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2023 GENERAL ELECTION: CIVIC ROLES

The 2023 general elections is by the corner and this has come to be one of the most important time for Nigerians to take a major decision, especially now that there have been calls from different quarters for a change in all aspects of the country ranging from governance, health, education , economy e.t.c .

The untold hardship in the country is no longer news, it is our collective responsibilities to put a stop to this and the only way this can be achieved is by going out vote on the day of the election.

This is a wake- up call for everyone; the electorate, the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) ,political parties and security personnel. we all have important roles to the play.

This is the right time to get things to work again, by doing the right things at the right time as citizens of this country, having in mind that the fate of the future generation lies in our hands. Our Permanent voter's card is the tool we have in our hands for that, lets all make good use of the opportunity given to us by the (INEC) by extending the date of the collection of the PVC's to try and ensure that we have it at our disposal while we await the day of the election.

Our voting should not be based on religious sentiment, tribe, party affiliation e.t.c, it should be based on what an individual can offer or his/her past achievements taking into cognizance the person's character and how they have handled previous positions given to them.

Also the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) must do everything within their power to ensure that the hope and trust that the Nigeria citizenry have bestowed on them is not dashed away by being objective in all their dealings and should ensure that their staff do not involve themselves in any form of electoral malpractice, those caught in the act should be severely punished .They should look out for those fundamental irregularities that might mar the electoral process and tackle them early enough.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK Oguadimma Ijeoma Ioy

On the other hand the security personnel have their own roles to play by ensuring that they don't instill fear in the mind of the voters. They should carry out their duties without fear or favour, there have been allegations in previous elections of some security personnel being involved in electoral violence. The head of security outfits should ensure that their men in the field do not involve in such acts, if possible they should undergo special trainings so that they will be fully equipped on the right things to do as far as the 2023 general election is concerned. Those that are caught in the act should also be brought to book as this will serve as a deterrent to others.

Political parties on their own part should not see getting into political positions as a do or die affair. They should ensure that they follow all electoral guidelines and should not be involved in any activity that is tantamount to causing commotion in the electoral process. Also, they should seek for redress through the appropriate authority if they suspect any foul play. Vote buying is a punishable offence under the Nigerian Electoral Act , those caught in the act will face jail terms, so political parties should shun vote buying in all ramifications and see the game of politics as a healthy game rather than a do or die or affair. We must make ourselves available as agents of positive change, before , during and after the elections, having in mind that Nigeria is ours and we can make it great again.

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IRREGULAR MIGRATION OF YOUNG WOMEN.

The negative effects of irregular migration of young women can never be underscored, as it has become a major societal challenge and modern day slavery that maybe very difficult to curb.

Irregular migration can be defined as the movement of persons to a new place of residence or transit that takes place outside the regulatory norms of the sending, transit and receiving countries. It can also be viewed as migrants moving through irregular means.

According to United Nations Population Division, about 49% of all international migrants as at 2000 were women or girls. However, the percentage of women involved in international migration had reached 51% in more developed nations.

Presently, the number of women who are travelling as migrant workers or moving on their own as principal wage earners has increased. Most women migrants migrate voluntarily but there are still cases of female folks who are pushed to leave their nations so as to escape from conflicts, persecution, ecological problems, natural mishaps and/or some other circumstances, which impinge on their survival.

However, emigration in the recent time has diverted to different parts of the world particularly Europe. The current trend is usually concealed, involving high level of risk trying to pass through different transit routes like Libya to get to Italy through Sahara desert and the Mediterrean Sea. Most young female emigrants are usually stranded in places like Algeria, Libya, Senegal, and Morocco for many months or even years. Some are jailed in those places, others die on their way through the perilous desert or the sea.

A great number of young girls are willing to migrate abroad illegally in spite of the fact that they are aware of the various challenges that face them overseas. Again, lack of knowledge of the modern-day slave trade as evident in Libya has made them to migrate without much care. It can therefore be said that the greatest problem confronting young female migrants today is the issue of being sold into slavery, forced into unpaid labor/prostitution and being forced to donate their vital organs.



Asides poverty, many other factors have been attributed to be the reasons why people embark on this life threatening journey, they include ;

- Peer pressure
- Insecurity
- Political instability
- Poor standard of living
- Bad Government policies
- Unemployment
- High illiteracy level
- Harsh Economic conditions e.t.c

Below are some of the things to do to ensure that the issue of irregular migration is reduced to the minimal.

- Proper sensitization/enlightenment of women on what irregular migration is all about.
- Improved standard of living
- Job creation
- Community dialogue with young women to broaden their knowledge on the dangers of irregular migration.
- More advocacy visits to rural communities
- The Government should put up policies that can help to eliminate poverty.

Youths are likely to make themselves available for voluntary slavery due to increasing rate of poverty which is the foundation for modern-day slavery, there is a significant correlation between poverty, youth migration and modern-day slavery. While poverty pushes youths to migrate, their migration prepares the ground for the modern-slave trade.

**WEPBI IS AGAINST IRREGULAR MIGRATION
SAY NO TO IRREGULAR MIGRATION**



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TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY WOMEN ON EARLY SYSTEMS OF INSECURITY.

When one deals with generalized insecurity for a long period of time, the doubt and negative feelings experienced may have a significant effect on the person's life. Women in the South-East region have been playing significant roles in curbing insecurity in the zone, despite cultural, religious, and demographic challenges facing them. They are also the most affected by these uncertainties.

In the light of this, WEPBI organized a 3-Day Training for community women at Amokwe in Udi L.G.A , Ndeagbor in Awgu L.G.A and Ikpamodo in Igbo-Eze North L.G.A respectively .

The training which was geared towards educating them on the insecurities ravaging their various communities, was tagged 'Early Warning Systems to Reduce Community Vulnerabilities and Improve Preparedness in Addressing Insecurity'. The event was attended by the women from the aforementioned communities , where they were trained on how to identify potential security threat in their environs and how they can take preventive measures to see that those security threats are tackled from an early stage.



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One Pad

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BETTER FUTURE

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THE WOMAN IN ME

THEME : YOUNG WOMEN BECOMING
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Guest Speaker
Dr. Mrs. Rejoice Okocha
Director General Studies Unit,
Evangel University, Akaeze.

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VENUE:
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TIME: 9: AM

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