



#BenueDecides2019

BENUE STATE

- 1 Located in the North-central region of the country.
- 2 Predominantly inhabited by the Tiv, Idoma and Iggede people.
- 3 23 local government areas with Makurdi as the capital.
- 4 Total population of **4,253,641**.
- 5 Will elect its 13th governor & 6th democratic governor on Saturday, March 9th.

STATE FINANCES

 N55.4bn	 N8.4bn	 \$ 34.8m	 N92.9bn	 N49.1bn
N190.03bn 2018 Approved Budget		N196.5bn 2019 Proposed Budget		

2015 GOVERNORSHIP ELECTION RESULTS

PDP Samuel Ortom*		373,961 Votes
APC Terhemem Tarzoor		303,737 Votes
ACPN Richard Nyitse		1,464 Votes
Others		4,102 Votes

* Ortom who was a leading member of the ruling PDP was compelled to defect to APC after losing out at his party's primary in Makurdi and went back to PDP in 2018.

- 703,131 Total votes cast
- 683,264 Valid votes
- 19,867 Invalid votes

36% Voters Turnout

2019 ELECTION FACTS

- 28 Gubernatorial candidates approved by INEC
- 2.4 million Registered voters
- 5,102 Polling Units
- 233,755 Uncollected PVCs
- 2,244,376 Collected PVCs

ISSUES AFFECTING THE STATE

 10 months unpaid salaries of primary school teachers.	 Over 1,700 people killed in the herdsmen crisis between January 2018 & September 2018.	 Approximately 1,000 houses affected by flooding in 2017.	 9 months unpaid salaries of local government workers.	 5 months unpaid salaries of state government workers.
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EiE Nigeria in partnership with TVC News and True-Talk Debate will host Benue Governorship candidates to a debate on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Live on TVC NEWS @ 7pm.**

"If you don't vote, you don't have the power to decide. Be involved, do your research and find out who the candidates are."

- Omotola Jalade-Ekeinde (Artiste & EiE #RSVP Ambassador)

Source: EiE Research, National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)



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