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2023 ELECTIONS: WOMEN INCLUSIVITY IN GOVERNMENT

According to data by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), women accounted for 39.6 million (47.14 per cent) of 84 million voters registered in 2019, and 44.4 million (47.5 per cent) of the 93.5 million in 2023. Women and youths form over 75 per cent of registered voters for the 2023

The 2023 elections have come and gone, but there are fallouts surrounding the whole process especially in the aspect of women inclusion and participation. The issue of gender equality and women participation decision-making and politics has remained a major issue in the front burner of women organizations.

There have been allegations and reported cases of suppression, intimidation and harassment of voters, corruption of the electoral process, manipulation of election results by politicians and logistics problems on the part of the electoral umpire, amongst many others. Observable cases of threat to voters, physical injury and even death in some cases, all indicate some form of deliberate design to compromise the electoral process of the just concluded general elections and has ultimately led to the marginalization of women.

“A research by UN Women has shown that when women are equally represented in government, more investment is directed to education, health, and social welfare. Having more women in leadership is linked to stability, less corruption and peace. Thus, equal gender representation is smart and beneficial politics for the general populace.

It is pertinent to note that we have few women at various governmental levels via appointive, executive and legislative roles. As we support women’s ambition in seeking office irrespective of religion, tribe and political affiliation, we will continue to demand and hold leaders accountable in ensuring that women’s representation is made a priority.

While we congratulate all women who won their legislative seats, we commend Nigerian women for their resilience in seeking more relevance and inclusion in the political space dominated overwhelmingly by men. The continued decline in the number of women in the National Assembly is very worrisome.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK Oguadimma Ijeoma Joy

However, if the spate of electoral violence is not checked properly, it will discourage more women from coming out to participate in the electoral process, most especially those vying for political offices. It is imperative that we embark on efforts that will promote and protect women’s interests, security, and create a violence-free atmosphere for massive participation in the election to entrench the culture of inclusive and participatory democracy that meets the minimum requirements of fairness and credibility.

Therefore, the in-coming governments at all levels should focus on quality education and employment, especially for young people and women who are at risk of marginalization; and develop a welfare model with the ambition and ability to guarantee all inhabitants access to health care, school and education, housing and employment.

We commend all Nigerian political actors, religious, community leaders, women and youths who have chosen to reject and speak out against all form violence, intimidations, vote buying, thuggery, use of inflammatory languages and other forms of electoral sharp practices throughout the electoral process.

The relevant authorities, should ensure to hold accountable and bring to justice any individual found to have ordered or carried out efforts to intimidate voters and suppress voting during the election process.

Our women need to do more in political participation to ensure accomplishment of our common goal which is to achieve a free, fair, inclusive and credible elections.

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WEPBI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The 8TH OF March every year is usually set aside to celebrate to celebrate women all over the world for their numerous contributions to humanity . WEPBI in commemoration of the International Women’s day celebration, had a one day capacity building program captioned “Interrogating Women’s Inclusivity in Digital Space” for rural women at Ikpamodo community, Enugu-Ezike, in Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area, Enugu state.

There is a great need for women in areas to be accustomed with what is happening in the digital space for them to be giving the much needed visibility.

The theme for this year’s international women day celebration is DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality.



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ONE HOUR LIVE RADIO PROGRAM

The deliberate disenfranchisement of women in the just concluded 2023 general elections have been generally unacceptable criticized by all and sundry. Nigeria as a country has once again failed woefully in giving women the much needed representation that have been promised to them repeatedly.

Women Empowerment Education and Peace Building Initiative (WEPBI) in a bid to analyze critically issue had a one-hour live program at Energy F.M 105.5, on the topic: "The Nigerian woman and the 2023 general elections".

The program which was held on the 17th of March, 2023, centered on the decline in the rate of women participation in politics, the factors that gave rise to the decline and the way forward.

Barr. Mrs. NnennaAnozie, who was a special guest in the program and a former gubernatorial candidate under the umbrella of Fresh Party in Enugu State, in 2019 opined that the factors that gave rise to the nosedive in women's participation in political processes includes: electoral violence, monetization of electoral positions, deliberate side lining of women by political parties, cultural restriction among others.

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