

#RSVP

2023

★ ELECTIONS REPORT ★

"In a democracy, civic engagement is not something that will avoid you. If you choose to disengage, it will show up on your doorstep in public policies that will undermine your beliefs, & public officials that don't share your values."

- MARK AMAZA (Active Citizen)





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ABOUT EIE



Enough is Enough Nigeria (EiE) is a non-partisan network of individuals and organisations committed to instituting a culture of good governance and public accountability in Nigeria through active citizenship.

EiE was set up as the next step from two citizens' protests in 2010 on our missing President, killings in Jos and fuel scarcity.

We focus on Nigerians of voting age, **especially 18 - 35 year olds**, because they are the largest voting demographic.



Vision

We believe in the potential of young Nigerians to shape Nigeria's destiny.



Mission

We consistently evolve processes that enhance citizen engagement.



Our Focus

We cannot reach every young Nigerian, so we leverage the power of technology - mobile phones, internet, radio and television to reach as many as we can.



Our Core Values

P - Patriotism

I - Integrity

P - Passion

E - Excellence

S - Service

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AND STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

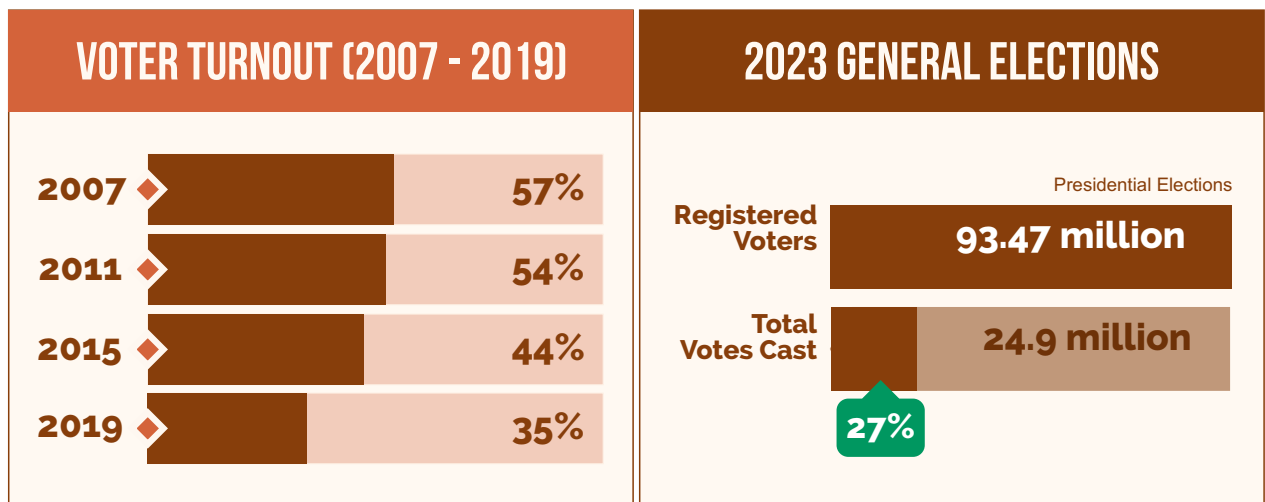


SDG Focus

In 2015, 195 nations agreed that they can change the world for the better. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are to be achieved by 2030.

#RSVP CAMPAIGN

Voter apathy has been a crucial concern in Nigeria's electoral process. Since Nigeria's 4th Republic started in 1999, there has been a sustained decline in voter turnout.



The 2023 general elections in Nigeria was anticipated as an opportunity for democratic advancement, building up on electoral reforms since 2011. However, this potential was not realized, as accredited observation groups reported that the credibility of the election was marred by various shortcomings.

Deficiencies in election administration, such as inefficient distribution of permanent voters cards (PVCs), logistical failures, malfunctioning technology, inadequate results management, lack of transparent collation and declaration procedures, and poor crisis communication were prevalent. Elevated levels of election violence, insecurity, and extensive vote-buying further eroded its credibility. The campaign leading to the 2023 election was divisive, highlighting Nigeria's political divisions along ethnic, religious, and regional lines.

Since the beginning of the 4th Republic, Nigeria has enjoyed uninterrupted democracy for 24 years, the longest stretch since its independence in 1960. Over **93 million people** in Africa's most populous country and biggest economy registered to vote.

Mr Bola Tinubu, the candidate of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), was declared as Nigeria's next president, extending the APC's rule in Africa's largest democracy. Mr Tinubu, scored 8,794,726 votes. His closest rival, **Atiku Abubakar** of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), scored 6,984,520 votes to emerge second in the election. Labour Party's **Peter Obi** got a total of 6,101,533 votes while **Rabiu Kwankwaso** of the NNPP came fourth with 1,496,687 votes. These election results are currently being contested in court.



#RSVP – Register | Select | Vote not Fight | Protect is EiE’s flagship voter education campaign, driving the four essential actions required of citizens in the electoral process. Our mission is only possible when citizens understand the role they must play before, during and after elections through these 4 cardinal actions – Register to vote, Select credible candidates, VoteNOTfight and Protect votes on election day and during the 4-year cycle by actively occupying their **Office of the Citizen!**

Our **#RSVP** and **Office of the Citizen (#OOTC)** programs, started in 2011 and 2015 respectively, have been primarily driven by radio and social media platforms with large followership/listenership and success stories. Using these successes as a springboard, we launched the **#NigeriaDecides2023 RSVP Campaign**. The goal was to raise awareness of the Office of the Citizen’s role in identifying trustworthy candidates for the 2023 elections. The campaign targeted the youth bloc and used technology, media, and physical engagements to educate citizens about the importance of electing credible candidates.

The **RSVP** Campaign cuts across virtual and physical engagements, religious and multi-cultural approaches targeting the youth where we can reach them, creating platforms for them to engage and giving them reasons to participate in the electoral process.

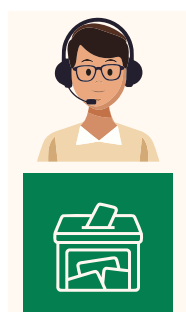
While the 2023 general elections recorded the lowest voter turnout to date at **27%**, there is a sense that it’s the most reflective number of actual voters over the years, due to the use of the Bi-modal Voter Accreditation System (BVAS), which significantly reduced the incidence of manual voting / voting by proxy. It is also important to note the recent naira redesign and its impact on the economy and the ability to financially induce voters.

This report documents the role EiE played before, during and after the elections, focusing on the experiences of citizens that yearn for good governance and understand that they need to be active citizens to make it happen.

COMPLAINT PORTAL

Throughout the election cycle, EiE hosted a complaint portal on its **RSVP** website - **rsvp.ng/complaints** - to document citizens’ complaints and provide guidance, and support at various stages of the election process.

During elections, this portal evolved into a Election Situation Report platform, allowing citizens to document and escalate issues and discrepancies at their various polling locations.



Complaint Data from www.rsvp.ng

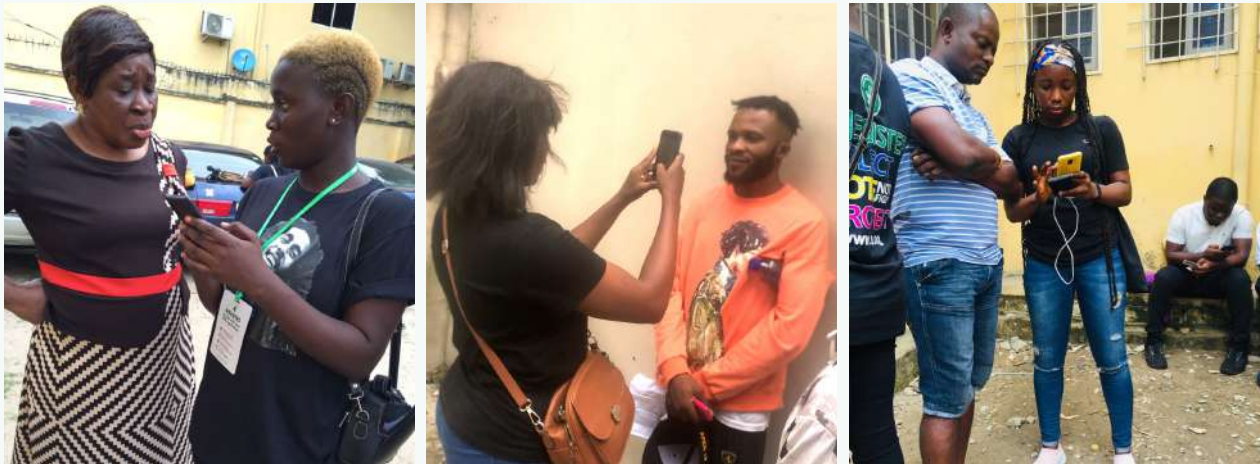
S/N	ACTIVITY	NUMBERS
1	Voter Registration	128
2	PVC Collection Issue	837
3	Election Situation Report	1,021

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Continuous Voter Registration (CVR) Help Desk



Following INEC's announcement to suspend continuous voter registration on July 31, 2022, EiE leveraged its network of partners and volunteers to set up a **Volunteers' Help Desk** for the last week of registration from Monday, July 25 - Sunday, July 31 to increase voter registration. The volunteers engaged citizens that normally would have been disenfranchised by the stressful registration process by reducing the long queues at INEC offices, creating a seamless registration process for citizens, and educating them on how to navigate INEC's CVR Portal to perform basic updates on their profiles.

EiE Nigeria recruited, trained, and sent **165 volunteers** to **36 local governments** in **8 states** (Lagos, Gombe, Oyo, Anambra, Imo, Taraba, Nassarawa, and Bayelsa) and the FCT. The volunteers managed the crowd at the INEC offices and used their tablets and mobile phones to access INEC's CVR Portal and assist citizens with voter transfer, lost/damaged card replacement, information update. This collaborative effort was made possible through the unwavering support and active participation of esteemed partners: YiAGA, Soni Gold, Kings Faith Development Initiative, Dean Initiatives, and Connecting Villages.

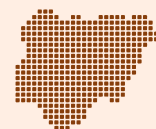
Additionally, EiE leveraged the sizeable religious gatherings in Lagos State such as Global Impact Church, RCCG City of David, and The Elevation Church to set up CVR Helpdesks in collaboration with ABENOL and Global Leadership Development Forum (GLDF).



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Volunteers

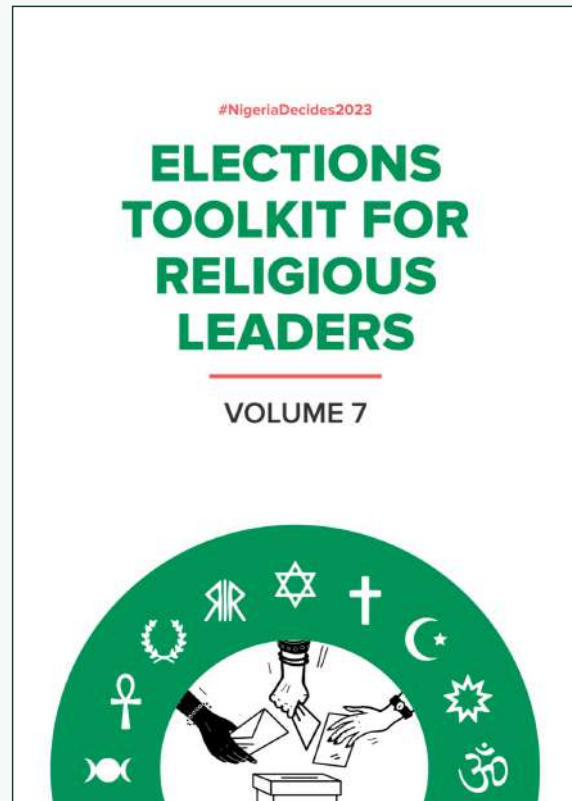


36 Local
Governments



8 States
+ FCT

Elections ToolKit



According to Section 14(2)(a) of the 1999 Nigerian Constitution (as amended), *it is hereby accordingly declared that sovereignty belongs to the people of Nigeria from whom government through this Constitution derives all its powers and authority.*

EiE updated its Elections Toolkit for Ministers for religious leaders to actively enlighten their congregations on voter information and the 2023 elections. This Toolkit was distributed and used at Global Impact Church, Redeemed Christian Church of God (HQ), and Shining Light Church, Kaduna (translated to Hausa).

CVR PARTNERS

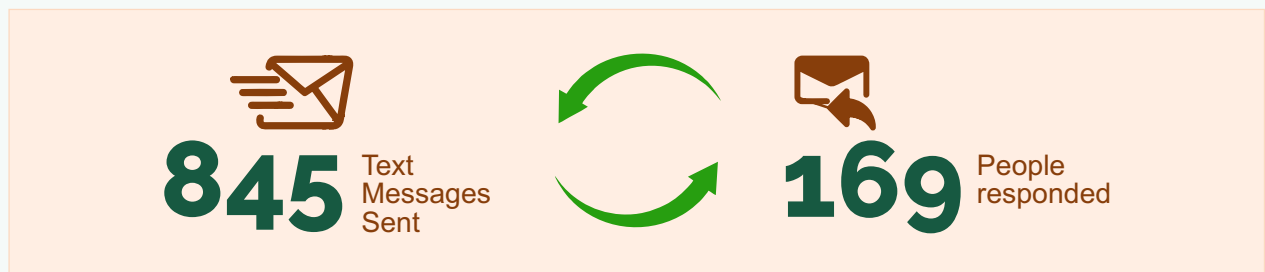


PVC Collection

INEC set a number of dates and schedules for the distribution of new PVCs. Following these announcements, a large number of registered voters showed up to pick up their PVCs with their registration slips, only to be told that their cards were "not found" or "omitted," despite multiple trips to INEC offices and assurances from the Commission.

Following several extensions of the PVC collection end date due to INEC's failure to provide PVCs for legitimate citizens who had completed the CVR process, the National Commissioner and Chairman of INEC's Information and Voter Education Committee announced the final PVC collection end date as February 5, 2023.

On Monday, February 6th, EiE sent out 845 text messages to Lagosians who had submitted complaints on the RSVP Portal, and as of Wednesday, February 8th (less than 48 hours from the time the messages were sent), about 163 people had responded that they were on INEC's Voters' Register but had been denied their Permanent Voters Cards (PVC).



EiE, in collaboration with Fix Politics, Women Advocates and Research Development Centre (WARDC), ConnectHub, CivicHive, and Community Life Project (CLP), issued a press release urging INEC Nigeria to extend PVC collection in Lagos State.

INEC's lapses, such as the late arrival of PVCs, the absence of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for PVC collection, collection by proxy, and the underutilization of CSOs and volunteers, were a source of frustration for disenfranchised citizens throughout the process.

The PVC collection date was not changed, however, some Lagosians whose PVCs were already at local government offices were able to pick up their PVCs even after the collection process had ended nationwide.





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The **Select** phase of EiE's #RSVP Campaign is distinguished by the creation of debate & dialogue platforms of various formats for citizens to listen to the plans and manifestos of candidates vying for public offices and engage them on their promises and plans. These engagements are to provide citizens with adequate information to guide their selection of credible candidates based on their **competence, capacity, character, courage, and compassion.**

EiE has hosted or co-hosted the most debates of various formats of any organisation in Nigeria.

Debates

EiE hosted / co-hosted gubernatorial debates in Akwa Ibom, Delta, Nassarawa, and Taraba states.

	AKWA IBOM	DELTA	NASSARAWA	TARABA
DATE	January 29	March 15	March 6	March 15
HOST PARTNER	National Union of Journalists (NUJ), Akwa Ibom Chapter	Arise TV	True Talks Debate	Taraba Decides
MEDIA PARTNERS	<p>Radio</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mixx FM Planet FM Tang Sio FM Passion FM Inspiration FM XI FM Redemption FM Premium FM Atlantic FM <p>Television</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NTA Spectrum TV ABN TV 	Rize FM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> NBS Equity TV 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Y-monitor Future Project Africa RockFM 92.3 Frontline TV Taraba Truth and Facts
INVITED CANDIDATES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Iboro Otu - African Action Congress (AAC) Ezekiel Nyaetok - African Democratic Congress (ADC) Essien Ekere Sunday - Action Democratic Party (ADP) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Great Oboru - All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) Ken Pela - Labour Party (LP) Keneth Gbagi - Social Democratic Party (SDP) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Emmanuel David Ombugadu - People's Democratic Party (PDP) Abdullahi A. Sule - All Progressives Congress (APC) Mohammed Mustapha Alfa - Social Democratic Party (SDP) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lt. Col. Agbu Kefas rtd. – People's Democratic Party (PDP) Sen. Emmanuel Bwacha – All Progressives Congress (APC) Professor Sani Mohammed Yahaya - New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP)

	AKWA IBOM	DELTA	NASSARAWA	TARABA
INVITED CANDIDATES	<p>4. Akan Udofia - All Progressives Congress (APC)</p> <p>5. John James Udoedehe - New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP)</p> <p>6. Umoh Eno - People's Democratic Party (PDP)</p> <p>7. Bassey Akpan - Young Progressives Party (YPP)</p>	<p>4. Ovie Omo-Agege - All Progressives Congress (APC)</p> <p>5. Sherrif Oborewori - People's Democratic Party (PDP)</p>	<p>4. Ewuge Joseph Ewudun - Labour Party (LP)</p> <p>5. Yakubu Abdullahi Maidoya - New Nigeria People's Party (NNPP)</p>	<p>4. Engr. Josiah Wasa Wuka – People's Redemption Party (PRP)</p> <p>5. Hon Fedemure S. Manu – All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA)</p> <p>6. Alahji Abubakar Sadiq A. – Action Alliance (AA)</p>
PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES	All except APC and PDP	All except APC and PDP	SDP and NNPP	AA (Deputy - Oliver Mayuka), APGA and PRP

- Candidates invited for debates were selected from an online poll shared across varying social media platforms by partner organisations.
- Invitations were sent to their campaign officers and in some cases to the candidates in person.
- All debate were in English, except Delta where there was a pidgin simultaneous dub on Rize 106.7 FM.

■ Akwalbom Decides



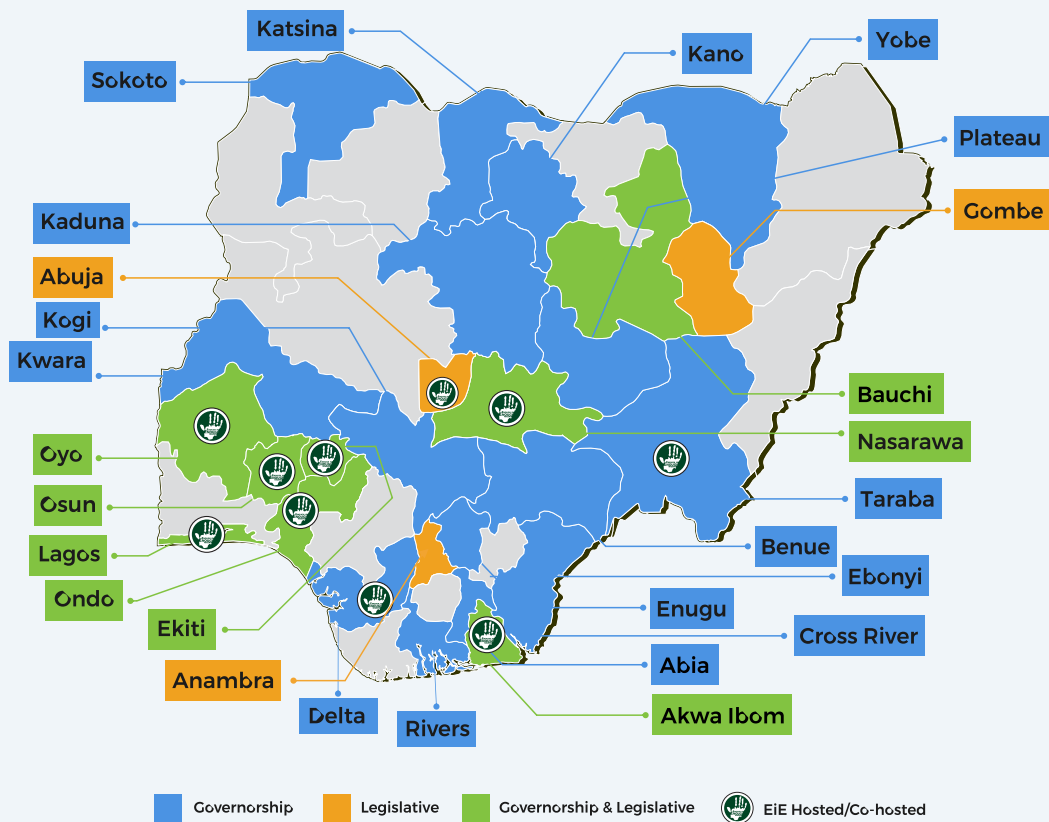


#NigeriaDecides2023 Debates & Dialogues

In a country where politicians often avoid debates & dialogues, the opportunity for citizens to engage candidates publicly to make informed decisions is rare. This map highlights the locations where debates & dialogues occurred during this campaign season.

For the candidates who did engage, we hope active citizens will continue the engagement and occupy their **Office of the Citizen** to hold the elected ones accountable.

For citizens who didn't have the opportunity to engage, we hope they'll choose to be active citizens and demand better governance outcomes.



"If a candidate persuades me at a debate, I'd likely go out to vote for him. Interest groups like market women & other stakeholders must compel candidates to participate in debates."

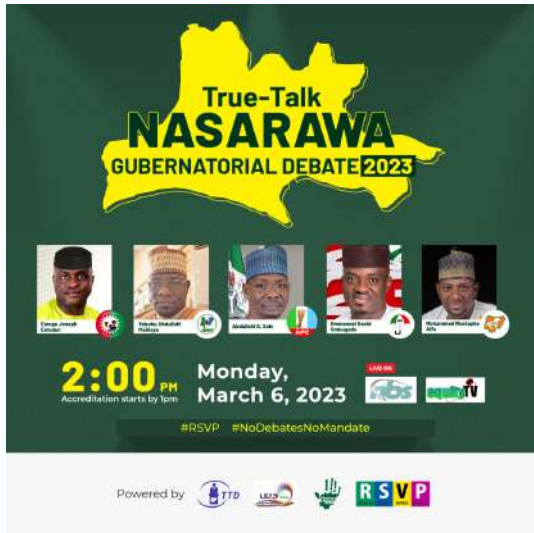
- Babatunde Raji Fashola
(Former Governor of Lagos State)



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■ Nassarawa Decides



The debate, moderated by Samuel Iboru Ajufo, a journalist, focused on five (5) sectors of the economy, highlighting citizens' concerns in those areas. CSOs were also given the opportunity to question the candidates during the event. The event concluded with the 2Baba Foundation's VoteNotFight campaign, which educated citizens about the importance of peaceful and violence-free elections.

■ Taraba Decides



This was Taraba State's first citizen-led gubernatorial debate.

■ Delta Gubernatorial Debate



Dialogues



■ Legislative Dialogues

EiE co-hosted legislative town halls in Eti-Osa and Ajegunle in Lagos State, Ibadan-South West in Oyo State, and Lafia North constituency in Nassarawa State.

DIALOGUES	
<p>Eti-Osa Federal House of Representatives Legislative Dialogue</p>	<p>EiE, in partnership with Lagos Talks 91.3 FM, hosted the contestants vying to represent the Eti-Osa Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives on a radio dialogue on Thursday, February 2nd.</p> <p>The dialogue featured three candidates - Ibrahim Obanikoro of the APC, Olubankole Wellington (Banky W) of the PDP, and Olufemi Oladehin of the ADC.</p> <p>The conversation was moderated by Kofi Bartels.</p>
<p>Ajegunle Political Debate</p>	<p>EiE supported the Transforming Lives and Communities Initiative to organise a legislative dialogue and town hall for the candidates vying for the federal and state legislative positions in Ajegunle on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Teachers Hall, Ajegunle-Apapa.</p> <p>The candidates included the All Progressive Congress (APC), Labour Party (LP) and Accord Party (A) with 80 electorates in attendance comprising youth, women, men and elderly members of the community.</p>

DIALOGUES

Ibadan South-west Legislative Dialogue

EiE in partnership with Inspiration 100.5 FM, hosted the contestants vying to represent the Ibadan South-west constituency at the State House of Representatives on a radio dialogue on Thursday, March 2nd.

Three candidates - Bamidele Ashiru of the Accord Party (A), Moshood Olalekan Shiba of the African Democratic Congress (ADC), and Fowokanmi Oluwafemi of the People's Democratic Party (PDP). The programme was hosted by an On-Air personality of the station, Afolabi Olayemi.

Lafia North Townhall

EiE in partnership with Breeze 99.5FM, hosted the contestants vying to represent the Lafia North constituency at the State House of Representatives on a radio dialogue on Saturday, February 4th.

Two candidates - Mairiga A. Esson of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Danladi T. Ayiwulu of the Labour Party (LP) participated. The programme was hosted by an On-Air personality of the station, Edwin Phillips.

Twitter Spaces with Lagos State Gubernatorial Candidates




In lieu of a debate, we introduced one-on-one Twitter Spaces with Lagos gubernatorial candidates featuring the front-runners. Funsho Doherty, African Democratic Congress (ADC); Babajide Sanwo-olu, All Progressive Congress (APC); Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour, Labour Party (LP); and Abdul-Azeez Olajide Adediran, People's Democratic Party (PDP) were invited.

The APC candidate, who was also the incumbent declined the invitation.

The conversations were moderated by Tolulope Adeleru-Balogun, Ayo Mario-Ese, and Sandra Ezekweseli.



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V VOTE NOT FIGHT

The “V” component started as only “Vote” until we partnered with **2Baba Foundation's "Vote not Fight"** Campaign in 2019. As citizens prepared for election day, EiE identified the following gaps where we could provide solutions:

GAP	SOLUTION
<p>Polling Unit (PU) Location</p> <p>INEC announced an additional 56,872 new polling units and assigned them to new and existing voters without adequate information/notification.</p>	<p>GOTOMYPU.COM</p> <p>As a result, EiE's existing www.gotomypu.com web app was updated to help citizens find their polling unit address using Google Maps, which leads them there from their current location.</p> <p>The website also allowed voters to see short bios of those running for office at their polling units. It was supposed to be a part of the “Select” component of RSVP, but it was completed last minute and was only truly accessible on election day. It helped confirm candidates' names since their names weren't on the ballot papers.</p>
<p>Communication with INEC Before, During, & After the Elections</p> <p>The new Electoral Act was signed into law in February 25, 2022, bringing significant changes to the electoral process.</p> <p>Due to inconsistent social media engagement and prolonged downtime at the Citizens' Contact Centre (CCC), INEC struggled to effectively engage Nigerians prior to the elections.</p>	<p>The EiE Election Call Centre Lagos Project (Federal & State Elections)</p> <p>12 volunteers were enlisted, given call centre training, and placed to help voters on election day and the day before and after. With election FAQs at their disposal, these Call Centre volunteers could assist citizens as needed. Call Centre volunteers escalated issues to INEC when necessary.</p> <p>Throughout the intervention window, the phone line at the call centre was open 24 hours a day.</p>




Election SMS Alert!



Since 2015, EiE has facilitated the support of network providers to INEC through the donation of free SMS to subscribers over 18 years old. For the 2023 elections, **Airtel** and **MTN** supported for the first time. **Glo**, who had supported in previous years also continued their support. **gmobile** was unable to support.

MTN, **Airtel** and **Glo** donated 2 - 4 messages to their subscribers to remind them to pick up their PVCs and prompt them to go out and vote on election days.



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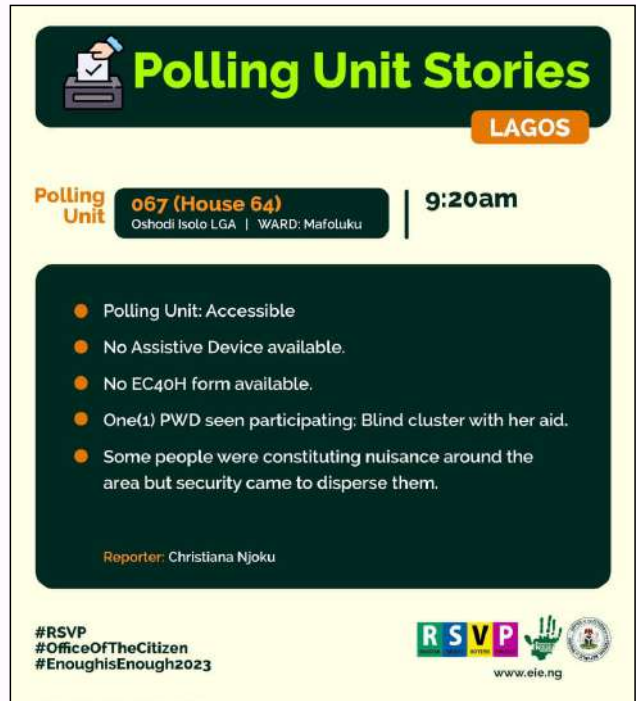
PROTECT

In a democracy, our ability to remove elected officials for poor performance is our main power over them. On the day of the election, the “Protect” phase of the #RSVP Campaign got underway with the release of polling unit stories, which amplified the stories of events in various polling units to encourage voters to protect their votes.

Despite numerous efforts by citizens and civil society organisations to ensure that votes were counted, there were records of massive discrepancies that called into question the authenticity of election results when they were announced for the presidential and state elections.

The Call Centre and RSVP platform that were described as part of the “Vote” phase are also applicable here because reporting discrepancies on election day also serves to protect the votes of citizens.

While we encourage citizens to protect their votes on election day, we understand that protecting one’s vote as a citizen is an activity that must be done throughout the election cycle. This is why EIE maintains the **Shine Your Eye (SYE)** website and the **Office of the Citizen WhatsApp Chatbot**.



Polling Unit Stories
LAGOS

Polling Unit 067 (House 64) | 9:20am
Oshodi Isolo LGA | WARD: MafoLuku

- Polling Unit: Accessible
- No Assistive Device available.
- No EC40H form available.
- One(1) PWD seen participating: Blind cluster with her aid.
- Some people were constituting nuisance around the area but security came to disperse them.

Reporter: Christiana Njoku

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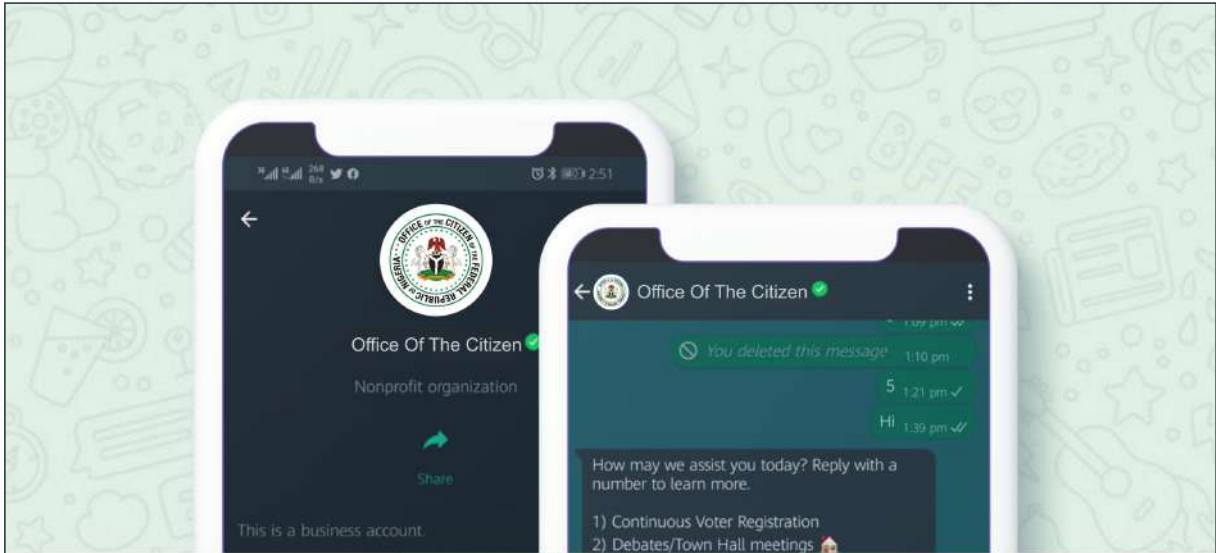


Good governance and public accountability are a *sine qua non* for ensuring development and social order in a country. Nigeria’s inability to tackle most developmental challenges such as poverty, unemployment, and the deplorable state of infrastructure has been largely attributed to bad governance. This is worsened by the wide gap between elected officials and the electorates. Elected officials who are supposed to be employees of the citizens fail to connect with the citizens who elected them.

For there to be development in Nigeria, elected officials need to be accountable to citizens. **EIE launched ‘Shine Your Eye’ in 2014 to bridge this gap.**

SYE is a platform that helps citizens find the elected officials that represent them at all tiers of government and connect with them. In the next 4 years, we will continue to review and update this platform to equip citizens with the information they need to hold the government accountable.

Last year, we had a soft-launch of the WhatsApp version - The **OfficeOfTheCitizen WhatsApp Chatbot**.



meet Office of the Citizen CHATBOT

Your new assistant on civic engagement

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Governors
- Senators
- House of Representatives Members
- State House of Assembly Members
- Local Government Chairmen & Councillors

Get started

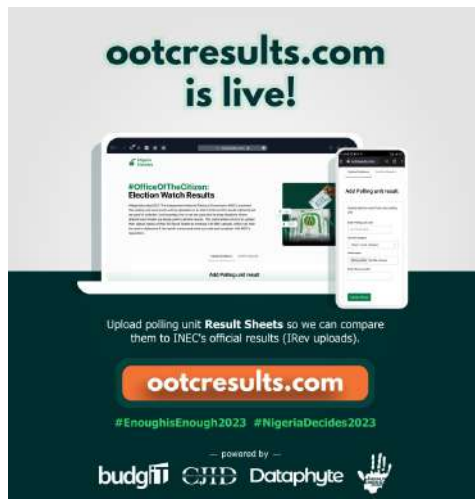
Send **"Hello"** via
WhatsApp to **017006381**



Scan to Interact
with the #OOTC
Chatbot



OOTC Results Platform



EiE, in collaboration with BudGIT, CJID, and Dataphyte, initiated the OOTC Result platform (www.ootcrests.com) in response to citizens' complaints regarding inconsistencies in the uploaded EC8A forms on INEC's IRevPortal, the result sheets with party agents, citizens testimonies, and the results that were used for collation and the declaration of results.

The core objective of this project is to provide a comprehensive database chronicling events at each polling unit across Nigeria during the 2023 general elections. This is an ongoing initiative.

Furthermore, EiE partnered with the aforementioned organizations to amplify the technological solutions they had developed, aiming to improve citizens' engagement during election process.

CHALLENGES

1 Lack of Funding

We were unable to secure institutional funding for our election work and the activities were funded internally, with assistance from Enablers.

simplifying and enhancing their messaging to reach citizens effectively. Regrettably, the task was made more challenging due to INEC's inadequate and inconsistent communication practices.

2 CBN New Note Policy

Just as many citizens felt the effect of stifled economic activities as a result of the new naira policy, we were not exempted.

5 Citizens' Poor Experiences with INEC Online and Offline

The election process was clearly not free and fair as INEC and the security agencies did not adhere to their mandates.

3 Fuel Scarcity

This affected staff mobility.

6 Insecurity

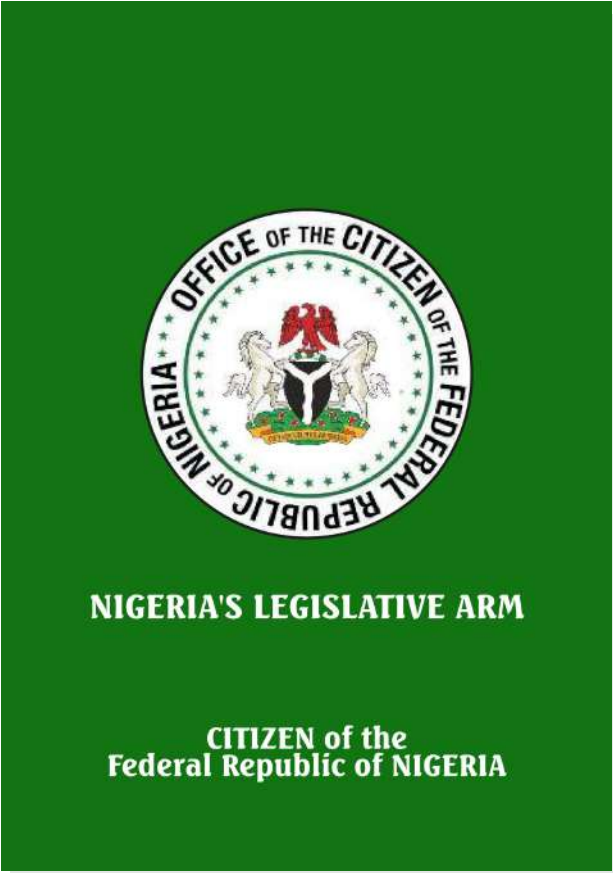
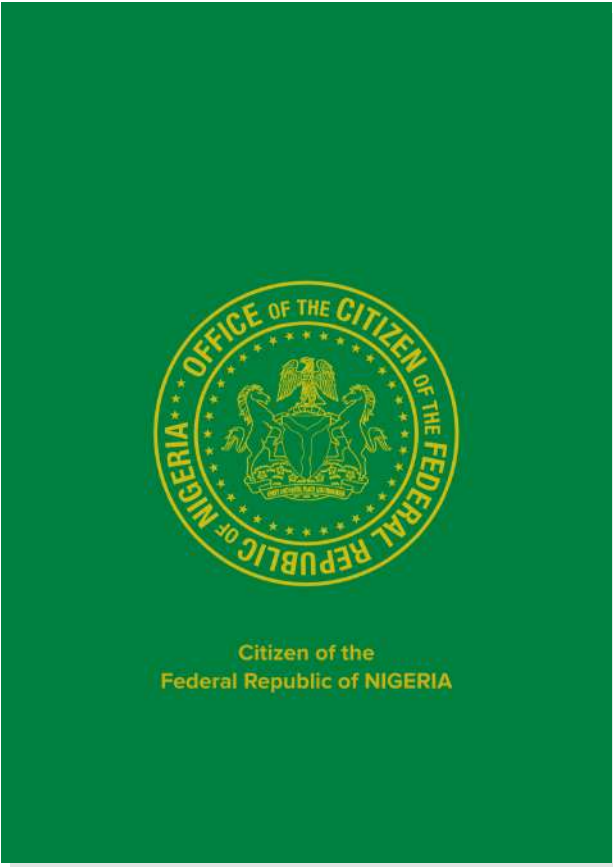
Two of our staff members were robbed on their way to and from work.

4 INEC's Communication Challenges

As a voter education program, we aimed to enhance INEC's public communication channels by

7 Staff Capacity

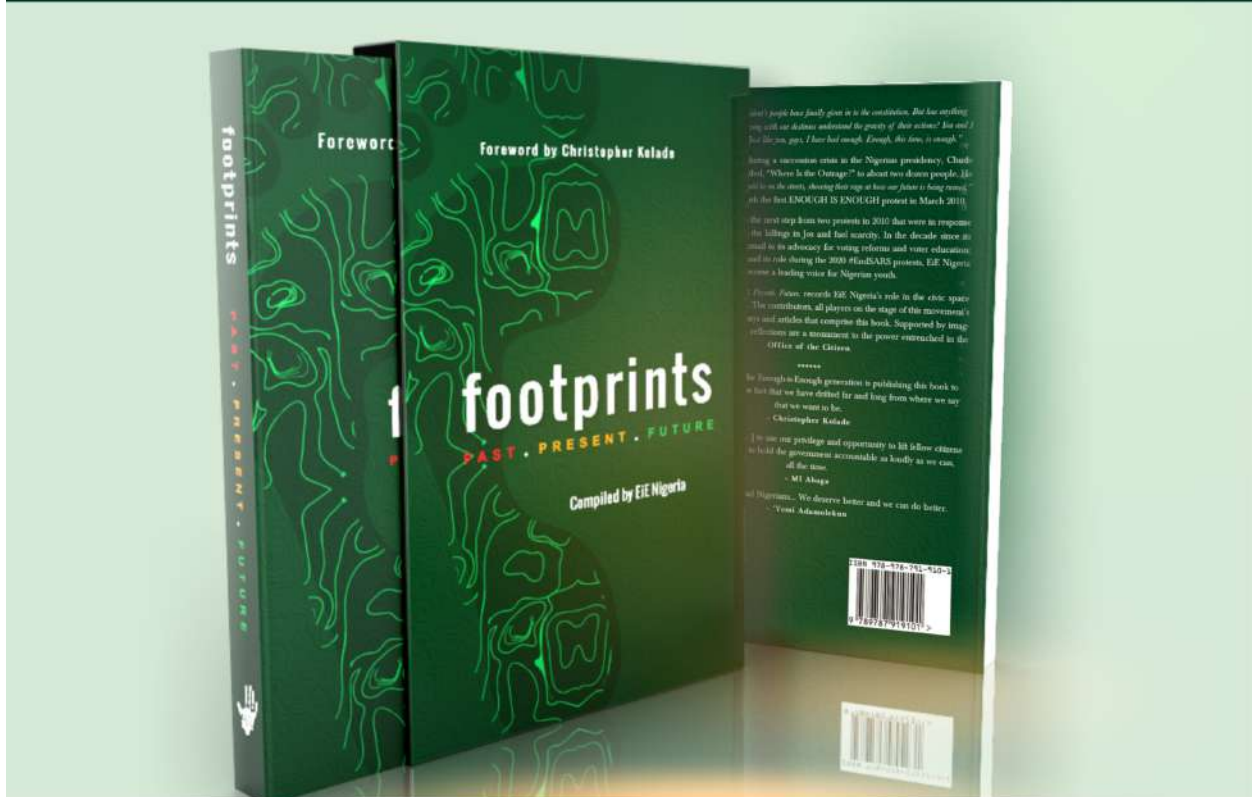
There are key roles within the organisation that are not filled and the additional hands would have made a difference in our execution.





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A book that chronicles the demand for good governance & public accountability - very relevant issues post-election. **47 contributors** that are as varied as **Aisha Yesufu** and **Tunde Bakare** to **2Baba** and **Oby Ezekwesili**; with a foreword by **Christopher Kolade** makes the book a collector's item.

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