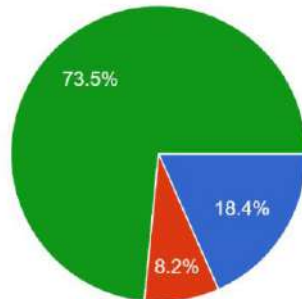
### How many of the Polling unit staff (INEC) were women?

49 responses



### How many of the Polling unit staff were PWDs?

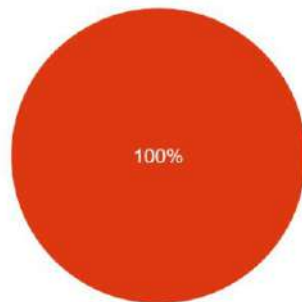
49 responses



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

### Was there underage voting?

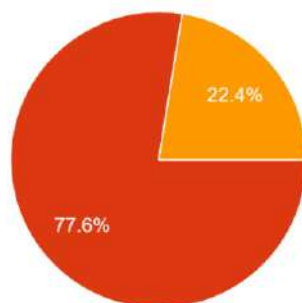
49 responses



- Yes
- No

### How effective were the B-VAS?

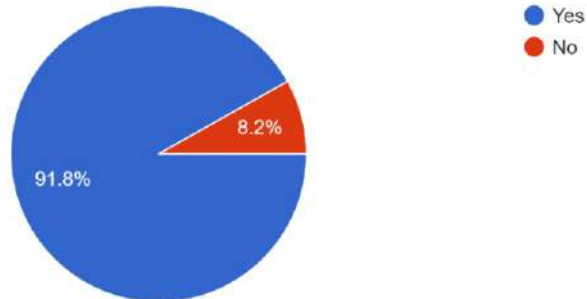
49 responses



- Slow
- Fast
- Mixed

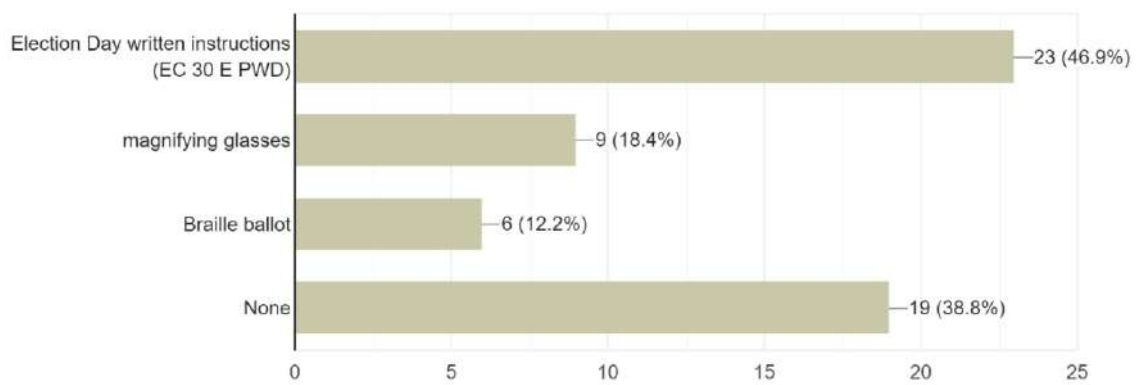
### Any preference for PWDs, Nursing and aged voters at Polling Units visited?

49 responses



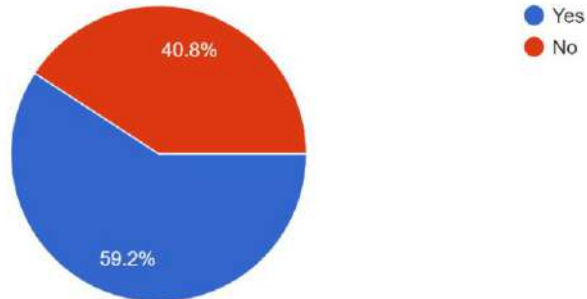
### What type of assistive tools did you see at the polling units?

49 responses



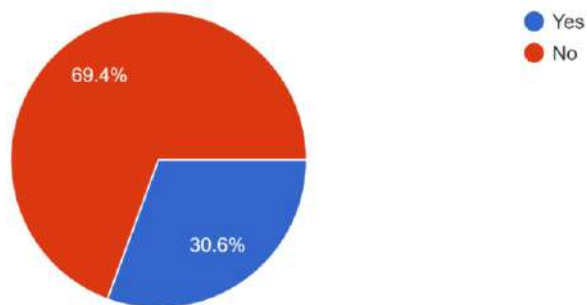
Were poll officials kitted with PPEs, gloves at the polling unit?

49 responses



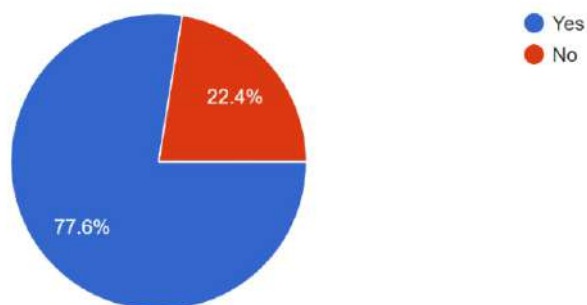
Did voters adhere to physical distancing at the polling unit

49 responses



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

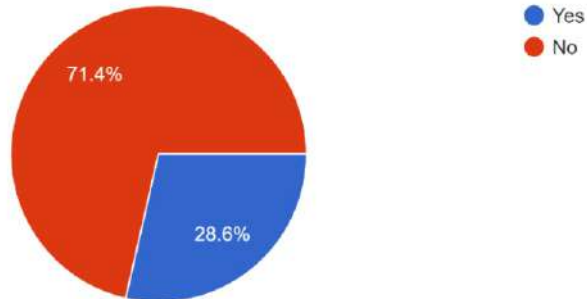
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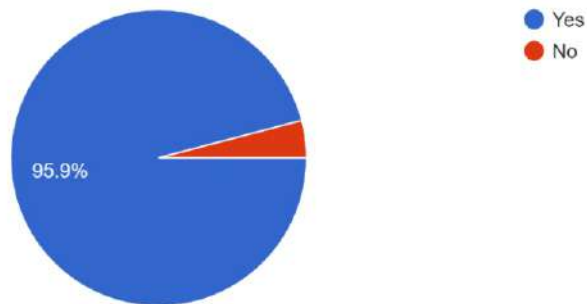
### Did voters and staff wear face mask at polling units?

49 responses



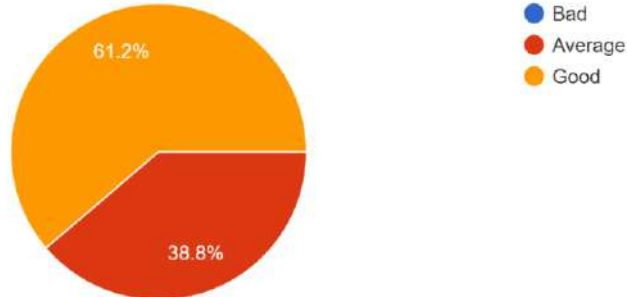
### Did poll officials read out the Voter Code of Conduct (VCC) to voters?

49 responses



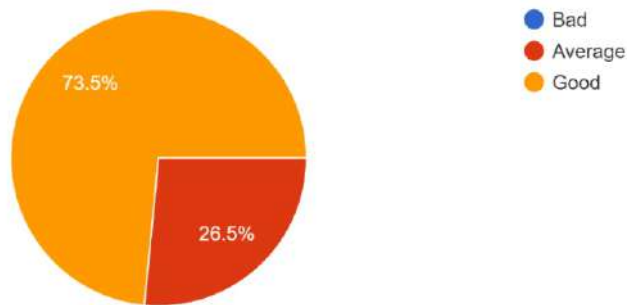
On an average, how do you rate INEC poll official performance?

49 responses



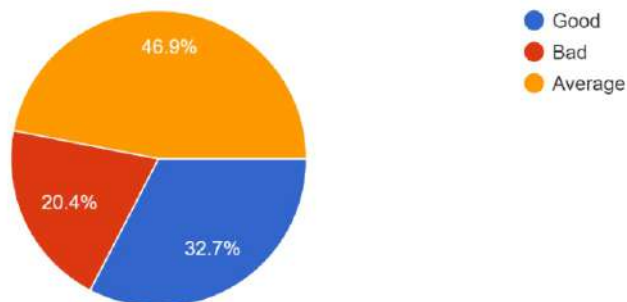
How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (accessibility)

49 responses



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

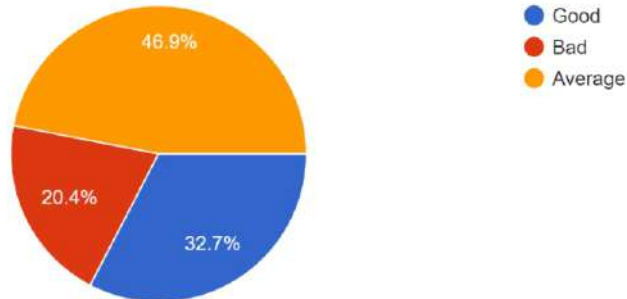
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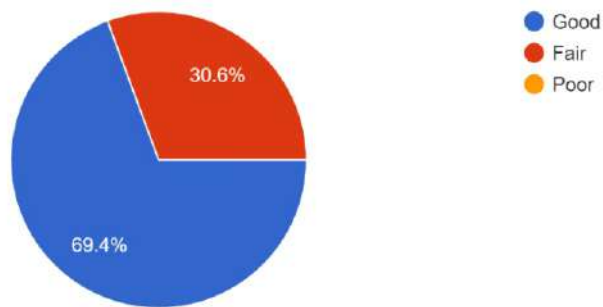
### How do you rate the set-up of the collation centre? (adherence to COVID-19 safety protocol)

49 responses



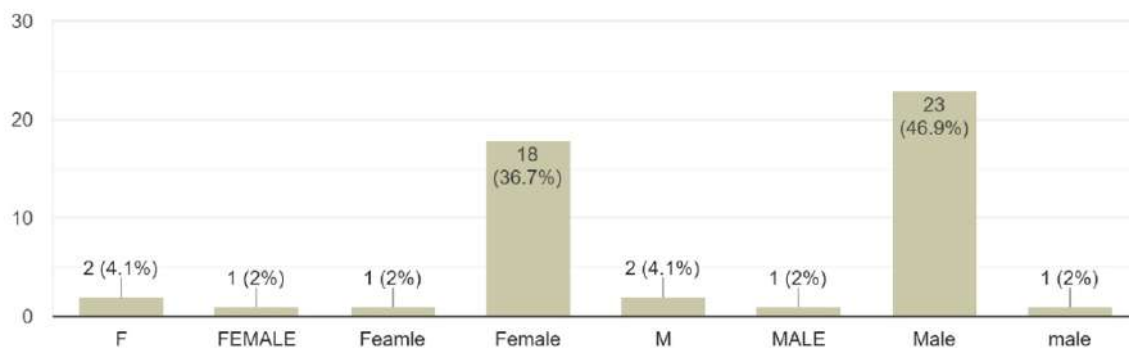
### General Assessment of the entire process

49 responses



### Gender

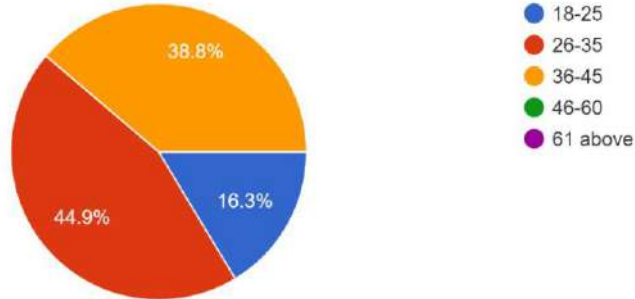
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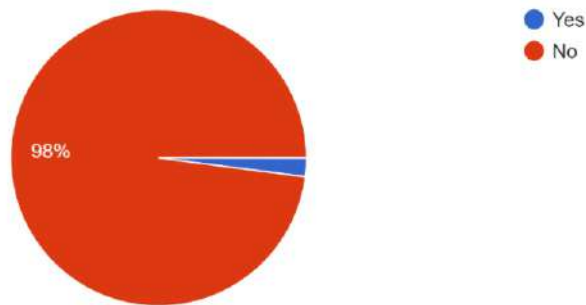
### Age

49 responses



### Persons with disabilities(PWDs)

49 responses







## **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.





